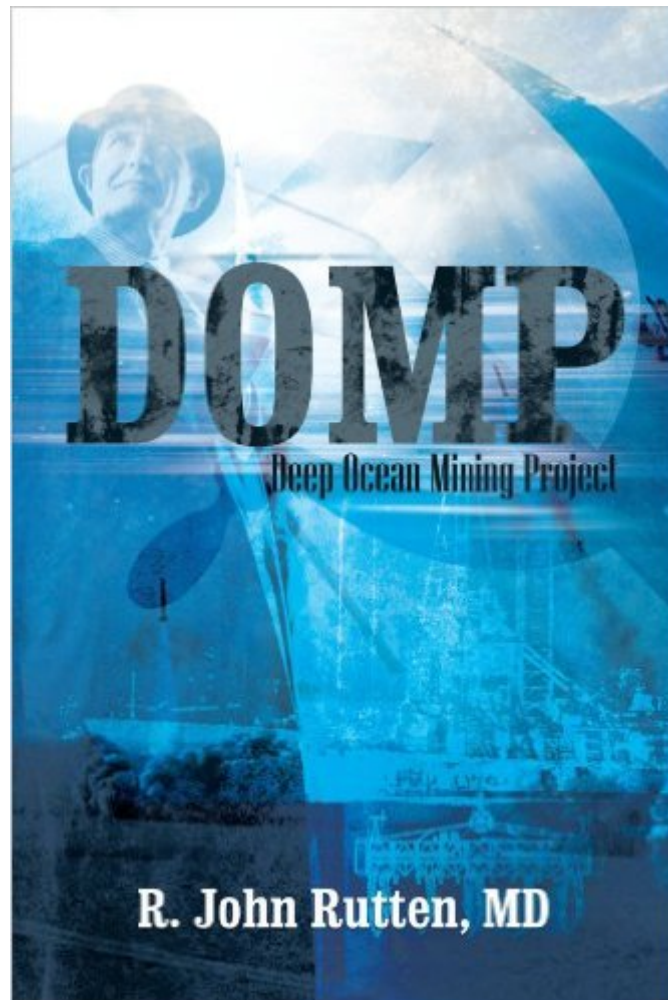# Domp: Deep Ocean Mining Project

Synopsis

In March of 1972, Dr. R. John Rutten was practicing family medicine in Santa Barbara, California, when he was contacted by the United States Central Intelligence Agency. Before taking up a public sector career, Dr. Rutten had obtained specialized training and experience in diving medicine while operating decompression chambers for the US Navy. It was that expertise that won him the attention of the CIA. The CIA was planning to secretly raise the Soviet K-129 nuclear-armed submarine that had sunk in 1968. The Hughes Glomar Explorer (HGE), the tremendous deep-sea drilling platform that would carry the crew on their journey, was still under construction at the time. Two years after being recruited to provide medical care on board ship, in August of 1974 Dr. Rutten and forty-five crew members flew a private charter to Hawaii where they boarded the completed HGE. Dr. Rutten was assigned to B-Crew, charged with exploiting the recovered submarine after its miraculous discovery at a depth of 17,000 feet two months earlier. In this firsthand historical account, Dr. Rutten recounts the seven weeks he spent aboard the HGE as they attempted to elude the ever-watchful Soviet trawlers to exhume the secret code books and nuclear missiles.

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I wish I could be more enthusiastic about this book. It is one of a few about this project, and the only one written by someone from within the crew that worked this project. Unfortunately, the writer (who has passed on) did not really understand how to put something like this together. As a result, the book is slow and tedious, with a lot of completely unnecessary material. Nevertheless, it does open

the door to shed some light about one of this nation's most secret projects, and as such, it deserves to be read.In short, this is the story of the raising of a sunken soviet submarine. The book "Red Star Rogue: The Untold Story of a Soviet Submarine's Nuclear Strike Attempt on the U.S." by Kenneth Sewell and Clint Richmond tell the story leading up to the raising depicted in "DOMP." Reading "Red Star Rogue" first will definitely lay the groundwork for "DOPM," and will put it into context. I doubt that the author of "DOPM" knew the information related in "Red Star Rogue."As added interest, the book "Scorpion Down: Sunk by the Soviets, Buried by the Pentagon: The Untold Story of the USS Scorpion," by Ed Offley, follows the aftermath of the story in "Red Star Rogue." Offley hypothesizes very convincingly that the Soviets presumed that one of our subs had taken out their sub, and that they retaliated by sinking the "USS Scorpion."

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