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Eamon O'Byrne - Executive Director
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Dear Mr. O'Byrne:

The purpose of this letter is to summarize the results of the Navy's inspection of ex-PAMPANITO (SS 383) as part of the Ship Donation Inspection Program.

The vessel was inspected on May 05, 2007 at the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park by a team comprised of members of the Navy Reserve.

The Navy reviewed the inspection results for completeness, technical and safety concerns, trends in preservation and material condition. Enclosure (1) provides detailed comments relating to the inspection. Below is a summary of significant material weaknesses and concerns.

a. The following material condition weaknesses should be addressed in the maintenance plan:

1) Periodic ground tests are not conducted. Enclosure (1), section 2.6.2 refers.

b. The following safety and health concerns dealing with category A (topside/exterior areas) and category B (interior spaces open to the public) should be corrected:

1) With the operation of hydraulic equipment an emergency response plan needs to be developed. Enclosure (1), section 2.13.2 refers.

2) A spill containment plan needs to be developed for hydraulic fluid and diesel fuel. Enclosure (1), section 3.3.3 refers.

3) Inadequate temporary lifeline and stanchions located aft, with repairs in progress. Enclosure (1), section 5.7 refers.

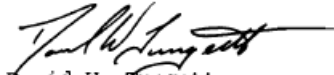
c. Other areas:

1) Diesel fuel and hydraulic oil is stored aboard ship to operate the active systems. Enclosure (1), section 3.3.

It is great to see the sub has just returned from drydock in February 2007. The Navy is aware of the diesel engine operation as preservation of the engines and the museum organization has alerted their insurance carrier and is aware of the risk involved in operating the engines.

Your hospitality toward the members of the inspecting team and your cooperation with the Navy's Ship Donation Inspection Program is greatly appreciated. Please provide a formal response by letter to me regarding the status of your efforts to address the issues identified above within 45 days from the receipt of the letter.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure(s):

1. (ex-PAMPANITO) Ship Donation Inspection Program Sheet