



UDT-SEAL MUSEUM
BIRTHPLACE OF THE NAVY FROGMEN

September 9, 1985

Mr. Robert Reese
Springfield Armory, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Reese:

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 Springfield weapons and surplus military equipment. We are particularly interested in:

- M1 Garrand type rifles
- M14 type rifles
- M6 Survival rifle
- M16/AR15 type rifles
- 45 CAI 1911 type pistols
- Knives, Web Gear, etc.

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.