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<https://staging.faculti.net/spy-ships-one-hundred-years-of-intelligence-collection-by-ships-and-submarines/>

This video video recounts a personal journey that began in 2007 when the speaker received a conspiracy theory book from a relative, which contained misinformation about a Soviet submarine incident known as Project K-129. Outraged by the inaccuracies and having prior knowledge from their Navy experience, the speaker connected with like-minded individuals, including filmmaker Michael White and acoustics expert Bruce Rule, to research and produce a documentary and accompanying book on the topic.

Over two years, they collaborated on a film and wrote a book which was ultimately published in 2010. During the collaborative work, they discovered new CIA declassified documents that supported their findings, enhancing their research. The speaker continued to investigate the recovery of a reconnaissance satellite film bucket by the Bathyscaphe Trieste, resulting in a well-received Naval History article published in 2014.

Following this work, the speaker participated in presentations at various prominent locations, including the CIA headquarters. They then partnered with historian Norman Polmar to produce a book about the history of bathyscaphe operations. This video video subsequent book, titled "Opening the Great Depths," was published in 2021 and won a naval history award, leading to plans for another book on spy ships.

The upcoming book will specifically address the U.S. and Soviet spy ship operations during the Cold War, highlighting the unique use of technology for intelligence collection. It aims to cover the histories of 130 spy ships in an analytical manner, moving away from sensationalism to present a factual account. The author expresses hopes that the book will be of interest to both the intelligence community and the general public, emphasizing the evolution of espionage from ships to satellites in modern times.