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Mr. Seppo Virtanen  
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Dear Mr. Virtanen,

We were recently tasked by the US Navy, Foreign Military Sales, to clean and inspect eight 5 inch 54 caliber gun barrels on ships that will be transferred to the Taiwanese Navy. These ships had been mothballed since the late 1990's.

An earlier inspection had shown that there was propellant residue, rust and copper deposits throughout the bore and chamber areas. In order to determine that the barrels were in serviceable condition it was imperative that the barrels be cleaned to the extent that the inspector could be able to visually see the bore and chamber surfaces and collect accurate internal measurements.

The Milfoam Cleaning System that we had purchased from your company in 2001 was selected as the most ideal system to accomplish this task. The inspection and gun cleaning crews traveled to the ships on Sunday January 23, 2005. Cleaning commenced on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The Milfoam system was programmed to clean overnight while unattended as well as during the daytime hours. The barrels were thoroughly cleaned to the satisfaction of the inspector. The mission was accomplished and the crew returned home Saturday January 29.

Of course no mission seems to go without failure, during the first evening of cleaning, ships power was secured and the system stopped after only making four passes. The cleaning crew recovered and completed the task on schedule.

We would like to thank Milfoam for providing a quality product that fills a vital need to the US Navy.

Thanks again!

Very respectfully,  
Raymond E. Bowen  
Gun Barrel Inspection Liaison