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IN REPLY REFER TO:

March 5, 2008

Superintendent Pedro Toledo
Puerto Rico Police Superintendent Office
PO Box 70166
San Juan PR 00936

Re: UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE AWARENESS AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

Dear Superintendent Toledo:

This letter is to express our sincere gratitude for the support you and your personnel provided during the UXO Awareness Event held at Camp García in Vieques, Puerto Rico, on August 11, 2007. The event proved highly successful due to the collaboration of all the agencies involved. I will like to personally recognize the participation of the following personnel from your department who attended the event and/or provided their expertise to the organizing team as well as the general public.

Inspector Rubín- FURA Central Office
Lieutenant Ortiz- Vieques Police Division
Agent Grisela Villanueva del Rio- FURA Central Office
Sergeant García- FURA Maritime Division Humacao
Sergeant Reinaldo Fernández Navarro- Rescue Division
Agent Julio A. López Jiménez- SWAT Division
Agent Juan M. Alegría Serrano- Divers Division
Agent David Figueroa Martínez- FURA Pilot
Agent José A. Fernández- FURA Pilot / FWS support
Agent Gypsy Córdova- Vieques Police Division

Specially, I will like to recognize the support that personnel from the Vieques Division have provided to my field staff since the beginning of the Clean up program. Lieutenant Ortiz has always said present during our public meetings and has taken the time to meet with the Project Site Manager to discuss response procedures in case of an emergency. Agent Córdova, a certified Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Technician, provided valuable information to the public during the event in his role as police officer with field experience in ordnance removal and its dangers. Their willingness and dedication are greatly appreciated.

Agent José A. Fernández of FURA, currently assigned to support Fish and Wildlife Service in Vieques and also certified as an UXO technician maintains the field team informed of trespassing activities, provides expert advice on security measures, and is always willing to go the extra mile in support of both FWS mission and FURA's mission. His dedication as team player is greatly appreciated.

We feel privileged to work with such a team of dedicated personnel and look forward to continuous collaboration for the mutual benefit of our missions and for the benefit of the Vieques residents and visitors.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me at (757) 322-4815 or by e-mail to Christopher.penny@navy.mil or the Vieques Site Manager, Mrs. Madeline Rivera at (757) 348-2689 or (787) 741-4792.

Once again thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,



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By direction of the Commander

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