



UDT-SEAL MUSEUM

BIRTHPLACE OF THE NAVY FROGMEN

September 9, 1985

President
Ithaca Gun Co.
123 Lake Street
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Dear Sir:

Approximately one (1) year ago, St. Lucie County, Florida acquired from the State a former treasure museum located on several acres of beachfront property. Their purpose is to establish a Museum to honor the Navy's Underwater Demolition Teams (UDTs) and Sea, Air, Land Teams (SEALs). On February 1st, of this year, I commenced employment as the Director.

The significance of the location is that this is where the UDTs did all their basic training in World War II. In fact, the Museum is located on the exact training site that was used. Additionally, this will be the first and only Museum of its kind in the country, and perhaps the world. We are scheduled to open on November 10, 1985.

My purpose in writing is several fold. First, to determine the feasibility of acquiring for display purposes, current and vintage Model Ithaca weapons. I know at one time you provided SEAL Teams with the Model 37, 12 Gauge, Riot-type Shotguns with military finish. Second, to request a non-taxable donation for the UDT-SEAL Museum Association, Inc. And finally, if your Firm has an advertising plaque, we would be honored to display it in the Museum.

As you are well aware, our organizations have performed admirably in three wars, as well as the intervening periods and the present. However, during these four decades, our accomplishments have oftentimes been overlooked or overdramatized, neither of which has been in our best interests. Our purpose will be to portray a true image of what the UDT and SEAL Teams are all about by fostering and perpetuating the Museum as a medium of informing and educating the public on the important role that these Teams have played in our Nation's history.

In closing, and on behalf of the entire UDT-SEAL Community, I will appreciate any consideration you may give in this regard. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

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Director

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