

## MLA Annotated Bibliography Cold War Espionage

**Learner Name:** Jack Brown

**Specific Topic of Research:** Everything about Operation Ivy Bells (What it was, how it was accomplished, how it affected the Cold War)

**Final Thesis Statement:** The United States espionage campaign known as Operation: Ivy Bells, in which wiretaps were secretly placed on Soviet undersea communication lines, gave the U.S. unencrypted information on Russian nuclear strike capabilities, which ultimately led to the completion of the SALT II Treaty and indirectly had a hand in ending the Cold War.

### **Primary Sources:**

#### **Source's MLA Formatted Citation:**

Blitz, Matt. *How Secret Underwater Wiretapping Helped End the Cold War*, Popular Mechanics, 30 Mar. 2017, <https://www.ussvirginiabase.org/files/How-Secret-Underwater-Wiretapping-Helped-End-the-Cold-War.pdf>

#### **Source's Annotation:**

This source details the background and first mission of Operation Ivy Bells, and gives insight on how the missions affected the Cold War. This source is highly credible and could be extremely useful when writing the essay, as it contains information gathered from an individual who spent years researching and investigating the missions and their effects.

#### **Source's MLA Formatted Citation:**

Reagan, Ronald. "Tear Down This Wall," Speech, Berlin, 12 June 1987  
<https://www.historyplace.com/speeches/reagan-tear-down.htm>

#### **Source's Annotation:**

This source is a transcript of Ronald Reagan's famous "Tear Down This Wall" speech that he delivered at the Berlin wall in 1987. The source is a direct transcript of President Reagan's words, and could potentially be used to write the essay.

#### **Source's MLA Formatted Citation:**

*Strategic Arms Limitations Talks/Treaty SALT I and II*, Office of the Historian, Government Printing Office, 2010 <https://history.state.gov/milestones/1969-1976/salt>

#### **Source's Annotation:**

This source gives a detailed description of the SALT I and II talks, which were heavily impacted by Operation Ivy Bells. This source is a publication of the official documentary

regarding the SALT I and II treaties/talks, and could prove to be essential when writing the essay.

**Source's MLA Formatted Citation:**

Sulick, Michael J. *American Spies: Espionage Against the United States from the Cold War to the Present*. E-book, Georgetown University Press, 2020,  
<https://books.google.com/books?id=GprzDwAAQBAJ&dq=ronald+pelton+spy&lr=>

**Source's Annotation:**

This source details how Ronald Pelton, the spy who betrayed the NSA and sold the secret of Operation Ivy Bells to the Soviets, was discovered and arrested. Being that the source is a fully published book containing the history of traitorous American spies, it will prove useful in writing the essay.

**Source's MLA Formatted Citation:**

Swink, Sonya. *The wiretapping that changed the Cold War*, The Defense Post, 16 Aug. 2018,  
<https://www.thedefensepost.com/2018/08/16/book-wiretapping-changed-cold-war/>

**Source's Annotation:**

This source contains a detailed overview of Operation Ivy Bells, as well as an interview with Gary Matthey, one of the U.S. Navy divers that participated in several missions throughout the campaign. The inclusion of the Matthey's firsthand account makes this source crucial to writing the essay.

**Secondary Sources:**

**Source's MLA Formatted Citation:**

Brown, David. *Notorious Spies: The Other NSA Spy, Ronald Pelton*, Clearance Jobs, 31 Aug. 2014,  
<https://news.clearancejobs.com/2014/08/31/notorious-spies-nsa-spy-ronald-pelton/>

**Source's Annotation:**

This source contains information regarding the betrayal of NSA analyst Ronald Pelton. This credible source could potentially be useful in writing the essay and explaining the how and why Pelton committed the crimes that he did.

**Source's MLA Formatted Citation:**

Carle, Matthew. *Operation Ivy Bells*, Military.com, 2020,  
<https://www.military.com/history/operation-ivy-bells.html>

**Source's Annotation:**

This website gives a basic overview of Operation Ivy Bells as a whole. While it is only a basic overview of the operation, it is a decently credible source that could be used for writing the paper and putting the important events in order.

**Source's MLA Formatted Citation:**

D'Costa, Ian. *The US's most decorated warship is also one of its least well-known – and that's the way the Navy wanted it*, Business Insider, 7 June 2018, <https://www.businessinsider.com/us-navy-most-decorated-warship-sub-uss-parche-used-for-spy-missions-2018-6>

**Source's Annotation:**

This source gives detailed information on the history and service of a particular US submarine that partook in Operation Ivy Bells. The source is credible, and could very easily be used when writing the essay through the information it possesses.

**Source's MLA Formatted Citation:**

Gaskill, Matthew. *Submarine Spying – Operation Ivy Bells in the Cold War*, War History Online, 14 June 2018 <https://www.warhistoryonline.com/cold-war/submarine-spying-operation-ivy-bells.html>

**Source's Annotation:**

This source details the events of Operation Ivy Bells and provides some pictures of the *USS Halibut* and *Parche*. While the information is somewhat concise, it can be used to fact check the other sources, and the pictures accompanying the information could be useful when building the website.

**Source's MLA Formatted Citation:**

Rijmenants, Dirk. *Operation Ivy Bells*, SIGINT CHATTER, 12 Sept. 2010, <https://rijmenants.blogspot.com/2009/12/operation-ivy-bells.html>

**Source's Annotation:**

This source gives a detailed overview of Operation Ivy Bells and outlines the major events of the campaign. The source is credible, as it is written by someone who specializes in cryptology and espionage, and could prove to be useful when writing the essay.

**Source's MLA Formatted Citation:**

Roblin, Sebastien. *How the USS Halibut Became America's Underwater James Bond*, The National Interest, 20 July 2020, <https://nationalinterest.org/blog/reboot/how-uss-halibat-became-americas-underwater-james-bond-165191>

**Source's Annotation:**

This source offers an in-depth analysis of Operation Ivy Bells, effectively outlining how the campaign began, how missions were carried out, and how the secret operation was leaked

to the Soviets. This site could prove to be essential in writing the essay, as the details within the site provide a wealth of information.

**Source's MLA Formatted Citation:**

*Operation Ivy Bells*, Everything2, 9 June 2003,  
<https://everything2.com/title/Operation+Ivy+Bells>

**Source's Annotation:**

This source gives a detailed overview of the major events that occurred during the Operation Ivy Bells campaign, and provides links to other sources with more information. While the source appears to be unreliable based on its appearance, it actually provides fairly accurate information when compared to the other sources.