

ESPIONAGE CASES  
NAVY

GARY L. LEDBETTER - U.S. Navy enlisted man while stationed in Scotland during 1967 passed classified information concerning POLARIS submarines to a Scottish national for transmission to an East German intelligence agent. Ledbetter was tried and convicted. However, the conviction was later reversed due to a technical error. The East German agent (a naturalized British citizen) was convicted of espionage and sentenced to seven years in prison by a British court.

EDWARD HILLEDON WINE - A U.S. Navy SONAR technician obtained highly classified information concerning the POLARIS submarine program and attempted to recruit an intermediary to make contact with the Soviet mission to the United Nations. The intermediary alerted authorities and Wine was apprehended in September 1968 with the material before it could be passed. Wine was convicted by court martial and received a sentence of two years hard labor and a bad conduct discharge. Wine was granted clemency after about 18 months confinement and has since been discharged.

