

FINDING OF A DIARY ON SUB REPORTED

A Soviet Officer
Apparently Kept
Journal of Training
and Nuclear
Capability

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York Times

LOS ANGELES, April
7 -- The Central
Intelligence Agency
obtained a young
Soviet naval officer's
journal in the partial
recovery of a Soviet
submarine's wreckage
last year, the Los
Angeles Times re-
ported today.

Saying that it
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the newspaper reported
that the crew of the Glomar
Explorer "recovered the young
officer's body, curled as if
asleep in his bunk and so well
preserved that intelligence
agents were able to establish
his identity."

the young officer was being
taught the nuclear capabilities
of the submarine and his jour-
nal reported what he had been
taught, the newspaper said.

The submarine sank in 1968
northwest of Honolulu. The re-
covery of a part of the vessel
occurred last July. The news
account also stated that two
nuclear-tipped torpedoes had
been brought up. The entire
sub was raised about 5,000
feet from the ocean floor before
the wreckage cracked and two-
thirds fell back into water 17,
000 feet deep, The Times said.

The paper quoted its source
as saying a virtually intact nu-
clear-tipped missile had tum-
bled back into the depths.

C.I.A. Remains Silent

The C.I.A. has refused to ex-
plain details of its financial ar-
rangement with Howard
Hughes, whose Summa Corpo-
ration has been identified as
the owner of the Glomar Ex-
plorer.

The corporation had referred
the vessel publicly as a deep-
sea mining ship. That cover
story was broken last month
when the C.I.A. admitted that
it had the ship, and a big barge,
built specially to attempt to re-
cover the Soviet submarine. It
is unclear who owns the barge
and the ship.

In a separate article, the
newspaper reported that "two-

fisted drinkers and oil rough-
necks" from across the South
had been recruited for the
work. They were trained in
special classes held in a build-
ing on a dock at Redwood City,
Calif., where the big barge was
fitted out with a claw that was
used to raise the sunken
submarine.

The special crew was made
up of "men who wore their
patriotism on their sleeves,"
said the account.

"The man the C.I.A. wanted
didn't have extreme intelligence
or book learning, but he did
have a great sense of loyalty
to his country and his family,"
the paper reported.

Deep clearance investigations
were conducted, the paper said,
and the men were told to ex-
pect this because they were
told they were working for Mr.
Hughes, who "is a strange man
and not to be alarmed if some-
one came into their neighbor-
hood and asked about them."

The paper quoted an un-
named source as saying:

"Nobody was hired who had
ever belonged to a union be-
cause we didn't want union
trouble. Sometimes we adver-
tised for specialized experts,
but most all the men came be-
cause they had heard about the
job by word of mouth. In fact
I heard 95 per cent of the men
who called in were not hired.

"No Jews were hired because
of some possible involvement
with Israel. No one from the
Scripps Institute [of oceanog-
raphic research] because it had
been involved in some kind of
Government work"

Helicopter Program

LAS VEGAS, Nev. April 7
(UPI)—Mr. Hughes sought to
continue the war in Vietnam
until he could recover losses in
his helicopter program, The
Las Vegas Sun reported today.

The Sun said it had con-
firmed the report with two
former Hughes aids — Robert
Maheu, one-time Nevada opera-
tions manager; and John Meier,
former scientific adviser.

"I would never have dis-
closed this voluntarily, but in
late 1968 or early 1969 Hughes
wrote a memorandum urging
that we exert our influence to
continue the Vietnam war in
order to recoup Hughes' losses
on the L.O. [light observation-
ary] helicopter program," Mr.
Maheu was quoted as saying
by the Sun.

"I found the memorandum
incredible and offensive and I
did nothing about it," Mr. Ma-
heu said.

Mr. Meier, who lives in a
suburb of Vancouver, B. C.,
confirmed that he had seen
one memorandum dealing with
the helicopter program and the
Vietnam war. He said that the
memo had been sent to Mr.
Maheu by Mr. Hughes and that
it had suggested that Mr.
Maheu "should get to our
friends in Washington and see
what could be done about keep-
ing the war in Vietnam going"
to benefit the Hughes heli-
copter program.

Mr. Maheu, questioned by
United Press International, said
he believed that his refusal to
cooperate with Mr. Hughes's
wishes regarding the attempt
to perpetuate the war had con-
tributed to his losing his job
with Mr. Hughes in late 1970.