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December 12, 1985

Honorable Sheriff Nick Navarro
Bradford County Sheriff's Department
P. O. Box 9507
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33310

Dear Sheriff:

In the latter part of 1984, this Department obtained intelligence information alleging that HENRY LEE LUCAS and OTTIS E. TOOLE, were responsible for the murder of numerous individuals within the State of Florida.

Based on this information, Agents from this office travelled to Georgetown, Texas and interviewed Henry Lee Lucas. Shortly thereafter, Ottis E. Toole was interviewed in Tallahassee, Florida. During these interviews, Lucas and Toole confessed to committing numerous homicides and other crimes throughout the State of Florida.

In April of 1985, Toole recanted his earlier confessions and stated he had lied to law enforcement. Simultaneous to Toole's recanting his statement, Texas authorities reported that Lucas had also recanted his confessions to homicides throughout the United States.

As a result of these developments, Toole was returned to Florida's death row and Lucas returned to Texas death row. Subsequently, this Department concluded its efforts to obtain any further information from Lucas and/or Toole.

Enclosed is a summary of information obtained from interviews of these suspects. We suggest that your agency provide this information to law enforcement agencies within your jurisdiction.

Due to the great amount of publicity generated about Toole and Lucas, and the uncertainty of the validity of this information, it is therefore respectfully requested that the enclosed summaries not be furnished to the press.

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Enclosed information is provided for your edifice and assistance. If the FDLE may be of assistance regarding these matters feel free to contact Special Agent Supervisor Jamie McLaughlin or Special Agent Joe Mitchell at 904/488-1040.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Dempsey
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Attachments

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

On October 31, 1984, Special Agents Jim Skipper and Joe Mitchell interviewed HENRY LEE LUCAS, at the George Town Texas County Sheriff's Department. Lucas was advised of his rights by Agent Mitchell and agreed to an interview by these agents. The rights card will be maintained in the 1-A section of this case file.

Lucas was asked in general if he could take a map and go over the State of Florida and identify all the cities in which he might have committed murders. Lucas stated that he would do this but he would not give any information about the Jacksonville, Florida area because he was upset with the officers in Jacksonville.

It should be noted that Lucas has given little or no information to any agencies from Florida since his incarceration with the exception of the Duval County Sheriff's Department and the Dade County Department of Public Safety. Lucas stated that he was treated badly by the Duval County Sheriff's Department and this was the reason he has given little or no information to law enforcement officers from Florida.

Lucas was given a Florida map and started with the area of Jacksonville proceeding south along the Florida coast circling numbers in cities where he committed murders. The following is a list of the Florida cities that Lucas claims to have murdered people in and the number of victims in each city:

Jacksonville - 13
St. Augustine - 2
Palatka - 1
Daytona Beach - 3
Southwest of Titusville on the Bee Line Expressway - 1
West Palm Beach - 2
Ft. Lauderdale - 4
Hollywood - 3
Miami Beach - 3
Miami - 10
West Wood Lake - 3
84 Parkway West near Ft. Lauderdale - 1
On Highway 41 - East of Monroe Station - 2
Ft. Myers - 2
Sarasota - 3

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Lakeland - 1
Tampa - 5
North I-75 - above Tampa - 1 in the of Wisely
Leesburg - 1
Gainesville - 2
Perry - 1
Tallahassee - 1
Chipley - 1
Panama City - 3
Between Chipley and DeFuniak Springs at a wayside park off I-10 - 1
Wright - North of Ft. Walton Beach - 1
Graceville - a convenience store clerk taken to Alabama - 1
Pensacola - 4
Osceola National Forest - Northeast of Lake City - 2
North of Yulee off I-95 - 1
Jacksonville Beach - 3
In Everglades a conservative estimate of 25

Lucas started over again with St. Augustine, Florida and gave descriptions by city of each murder that he committed in this city.

The following abbreviations will be used for persons present at the scene of the crimes - refer to attached list.

L = Lucas F = Frank
T = Toole B = Becky