

Memorandum



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Subject

Nomination for the Attorney General's
40th Annual Awards Program.

Date

June 25, 1991

To

Commissioner (COPER)
Central

Attn: Susan Richards

From

Patrol Agent in Charge
Douglas, Arizona

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This memorandum serves to nominate Senior Border Patrol Agent Theo D. Hudson, GS-11 Intelligence Agent, Douglas, Arizona for the Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement.

During the period from April 1, 1990 to March 31, 1991, Intelligence Agent Theo D. Hudson's duties consisted of creating and implementing a sector wide intelligence program to track strategic intelligence trends of both illegal aliens and narcotic smuggling activity.

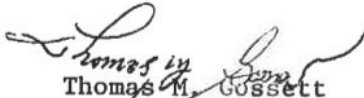
Intelligence Agent Theo D. Hudson was assigned the task of designing, developing, and implementing an intelligence gathering system for the Tucson Sector. With the aid of several branches of U.S. Military Intelligence Units with whom he had initiated excellent liaison and based on data collected from Border Patrol Agents in the field, he designed a viable "situations board" which tracked and documented narcotic and alien entries into the United States which successfully evaded apprehension. This enabled us, for the first time, to make accurate estimates of the numbers of narcotics/aliens moving through our area. This information is then consolidated and disseminated through specially developed computer programs.

Agent Hudson worked long and hard to develop this program. By using the intelligence gathered from this system, the Chief Patrol Agent was able to obtain additional funds to supplement operations in the Tucson Sector. In addition, this system has been directly linked to the detection of three (3) major air smuggling routes through southeastern Arizona. We can now identify the trends, patterns and methods used by aircraft to avoid detection by U.S. Custom Aerostat Radar. Using this information in viable enforcement efforts numerous tons of marijuana has been seized and hundreds of undocumented aliens and their smugglers have been apprehended. It has become an invaluable aid within this Sector.

The development and implementation of the intelligence system by Agent Theo D. Hudson has been praised by Tucson Sector Chief Patrol Agent and his staff, as well as other officials from both the Central and Western Regional Offices. His system is also currently being considered for service wide implementation.

The intelligence gathering system developed by him has been a factor behind the reason that smugglers have been forced to resort to more radical and unconventional methods of smuggling, such as the "Cocaine Tunnel" recently discovered in Douglas, Arizona.

Agent Theo D. Hudson has received Outstanding performance appraisals for the years 1990 and 1991. He was also recommended for a Quality Step Increase in 1990. These awards are indicative of the quality of work performed by this agent.


Thomas M. Gossett
Patrol Agent in Charge

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The Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement

Theo D. Hudson

Senior Border Patrol Agent, Tucson, Arizona Border Patrol Sector

Presented to Senior Border Patrol Agent Theo D. Hudson for his outstanding and innovative contributions to the Intelligence Program in the Tucson Sector of the United States Border Patrol. His innovations have greatly enhanced the law enforcement efforts of this Sector in combatting narcotic and undocumented alien smuggling. During the period April 1, 1990 to March 31, 1991, while assigned to duties as Intelligence Agent, Theo D. Hudson designed and developed a "situation board" for tracking and documenting narcotic and undocumented alien entries into the United States which successfully evaded our apprehension. This system now enables the Tucson Sector to identify the trends, patterns and methods used by smugglers to avoid detection. It has been directly linked to the detection of three (3) major air smuggling routes through southeastern Arizona, the seizure of numerous tons of marijuana and the apprehension of hundreds of undocumented aliens and their smugglers. Smugglers are now forced to resort to more radical and unconventional methods of smuggling, such as the recently discovered "Cocaine Tunnel" in Douglas, Arizona. Due to the proven value of this system of intelligence gathering in the Tucson Sector, Agent Hudson's system is currently being considered for service wide implementation.