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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

VIA: General Counsel
Director of Public Affairs
Deputy Director for Intelligence
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Director, Office of Information Management

FROM: Jami Miscik
Director of Transnational Issues

SUBJECT: Release to NTSB the Transcript of 30 April 1999 Briefing on TWA Flight 800

1. Action Requested: This memorandum recommends that you release the attached unclassified TWA 800 Briefing transcript to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) for placement on the public record. The attached letter to the Chairman of the NTSB, for your signature, will accompany the transcript.

2. Background: Based on a request to the DCI from the Chairman of the NTSB, OTI provided an unclassified briefing on its analysis of eyewitness accounts of the 17 July 1996 TWA Flight 800 crash to the NTSB's Witness Group—consisting of NTSB investigators and representatives from each of the parties to the investigation (Boeing, the Airline Pilots Association, the Federal Aviation Administration, the International Association of Machinists, and TWA). The Witness Group was tasked with studying the eyewitness accounts of the accident. [redacted] Legal Counsel also attended. Recently, the NTSB requested CIA to release the Briefing transcript to them for placement on the NTSB's public docket with other information collected during its investigation.

3. Recommendation: Based on a review of the facts, I recommend that you approve release of this transcript. The NTSB will soon be lifting a gag order that had been on Witness Group members, so we can expect the Briefing and its contents will be discussed by seemingly authoritative individuals in public—some of whom have already misquoted

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CIA's Briefing in private according to the NTSB. The transcript will also serve to support the intelligence success story that has already been publicly touted (the CIA-produced video of its analysis was released by the FBI when it closed its criminal investigation). [redacted] In short, release would put CIA in a position of control, avoid the appearance that we are holding something back, and avoid selective release of parts of the transcript text.

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Jami Miscik

Attachments:
A. Letter to Chairman, NTSB
B. Transcript of 30 April 99 Briefing on TWA Flight 800

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Dear Mr. Clarke:

This is a final response and acknowledges receipt of your 5 March 2014 letter, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 11 March 2014, providing your commitment to pay all applicable fees concerning your 8 November 2013 letter narrowing the scope of your request by limiting it for records that were not previously produced in Lahr v. National Transp. Safety Bd. Et al.

Please be advised that we have completed a thorough and diligent search on your behalf regarding the previous request as it pertains to the subject of your request above. Therefore, we are enclosing 68 documents, consisting of 1,133 pages, which we believe to be responsive to your request. These documents were located and released in connection with the earlier request. The cost associated with processing your request amounts to $113.30. This consists of reproduction of 1,133 pages at a rate of ten cents per page. You are responsible for the cost of processing your request for reproduction charges beyond the first 100 pages. Please send your check or money order in the amount of $103.30 payable to the **Treasurer of the United States** citing F-2013-02263 to ensure proper credit to your account.

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DAVE BORRILL, date of birth September 20, 1954, 3 Lakeview Drive East, Center Moriches, New York, 11934, home telephone number 516-878-6139, worked telephone number 516-726-8570, pager number 516-558-0353, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview. BORRILL then furnished the following information:

On July 17, 1996, he was having dinner at JOHN SCOTT's Restaurant on Dune Road in West Hampton. He was having dinner with his wife DONNA and his friend KEVIN MULLANE, Brookfield Avenue, Center Moriches, work number 516-878-0223. MULLANE works at B.A. TOFTE COMPANY (BATCO).

The restaurant is located three or four miles east of Moriches Inlet on Dune Road. They were sitting outside on a deck on the bay side of Dune Road.

At approximately 8:15 P.M. he looked up and saw a reddish orange glowing ball. It appeared to be directly overhead. It looked like the ball from a Roman candle. He saw no falling debris at this point. He did not think it was a plane. He tracked it for 15-20 seconds. It then exploded and burst into flames. It broke into several pieces. He ran from the restaurant on the bay side, across Dune Road, to the beach on the ocean side.

There was a haze over the ocean so he could not see the impact when the plane hit the water. He did hear two explosions and felt the concussion in his chest.

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He did not see anything else in the sky. The glowing ball did not appear to be dropping when he saw it before the explosion. He saw nothing leave from the ground. He did not see any flames or smoke emitting from the glowing ball.

He had drank two beers before seeing this. His friend MULLANE and his wife DONNA also saw this. He said it was not like the Challenger explosion except for the trail of smoke after the impact. He was facing due west when he was having dinner.

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The bay was on his right and the ocean on his left. The glowing ball was travelling from his right to his left. It travelled from mainland Long Island, across Moriches Bay, towards the ocean. It travelled perpendicular to the coast, not parallel to it. The glowing ball bore no resemblance to a plane, it was just a red dot. It did not appear to be 8,000 or 13,000 feet high.

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ANTHONY DISIMONE, 48 Carlton Avenue, Mestic, New York 11950, telephone: (516) 399-1628, telephonically contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York Office. Having been advised of the identity of the interviewing agent, DISIMONE provided the following information:

He had gone crabbing with about twenty other people yesterday (July 17, 1996). They were standing on the dock at the Forge River Marina in Mestic when a young boy, approximately 11-13 years of age named WILLIAM, noticed something that appeared to be a flare flying up into the air. WILLIAM called the group's attention to this object as it flew into the air. This flying objected looked like it came up from land in the Moriches area.

The flying object was relatively slow in flying up and took about four or five seconds before hitting the airplane. The smoke, which trailed this object, was whitish in color and the band of smoke was narrow. It looked like a flare or Roman candle flying into the air. The object flew at an angle into the air and neither it, nor its impact with the plane, made any noise. There was one flame which came from the object, then a second once it struck the plane. The flying object was very bright, but not uncomfortable/blinding to look at.

The object seemed to take off from Dune Road or the left side of the inlet. PLANE WOULD BE ON RIGHT SIDE OF MORICHES

Other members of the group who saw the object's flight were JIM and BOB Last Name Unknown (LNU), one of whom is the father of WILLIAM. JIM and BOB (LNU) own the business TWIN FLOORS, telephone: (516) 645-5280.

DISIMONE stated that he had spoken to a neighbor, ROBERT STOKES, telephone: (516) 395-3465, who stated that his son, ROBERT, JR., age 13, had also seen the flying object.

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On the morning after the explosion of Trans World Airline (TWA) Flight 800, Mr. SVEN FARET, residing at 30-A Main Parkway, Plainview, New York, telephone number (516) 349-5999, and Mr. KEN WENDELL, residing at 107 Lodge Avenue, Huntington, New York, telephone number (516) 271-2681, were brought to the Coast Guard Station by Special Agent (SA) JOSEPH P. FANNING and, thereafter, interviewed by SA JAMES G. LEE.

FARET and WENDELL were flying in FARET's private plane, an AC-12 piloted by FARET at about 8:40 PM on the evening of July 17, 1996.

While cruising at eight and a half (8 1/2) thousand feet over Riverhead, Long Island, heading eastbound, WENDELL advised FARET that he had traffic at "seven (7) o'clock." FARET glanced over and spotted a white light which suddenly exploded into a giant red orange ball. In an instant, the object blew up. FARET said that he was not sure it was a plane because it was dark, however, he saw running lights, believed to be white trailing lights just before the explosion.

The object, according to FARET, definitely exploded below his plane because the smoke trail after the explosion was at seven and a half (7 1/2) thousand feet. He realized it was a plane that exploded when he flew over to the area.

Upon exploding, the debris fell quickly and straight down. As the plane fell, the fire had a long trail to the ocean surface where it spread out along the water. Flame chutes erupted from the water.

He then called flying services and saw boats heading over the scene.

FARET advised that the gaseous cloud remained similar to the challenger explosion.

FARET emphatically stated the explosion took place at about 7 1/2 thousand feet.

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Both FARET and WENDELL were on their way to a limousine that was going to put them on the TODAY SHOW when SA FANNING came to get them.

FARET and WENDELL offered complete cooperation.

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CHRISTINE MADONIA, Date of Birth (DOB) September 4, 1962, Social Security Account Number 110-54-0308, was telephonically contacted at her residence 33 Titmus Drive, Mastic, New York 11950, telephone (516) 399-2702. MADONIA was advised as to the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the inquiry wherein she provided the following information:

MADONIA was at Westhampton Beach with her husband, PAUL, during the evening hours of July 17, 1996. At approximately 8:30 p.m., she and her husband were in their vehicle heading east. To her right she observed a bright orange circle in the sky. MADONIA stated she turned to look at it closer and recognized two separate fires in the sky. ~~MADONIA stated she turned to look at it closer and recognized two separate fires in the sky~~. MADONIA could not make out any object other than the fire. nor did she hear anything at or before the time her attention was drawn to the fire.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents (SAs) CARA L. HOLMES and MARCIE A. HOUK regarding Trans World Airlines (TWA) Flight 800:

On July 18, 1996, MICHELLE MORATI, Date of Birth May 31, 1952, 39 North Quarter Road, Westhampton, New York, (516) 288-8359, stated that on July 17, 1996 she, along with her husband and son were at the home of ORITH and LARRY WADDEL, located at 32 Brushy Neck Lane, Westhampton, New York (516) 288-8966. MORATI advised that she was on the deck of the WADDEL's when she looked up into the sky. MORATI stated that she observed a red nebulous image. This image had an elongated shape and was drifting in the sky. MORATI stated that as the image was drifting in the sky it became a sharp edged yellow flame. MORATI advised that this image went from drifting to falling. MORATI stated that five or six seconds later she heard a boom and then a double edged boom.

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On July 18, 1996, at about 4:15PM, Sergeant Fred DeLuca and Detective Nicholas Garcia, SO-9, were present at 401 Greenway Road, Manorville, Long Island, New York (NY). At this time an interview of one Daniel Seligenbrunn, white male, Date of Birth September 6, 1976, was conducted. Seligenbrunn is a witness to the downing of Trans World Airlines (TWA) Flight 800, July 17, 1996. Seligenbrunn resides with his parents at 4-1 Greenway Road, Manorville, New York, telephone (516) 878-6054.

Seligenbrunn stated that he is employed by Pine Hills Golf Club at 162 Wading River Road, Manorville, NY. On July 17, 1996, at about 7:45PM, he and one Peter King were walking near the Club House at Pine Hills Golf Club. He estimates the time, but is certain that it was day's end and still light. They were walking in an easterly direction. Seligenbrunn heard the sounds of an aircraft, and having some interest in airplanes, glanced toward the sky. he observed a large commercial airplane flying west to east and south of his location, probably over water. The aircraft had an unusual amount of black smoke spewing from the wing area. he thinks it was the left wing. A second later, he glanced again and saw what he described as a "red glow" or "red dot" on the aircraft. Having seen this, he brought it to the attention of Peter King.

Seligenbrunn and King now see the airplane nosing at an angle towards the ground. They continued looking as the airplane disappeared behind trees in the horizon. Seligenbrunn heard a blast and saw a red flash through the trees and extending upwards. He further states that the aircraft appeared to remain intact for the period of his observation.

the next morning he related this experience to a coworker, one Philip Costa, a retired New York City Police Officer, who notified the police. Costa's telephone number is (516) 874-3139.

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N 40° 47.049' = 40.7842° N
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Sol Sherman, Date of Birth November 14, 1923, Social Security Account Number (SSAN) 080-18-7841, renting condo Unit 5, 575 Dune Road, Westhampton Beach, New York, telephone number (516) 288-1434, was contacted at his residence by Special Agents Peter C. Casazza and William F. Lynch of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) regarding his observations of an explosion he witnessed over the Atlantic Ocean on the evening of July 17, 1996.

Sol Sherman's Observations:

Mr. Sherman related that he was sitting next to his sliding glass door which overlooks his deck, the beach, and ocean. The time was approximately 8:30PM, and the weather conditions were clear and calm.

His daughter-in-law, Dimitra Kapsos, was heading out the sliding glass door when she let out a scream.

He turned and followed her out the door. He observed what he described as a large red flamed object or fireball which separated into two (2) objects and the two (2) red flamed objects or fireballs fell into the ocean. He stated the entire event took only a few seconds. he then heard three (3) or four (4) loud noises coming over the water from the direction of the explosion.

Sherman also observed white smoke over the water where the red-flamed objects or fireball hit the water.

Later, boats and helicopters approached the scene.

Background:

Name:	Sol Sherman
Date of Birth:	November 14, 1923
SSAN:	080-18-7841
Address:	575 Dune Road (Rental) Unit 5 Westhampton Beach, New York

Sound from 1st explosion would arrive 47.98 sec after recording end... so if this description accurate, aircraft hit water no later than T_0 + 47.98 sec... so total time from explosion to water impact is less than 47.98 sec

Last radar detection at T_0 + 50.5 sec

Diff = 2.52 sec

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W72° 42.299'

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Clyde Willis, Date of Birth September 20, 1945, Social Security Account Number (SSAN) 240-66-826, was interviewed aboard the motor vessel ROGUE RIVER, operated by the Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company. The vessel was docked at the United States Coast Guard Station, East Moriches, New York (NY). Willis was advised as to the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the inquiry wherein he provided the following information:

Willis is temporarily residing at the Swiss Motel, 1273 West Main Street, Riverhead, NY 11901, telephone number (516) 72-SLEEP. Willis' permanent address is 102 Sandhill Road, New Bern, North Carolina 28560, telephone number (919) 635-2181. Willis is employed by Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company and is presently working out of the Moriches area, dredging sand to replenish the beach.

During the evening of July 17, 1996, Willis was piloting the Rogue River approximately one half mile off shore, travelling west to east. Also with him on the boat was Mike Russell and Don, last name not recalled. Willis was operating the boat at full speed. At approximately 8:30PM, Willis observed a bright light off to his right. He turned and saw an explosion. Willis further described the explosion as two (2) balls of fire. Willis said he could not tell what was on fire. Willis said he did not hear anything, noting the sound of the boat engines running "wide open" would have made it difficult for him to hear anything.

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GRACE T. BAUER was interviewed at her residence, 117 Mantauk Highway, Westhampton, New York. This is also the office of the WILLIAM G. HENTSCHEL INSURANCE AGENCY. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, BAUER provided the following information:

The evening of July 17, 1996, BAUER was at the West Hampton Yacht Squadron in Westhampton Beach along with her husband FRED BAUER, her brother in law TOM KERR, GERALDINE GILLEN, and CANDACE PORTER.

Between 8:30 and 8:45 p.m BAUER was staring out into the Atlantic Ocean due south. She saw a red light, like a boat flare, with a smokey white stream following it, shoot up from the horizon. She could not tell if it originated from either Dune Road or the ocean. The red flare went straight up into the sky for about two or three seconds. Suddenly, the red flare expanded into a much larger fireball. There was no sound heard at this point. Then a red flame funneled down from the fireball, and descended downward when a second, much larger fireball erupted. This larger fireball then split into two smokey trails which continued to descend downward and away from each other beyond Dune Road into the ocean.

BAUER then heard three deep rumbling sounds. Her husband, FRED BAUER, who was on a jetski at the time in the bay, traveled across the bay to Dune Road, crossed Dune Road, and looked into the ocean to see what had happened.

From where the flare originated, BAUER did not see any unusual light on the surface. The red flare was followed by a smoke tail which quickly dissipated. The smokey tail did not extend down very far from the flare's head.

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BAUER advised that her brother in law, TOM KERR and ~~GERLDINE GILLEN also saw the ascending flare, but advised that~~ everyone else she was with had only seen the descending fireball.

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The sun was in a direction of North-Northwest, and the fireball was approximately 3-4 miles away.

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ZACHARY T. CLANAHAN, ROBERT CASOLA, LUKE CASOLA, and EDWIN EVANS had been out in the boat for approximately two hours before the incident occurred.

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JOSEPH CLIFFORD, Date of birth, 12/12/49, Social Security Account Number, 102-40-8300, address, 36 Watchogue Avenue, East Moriches, New York, telephone number, (516) 878-9389. CLIFFORD was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview. Suffolk County Police Detective DENNIS RAFFERTY was also present for the interview. CLIFFORD provided the following information:

CLIFFORD was interviewed at the Moriches Yacht Club located at the end of Union Avenue in Center Moriches, New York. CLIFFORD said at the time of the plane crash he was standing on the dock located on the Great Gun beach on Fire Island. CLIFFORD was facing south when he noticed a flare ascending in the southeast direction. CLIFFORD said the flare was slightly east of him when he saw it.

CLIFFORD described the object he saw as a skyrocket with a yellowish glow, possibly a flare that misfired. CLIFFORD said he followed the flare for 10-15 seconds and then saw an explosion. CLIFFORD then saw the plane explode but he did not see it crash in the water. CLIFFORD did not hear the plane explode in the air or on the ground.

CLIFFORD advised the writer that he is employed as a school teacher.

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ANGELA CORRAO, born August 30, 1963, 45 Watchogue Avenue, East Moriches, New York, telephone number (516) 878-3714, was interviewed on July 19, 1996 at ABBOTTS HARTS COVE MARINA, INC., 29 Maple Avenue, East Moriches, New York, 11940, telephone number (516) 878-3700. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, CORRAO provided the following information:

Approximately 8:20 PM on July 17, 1996, CORRAO returned to her slip at ABBOTTS HARTS COVE MARINA after boating with her husband, JACK CORRAO, in Moriches Bay. Soon thereafter, while standing on the dock next to her boat and looking south of her position, she saw what appeared to be a flare rising through the sky. The flare was already in mid-air when she first saw it, she did not see it leave the ground. The flare had an orange tail and was traveling south to southwest. She watched the flare rise through the air and then come down a little before it exploded. CARRAO did not see a plane before she saw the explosion. The explosion occurred approximately ten seconds after CARRAO first saw the flare in the sky. see Michael Wire

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CARRAO first realized that a plane had exploded when e saw the plane break into two pieces as it fell straight to the ground. From the position she was in at the time she saw the xplosion, she was able to point out in the sky the flares course of travel, as well as the point of the eventual explosion.

CARRAO saw a large red barge named the ARUBA leaving the East Moriches Coast Guard Station at about 8:00 PM that night, heading in a southerly direction.

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number one drawing his attention to it. However, object number one appeared like it was initially going to slightly miss object number two unless it made a dramatic correction at the last moment. In less than a second, DELGADO believed object number one impacted with object number two; however, DELGADO explained that it occurred when he must have blinked because he did not actually see the point of impact. DELGADO then observed a white "puff" (white flash) approximately the size of a small ball in the sky, however, he heard no noise. Out of the puff came two objects that arched upward from the initial impact trailing smoke. DELGADO said the objects than appeared to turn into large rectangular balls of fire descending at an angle down past the horizon of the trees. DELGADO stated that the rectangular fire balls were the equivalent in size to a quarter (1/4) of a piece of paper (8"X11") from his vantage.

Initially, DELGADO said the explosion appeared to be approximately 1.5 - 2.5 miles from where he observed the event, and he recalled he was concerned that the burning object might have landed on Dune Road or the outlying beach area.

After the burning object fell beyond the horizon of the trees he did not observe or hear anything else.

DELGADO believed, after some retrospect, the entire chain of events took approximately seven (7) seconds from the time he first sees object number one and when the explosion occurred.

DELGADO further described object number one as an elongated object that had an oval "head" with an extremely bright white center that had a reddish pink "aura" about the object. The tail was the size of his pinkie nail which seemed to become smaller as it ascended in the air. The tail, grey in color, moved in a "squiggly" pattern which provided a sense of direction.

After the explosion, DELGADO got into his vehicle with the windows down and the radio off and drove in the direction of this occurrence. DELGADO drove to Dune Road, Westhampton, where he met his wife. DELGADO believed he had witnessed some type of explosion over the beach area; however, he did not know actually what he had observed. Later that day, DELGADO learned of the plane crash and realized that he had observed the entire

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occurrence.

At the conclusion of the interview, DELGADO brought the undersigned Agents to the exact location where he made his above

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described observations and he reenacted the events prior, during and immediately following the event. In addition, a rough draft drawing was created. DELGADO's point of reference was a telephone pole next to a yellow fire hydrant located on Mill Road.

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LOUIS JOSEPH DESEPOLI, Date of Birth (DOB) - March 26, 1962, of 180 Holiday Boulevard, Center Moriches, New York, telephone number (516) 874-2175, was interviewed at his residence. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, he provided the following information:

On Wednesday, July 17, 1996, DESEPOLI was on a boat that belonged to his friends JOHN and GERI VICARI, moored at the Holiday Beach Property Owners Association. The docks are located west of the Moriches Inlet and east of Masory Point on the Bay side. At about 8:30 while he was looking out at the Bay, DESEPOLI saw something that looked like a flare going up. It went up, stopped and then it looked like it was going down. It broke into two pieces, one higher than the other, exploded and fell in two columns of flames. The event took less than 30 seconds. DESEPOLI described the flare as being a yellowish-orange light. He stated it did not look like a plane because of the angle it took.

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On July 19, 1996, DAVID GALIETTA, Date of Birth (DOB) May 9, 1975, telephone number (516) 878-9162, was interviewed at the SENIX MARINA, 50 Senix Avenue, Center Moriches, New York. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, GALIETTA provided the following information:

On July 17, 1996, at approximately 8:45 PM to 9:00 PM, GALIETTA was standing on a building's deck, located on Dune Road in West Hampton, Long Island, New York. He stated that while looking to the south towards the Atlantic Ocean, he observed a red-yellowish flare-type object arcing upward in the sky, followed by a larger reddish explosion. GALIETTA then observed a flaming object fall out of the explosion area downward toward the ocean. The object separated into two burning sections shortly before he lost sight of them near the horizon.

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BLUE on Moriches Bay

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SHARON GENTILE was interviewed at her residence, 107 Aspatuck Road, Westhampton Beach, New York, telephone 516-288-1976. Also participating in the interview was Detective GARY MILLER, Suffolk County Police Department (SCPD). GENTILE's father, DOUGLAS also furnished observations which were reported independently. After being apprised of the identities of the interviewing agent and Detective, as well as the nature of the interview, SHARON GENTILE provided the following.

GENTILE, age 16, advised that on the evening of July 17, 1996, she was present on her father's boat, in Moriches Bay, when she observed a white smoke trail ascending through the sky culminating in a bright orange fire ball. The fireball appeared to emanate from either the dunes or beyond the dunes in the ocean. GENTILE noted that the smoke trail seemed to start off slowly, but gained momentum and speed before evolving into a fireball.

Concurrent with her observation of the smoke and fireball, GENTILE also observed a black plane flying overhead in a northeast direction at approximately 1/2 the altitude of larger planes in the area. She believed that the plane might have been a propeller driven plane. GENTILE advised that this plane was distinct from another white plane that she observed in the area doing loops several minutes prior to her observation of the smoke trial.

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GERALDINE GILLEN was interviewed at her place of business, INTIMATE BOUTIQUE, in Westhampton, NY. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, GILLEN provided the following information:

Where? Westhampton Beach

On the evening of July 17, 1996, GILLEN was on an open porch of the West Hampton Yacht Squadron. At about 8:30 p.m., while facing south overlooking the bay area and Dune Road, GILLEN saw a red flare arching in the sky. GILLEN did not see where it originated from. The flare arched in the sky and then came straight down as if it had a parachute attached to it. The flare was very bright and appeared to be within the bay area.

Suddenly, the red flare burst into a large ball of red flames. The large ball of flames descended half way down the sky and then burst into a larger ball of flames. GILLEN heard the second explosion, but not the first. The second explosion caused the object to separate and plummet down south of Dune Road into the ocean. After GILLEN lost sight of the objects, she continued to hear two more explosions.

Very important... precisely where was she?

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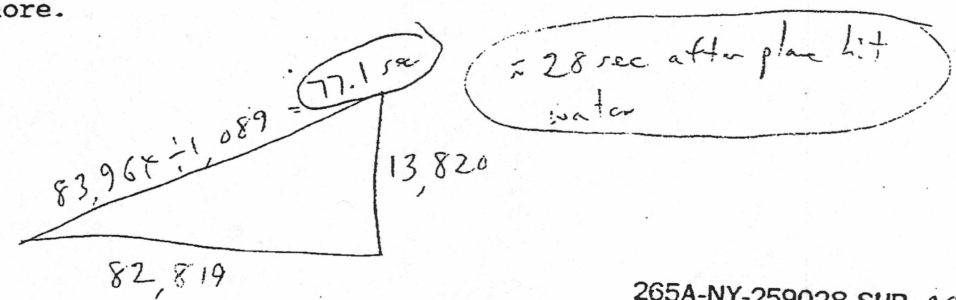
CYNTHIA HAUN, 206 Sylvan Avenue, Riverhead, New York, 516-727-1867, was interviewed at her residence.

HAUN advised that on July 17, 1996, she was at the residence of her daughter, ELLEN WILLIAMS, 17 Wild Cherry Lane, Quogue, New York, 516-728-2322. This residence is approximately 10 miles east of East Moriches, New York. HAUN, WILLIAMS, HAUN's husband LOUIS HAUN, and WILLIAMS boyfriend MICHAEL GROSSO, telephone 516-491-7632, were playing cards between 8:30 and 9:00 P.M. At one point during this period HAUN heard a loud "swoosh" going over the house. HAUN related that the swoosh sounded like a large rocket going over the house. The others paying cards also said they heard the sound. HAUN does not believe the sound would have been audible had the air conditioning or TV been on.

HAUN did not hear an explosion or any other sound after the swoosh. WILLIAMS Quogue residence is two miles from the south shore.



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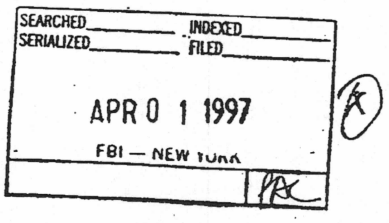

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GEORGE HOWELL, Date of Birth (DOB) November 12, 1945, 214 Richmond Avenue, rear basement apartment, Medford, New York, telephone (516) 289-6897, was interviewed at his residence. HOWELL provided the following information:

On the evening of July 17, 1996, HOWELL observed what appeared to be a roman candle shoot up over the ocean from land. This occurred at approximately 8:25 p.m. This device shot off a large quantity of red and yellow sparks. However, there was an explosion at the end of its flight. HOWELL was standing at the end of the dock at the CENTER YACHT CLUB in Center Moriches facing southeast when he observed this.

HOWELL's date, ANNA (Last Name Unknown) (LNU), telephone (516) 567-8298, also observed this after HOWELL pointed it out.

HOWELL's place of employment is STEIGERCRAFT, 99 Bellport Avenue, Bellport, New York, telephone (516) 286-2136.

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THOMAS KENNEDY, 44 Presford Drive, Shirley, New York, telephone number (516) 395-6492, was interviewed on July 19, 1996 at ABBOTTS HARTS COVE MARINA, INC., 29 Maple Avenue, East Moriches, New York, 11940, telephone number (516) 878-3700. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, KENNEDY provided the following information:

At approximately 8:00 PM on July 17, 1996, KENNEDY began cleaning his boat while it was docked in his slip at ABBOTTS HARTS COVE MARINA. While cleaning his boat, he was talking to two people, who were also cleaning their boat, in a boat two slips away from his boat. KENNEDY does not know their names.

KENNEDY was standing on the dock next to his boat and looking south of the Moriches Inlet, when he saw a "flare" rising in the sky. He immediately thought someone in Moriches Bay was having trouble. He yelled to the people on the other boat, "I think someone in the bay is having trouble. He sent up a may-day flare." The "flare" traveled straight up into the sky on a southly course, and then hooked southwest. Then, he saw a large red/orange explosion at the end of the flare's course of travel.

KENNEDY saw what appeared to be "wreckage" from a plane falling from the site of the fireball. The "wreckage" took approximately ten seconds to come down to earth, and fell in one large fireball, and many other smaller fireballs.

KENNEDY did not see a plane prior to him seeing the explosion. However, he believes that the explosion was caused by the "flare" hitting a plane.

KENNEDY said that there was an ultralight aircraft flying in the area of East Moriches at the time of the explosion.

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TOM KERR was interviewed at his residence, 117 Montauk Highway, Westhampton, New York. This is also the office of the WILLIAM G. HENTSCHEL INSURANCE AGENCY. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, KERR provided the following information:

The evening of July 17, 1996, KERR was at the West Hampton Yacht Squadron in Westhampton Beach standing on an outside deck. KERR heard someone say, "Look!", and he turned his attention south over the ocean. KERR observed a red flare arching in the sky and descending downward. As it descended downward, he heard a "thump" and then there was a sudden burst of flames. This large body of flames then split into two smaller masses, and descended away from each other and out of view beyond Dune Road.

KERR did not see the flare until it arched in the sky. Initially, because it was so bright, he thought that it was only about 1/4 mile away in the bay area. The flare did not have a tail as it arched, but he did observe a tail of smoke as the flare descended. The flare took several seconds to descend which caused KERR to expect to see a parachute attached to it. However, the flare then burst into a fireball. After the masses descended south of Dune Road, KERR realized that it occurred much farther away, and must have been something larger than a flare.

KERR advised that he subsequently spoke to an individual named TOM DOUGHERTY who advised that he had seen something shoot out of the Dunes on July 17, 1996. DOUGHERTY can be reached at (516) 728-5117, 3 Beachland Ave., E. Quogue, NY.

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JOHN and JOYCE KEYSER was interviewed by Detective CALVIN POWELL and Detective STEPHEN JENSEN of the Suffolk County Police Department. The interview was conducted on July 19, 1996.

In furtherance of the investigation of the crash of TWA, Flight 800, on July 19, 1996, at 17:15 Hours, conducted an interview of Mr.and Mrs. JOHN and JOYCE KEYSER. The KEYSERS of 60 Apollo Drive, Aquebogue, New York, report that while driving southerly on Church Lane, Aquebogue, New York, they observed the following details:

Mrs. KEYSER relates observing while looking southerly, a golden glowing, moving object, easterly direction above the tree top line. The unusual golden color of the elongated object drew Mrs. KEYSER's attention. Mrs. KEYSER noticed a red light on the object and though approximately 15-20 miles out, assumed it to be a plane. Mrs. KEYSER states, suddenly the plane took an unusual, 45 degree dive with no visible flames or smoke. Below the tree top line, a large reddish, flaming fireball immediately rose above the tree line, where the plane had descended. The entire observation was approximately (90) seconds in duration. No observation of any object or projectile from the ground to plane, was witnessed. Mr. KEYSER also submitted a drawing of his recollection of the explosion, see attached drawing.

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On July 19, 1996, ALEXANDRA LORE, Date of Birth (DOB) September 26, 1952, 29 Hewitt Boulevard, Center Moriches, New York, telephone number (516) 878-0729, was interviewed in the presence of Special Agent (SA) BARTHOLOMEW AVERSANO, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), and Detective MICK McDONOUGH, Suffolk County Police, at the SENIX MARINA, 50 Senix Avenue, Center Moriches, New York. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, LORE provided the following information:

On July 17, 1996, at approximately 8:30 PM to 8:45 PM, LORE was on her husband's boat with her husband, docked at the SENIX MARINA. She stated that while looking to the south towards the Atlantic Ocean, she saw what looked like a flare with a white trail going in a curve, and then she saw red flames falling. LORE further stated that the falling flames grew larger, into a "wall or waterfall" of flames, before she lost sight of it near the horizon. LORE thought the flare-type object came from a boat in the ocean.

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GAIL MARBACK was interviewed at 7 Farm Lane, Westhampton, New York. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, MARBACK provided the following information:

On the evening of July 17, 1996, MARBACK was at the WESTHAMPTON YACHT SQUADRON on an outside covered porch. Between 8:30 and 8:45 p.m., MARBACK saw what she initially thought was a boat flare. She saw the flare when it was already at a midpoint in the sky. She was facing south overlooking Moriches Bay and Dune Road. As MARBACK faced south, she estimated that the flare would have been at about 11:00. She did not see where the flare originated from, but thought that it was as close as the bay.

The flare continued ascending for about three seconds, but MARBACK took her eyes off of it as she looked or a boat in the bay which she thought may have sent up the flare. The flare was red-orange in color with white in the middle, elongated in shape like a baseball bat, but more squat. MARBACK did not see any smoke or anything trailing the flare, but advised that she was focusing on the light. The light seemed to be moving away from her, as if further south.

As the flare ascended, it suddenly turned a deeper orange, and got larger, but not exactly round in shape. MARBACK did not hear anything at that point. Slowly, the entire body of fire descended and became more misformed in shape. MARBACK described the shape as being like a "pulled tooth". MARBACK expected the fire to descend into the bay, but lost sight of it as it descended much farther south beyond Dune Road. There was a smoke trail following the fire mass as it descended downward.

MARBACK resides at 31 Rogers Lane, Remsenburg, New York, (516) 325-0265. She advised that her boyfriend, RICHARD GOSS, also saw it. He can be reached at the same number.

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MARZANO advised that he and his wife were on Mascot Dock located at the end of South Ocean Street, in Patchogue, New York. On July 17, 1996 they were watching planes when at about 8:30 P.M., they observed a bright orange fireball. MARZANO saw what looked like a flare shoot up from the fireball. He then saw the fireball fall to the ocean. The fireball lasted about 10 to 20 seconds.

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On July 19, 1996, Special Agent NATALE PARISI interviewed LORETTA MARZANO, home address 18 Mulford Street, Patchogue, New York. SA PARISI identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). LORETTA MARZANO provided the following information:

MARZANO advised that at about 8:30 P.M., on July 17, 1996, she and her husband were on Mascot Dock, located at the end of South Ocean Street, in Patchogue, Long Island. MARZANO was facing in a south easterly direction, when she noticed a flare like object traveling upward from a north to south direction. she next saw a bright orange fireball in the sky. MARZANO believes that the flare like object was orange in color and lasted for about five seconds.

MARZANO advised that the fireball then fell to the ocean, followed by black smoke. MARZANO advised that she is uncertain about the origin of the flare like object.

MARZANO did not hear anything during her observations.

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On Friday, July 19, 1996, at approximately 11:30 pm, Detective Gary J. Fitzgerald, Federal Bureau of Investigation/New York City Police Department Joint Terrorist Task Force did conduct a telephone re-interview of CAPTAIN DAVID McCLAIN. Original interview conducted by SA JoAnne Morley, Charlotte Division.

Captain McCLAIN was the pilot of Stinger Bee Flight 507, which was travelling in the area of TWA flight 800 when it exploded.

Captain McCLAIN was contacted at home telephone (PROTECT)704/875-0863(PROTECT) and related the following information:

On July 17, 1996, he was the pilot of Stinger Bee flight 507, which had departed Boston and was enroute to final destination of North Carolina. He was flying in a southerly direction passing over Hamptons, NY, and turning to a westerly direction and observed an approaching aircraft. What drew his attention to this aircraft was what he originally thought was the aircraft's nose light. The light was of an unusual intensity and was off color of the usual white light, being a brilliant yellow color. NOSE OF TWA 800 ALREADY OFF.

He related it is unusual for aircraft to fly above 10,000 feet with the nose light on, and estimated this aircraft at 15,000 feet travelling in a easterly direction further than 20 miles away. He related his aircraft had descended from 24,000 feet to, approximately 18,000 feet and was travelling "almost nose to nose" with this oncoming aircraft. Because of the brilliance and off color of the light, he believed that the oncoming aircraft may have an engine fire. Where this brilliant light was would be consistent with the number two (2) engine of the oncoming aircraft, but no smoke trail was visible.

He continued to visually follow the aircraft and the brilliant light with no smoke trail, and as such, discounted the possibility of an engine fire to that aircraft.

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At this period of time, he was fifteen (15) to nineteen (19) miles from the approaching aircraft, and decided to blink his inboard wing light to signal to the oncoming aircraft. It was at this time he observed the oncoming aircraft "inflight explosion", observed fire, and then two (2) pieces of what he believes to be the oncoming aircraft going down, possibly the wings, parallel to the water.

He then reported his observations to air traffic control, confirmed location, inquired if he could provide any further assistance, and then continued his flight.

Captain McCLAIN provided the company dispatch telephone number as 1/800/391-9293, and also advised that this week's flying schedule for him is Monday, 07/22/1996, through Wednesday, 07/24/1996 inclusive.

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ERIC MIRELL, Date of Birth (DOB): August 11. 1954, Social Security Account Number (SSAN): 073-42-3765, and JANET (SIMMONS) MIRELL, DOB: December 12, 1965, SSAN: 059-66-0220, were interviewed at their residence, 30 Hermann Avenue, Center Moriches, New York (NY), (516) 874-4109. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, the MIRELLs provided the following information:

On July 17, 1996, the MIRELLs stated they were standing on a flat-platformed ramp behind WESTHAMPTON BEACH AND TENNIS CLUB, Westhampton, NY, between 8:20 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. (dusk). They stated they had a totally clear view overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, directly to the South. To their right was Moriches Bay Inlet and to the left was Shinnecock Bay Inlet.

The MIRELLs stated that during the time period between 8:20 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., they could not see any planes, boats or people around, except for a dredger-type boat to their west. The MIRELLs stated that at approximately 8:30 p.m., they saw a red dot in the sky above the Atlantic Ocean, which looked like a flare, The MIRELLs stated that from their vantage point the red dot was located at approximately 12:00 to 12:30 in the sky above them.

The MIRELLs stated that the red dot grew in size to an oval or oblong shape that was reddish/orange in color, moving from a west to east direction, from approximately a 12:30 to an 11:30 position.

The MIRELLs stated that as the shape approached the 11:30 position, the shape exploded, and came down like a curtain of flame.

JANET MIRELL, a former employee at Grumman, stated that once she saw the explosion, she began counting seconds in order to calculate the amount of time it took for the sound of the explosion to reach her. She stated it took approximately ten (10) seconds before she heard the sound of the explosion. She stated that the first explosion was immediately followed by three (3) additional explosions which occurred one right after the other. She believed that the explosion was roughly ten to

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fifteen (10-15) miles off shore, due to her counting the time that it took for her to hear the explosion.

The MIRELLs stated that once the curtain of flames from the explosion hit the water, a large amount of gray smoke was visible from their vantage point. The MIRELLs stated that immediately after the flames hit the water, they saw a military-type helicopter approach the crash site.

The MIRELLs stated that after the crash they approached an elderly couple near them who they later discovered were pharmacists. They asked the couple if they had just seen the explosion. The MIRELLs stated that the elderly couple said they did not see anything.

The MIRELLs stated that immediately after talking to the elderly couple, they approached the receptionist's desk at WESTHAMPTON BEACH AND TENNIS CLUB, and told the girl behind the desk to call the police, which she did.

In addition, the MIRELLs stated that a film crew was at the WESTHAMPTON BEACH AND TENNIS CLUB filming a movie. They believe that a male, five feet nine inches (5'9"), Caucasian, with a ponytail, may also have seen the plane crash.

On July 18, 1996, the MIRELLs came back to the boat slip at WINDSWEPT MARINA, 215 Atlantic Avenue, East Moriches, NY 11940, telephone (516) 878-2100, via a boat named CONTROL C, and gave approximately two (2) hours worth of interviews to news reporters. MIRELL stated that he spoke to many news reporters, but he particularly remembered contacting CBS News and WINS Radio.

The MIRELLs also stated that the owner of WINDSWEPT MARINA had a dredge boat out in the water. They believed that the crew of the dredge boat may have had a better view of the crash.

ERIC MIRELL stated that after hearing that a TWA jet had, in fact, crashed in the ocean and after hearing news reports that a missile may have been fired at the jet, he thought he remembered seeing a stream of white or grey smoke prior to seeing the red dot in the sky at approximately 8:30 p.m. ERIC MIRELL

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stated that the stream of smoke came up from the water. He stated that from his angle and vantage point, the stream of smoke came straight up to the plane. JANET MIRELL stated she did not see a stream of smoke.

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JEANNE RAYNOR, Date of Birth (DOB) May 16, 1944, was interviewed at her residence. After being advised the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, RAYNOR provided the following voluntary information:

RAYNOR advised that she and ALLISON BELL were walking along the track at Westhampton High School, Lilac Road, Westhampton Beach, New York during the evening of July 17, 1996. This track is less than two (2) miles from Westhampton Beach on the Atlantic Ocean. While walking facing the south, at approximately 8:30 - 8:40 P.M., RAYNOR observed a bright white light arching into the sky from west to east. It appeared to her to be emanating from Westhampton Beach, at an angle not exactly vertical, and travel over the ocean. At the time, she thought it was a firework.

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This light reached high into the sky, at an angle of greater than forty-five (45) degrees, and took approximately three (3) seconds to reach its apex. At its apex, RAYNOR observed that the light appeared to fizzle out, then moments later, a huge explosion occurred, consisting of a bright oblong wall of flames, originating from the apex of the white light. After the flames disappeared, she saw grey smoke in the general area in the sky where the flames were.

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RAYNOR saw no smoke with the white light during its ascent, and did not hear any sound or explosion.

The following information was obtained through observation and interview:

NAME:	JEANNE RAYNOR
RACE:	White
SEX:	Female
DATE OF BIRTH:	May 16, 1944
ADDRESS:	Cedar Road (Private) Westhampton, New York
TELEPHONE:	(516) 288-6173

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GERALDINE ANNE VICARI, Date of Birth (DOB) - July 26, 1951, and JOHN ANTHONY VICARI of 63 Holiday Boulevard, Center Moriches, New York, telephone number (516) 878-8374, were interviewed at their place of employment, 1st MONTAUK SECURITIES, MONARCH CENTER, Montauk Highway, Center Moriches, New York. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview. They provided the following information:

On the evening of Wednesday, July 17, 1996, GERI and JOHN VACARI were on their boat with three of their friends, BILL POMERY of 209 Old Neck Road, Center Moriches, telephone number 878-2415, LOU DESEPOLI of 180 Holiday Boulevard, Center Moriches, telephone number (516) 874-2175, and JOE KNOECHEL of 201 Old Neck Road, Center Moriches, telephone number (516) 874-4833. At about 8:20 PM, GERI VACARI saw what she described as a pink glow that looked like a flare, larger than a star, up high in the sky. She saw it descend for about 30 seconds. When it was over Fire Island, it exploded into an orange ball of flames. It separated into two distinct columns of fire, then hit the water. Next, she saw flames shoot up once from the surface, then all that she saw was black smoke. She stated that her party called the Coast Guard and that they were the third such call the Coast Guard received, and that the Coast Guard would send a boat out to check it out. She further stated that the explosion reminded her of the space shuttle Challenger explosion in 1986. GERI VICARI's perception of the pink glow was that it was moving away from her position. When she indicated her position on a map of the area and the direction, she saw the pink glow go, it appears that it was the same direction of the crash site.

JOHN VICARI stated that his wife GERI was the first person to witness the glow. However, he said that he thought he saw the pink glow ascend and then descend. His approximation of the height of the pink glow was about 10,000 feet.

GERI VICARI had mentioned that her and JOHN had discussed the incident on Thursday night with some people at the dock and that they had pretty much seen the same thing.

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LARRY H. WADELL, Date of Birth (DOB) May 22, 1952, Social Security Number 076-44-3402, 32 Brushy Neck Lane, Speonk, New York, telephone (516) 325-8968, another residence in Fort Lee, New Jersey, telephone (201) 585-2344, provided the following information:

At approximately 8:20 or 8:30 PM, WADELL was on his deck which faces the south shore. WADELL was having dinner with his wife, ORITH WADELL, SABRINA SALTIEL, and MICHELLE MAROTI. WADELL's wife observed a white ball shooting across the sky and brought this to his attention. WADELL advised that it looked like a shooting star. WADELL advised that the white ball travelled on an arc from right to left (approximately west to east). The arc travelled on a decline from its initial sighting. the ball left a "skinny" white trail. From their position, looking south, at approximately a nine (9) o'clock position the ball exploded into a large whitish grey ball of smoke. Then a wide orange/reddish flame travelled upward to the smoke ball. Shortly after the wide flame disappeared, two strong earthquake type rumblings were felt and heard. WADELL advised that the entire incident occurred in ten (10) seconds or less. WADELL commented that the fireball and arc were east of the accident site. Additionally, he advised that it appeared to occur over the bay. ORITH WADELL corroborated the above information.

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BILL WARD, 86 Balin Avenue, South Setauket, New York, 516-68[illegible] 7182, was interviewed at his residence.

WARD advised that on July 17, 1996, at approximately 8:30 P.M. he was travelling east bound on the Long Island Expressway somewhere near exit 58. He happened to be looking towards the south east when he saw a flash high in the sky. The flash hung in the sky for several seconds before it began to fall and break apart. WARD thought it was some type of fireworks and was surprised because it was still light outside and was too early in the evening for fireworks.

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DONNA ABRUZZO was interviewed at her residence, 232 Southport Street, Ronkonkoma, New York. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, ABRUZZO provided the following information:

The evening of July 17, 1996, ABRUZZO was having dinner with her husband, VINCENT ABRUZZO, at RIVERVIEW RESTAURANT in Oakdale, Long Island. ABRUZZO had a window seat in the restaurant. Her seat faced eastbound over the Great South Bay. Her husband was facing westbound.

At about 8:15 PM, ABRUZZO saw an orange elongated mass shoot straight up from the horizon. From her vantage point, the object was like a wide baseball bat. She did not see any smoke trailing the object. An orange glow seemed to follow it, but quickly dissipated.

The object went straight up into the sky for about two seconds, reached its apex, and then broke apart and descended in smaller orange glowing pieces. ABRUZZO did not observe any fire ball, and did not hear any sounds throughout the event.

ABRUZZO estimated that the object ascended from several miles in the distance, but could not tell if it originated from land or sea. Because of the bright glow of the object and it's distance from her, ABRUZZO thought that the object was something more than just a flare. As the pieces broke and descended, ABRUZZO lost visual contact beyond the horizon.

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MARIANNE (NMN) CANDITO, 50 Oceanview Avenue, Oakdale, New York, 516-563-9519 was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview. CANDITO then furnished the following information:

CANDITO was on her boat called SUMMER ASSOCIATE on Wednesday, July 17, 1996 with her family - STEVEN A. CANDITO SR., Date of Birth July 20, 1958; STEVEN A. CANDITO JR., Date of Birth March 9, 1993 and DAVID CANDITO July 23, 1995. The boat was located in the Great South Bay at the end of the Connetquot River. The boat was facing north and CANDITO was facing south.

At exactly 8:23 P.M. CANDITO looked in the sky and saw an explosion in the air. CANDITO did not hear any noise associated with the explosion. After the explosion, objects were seen falling from the sky. The falling objects were described as being bright red and orange in color. It took approximately 15-20 seconds for the objects to fall behind the horizons. CANDITO stated the explosion resembled fireworks and the fallen objects resembled a distress flare. CANDITO went out on the boat at approximately 7:00 P.M. and returned at approximately 8:40 P.M.

CANDITO stated her husband STEVEN A. CANDITO Sr. and her neighbor RICH STETTNER, 39 Ocean View Avenue, Oakdale, New York also witnessed the explosion. CANDITO advised STETTNER was interviewed by a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent on July 21, 1996.

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On July 20, 1996, ROBERT CASOLA, 230 7 Ponds Town Road, Watermill, New York 11970, home telephone number (516) 726-5402, work telephone number (516) 281-5454, date of birth May 21, 1966, was interviewed at Westhampton Ambulance Center, Westhampton, New York. He was advised of the nature of the interview and the identity of the interviewing agents. He then provided the following information:

On July 17, 1996, ROBERT CASOLA, was out fishing for about an hour or two and was returning with three other individuals, LUKE J. CASOLA, ZACHARY CLANAHAN, and EDWIN EVANS, in his boat sometime after 8:00pm. ROBERT CASOLA was turned around watching some birds about five hundred to six hundred feet away in a direction of south when he saw a white line tracing up into the sky. ROBERT CASOLA does not remember seeing the line come all the way from the horizon. The line went straight vertical the entire time for a total of 2 seconds. He remembered thinking it was a flare as he had just purchased some flares sometime earlier. The highest point of the "flare" white line was about one foot above the horizon and the line was consistent. At the top of the white line appeared little red light or orangish-red circle which hovered or floated for a second, after which, a big dark red explosion appeared about an inch below the little red light. This bigger explosion was about a quarter inch in length. It hovered for a second, appeared to break apart from its round shape, and fell to the horizon in approximately two seconds. As the bigger explosion came down it became less red and more smokey - grayer about half of the way down. The big explosion came down along pretty much the same line as the white line had gone up. The entire incident from the time the white line first appeared until the explosion met the horizon took approximately 10 to 15 seconds.

ROBERT CASOLA earlier had been at the 1 mile marker South of Shinnecock Inlet and had proceeded on a heading of 360 degrees magnetic to return to the inlet. The white line was approximately in a one o'clock position relative to the one mile marker from ROBERT CASOLA.

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by SA STEVEN BONGARDT
SA CHARLES J. RUSSELL:msp

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JOSEPH J. COLLINS, Date of Birth (DOB) - June 14, 1971, residing at 70 Union Avenue, East Patchogue, New York, telephone number (516) 286-1584, was advised of the official identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview. COLLINS then provided the following information:

COLLINS and his brother, WILLIAM A. COLLINS, JR., DOB - August 2, 1955, were walking their dog at SMITH POINT BEACH in Mastic, New York, at approximately 8:30 PM to 8:45 PM. COLLINS advised they were walking in the parking lot facing south towards the ocean when they saw a light heading straight up in the sky just east of their location. The light was a small red ball that they caught half-way up in the sky. The red ball looked like a flare that had been fired from the beach. No smoke trail was observed emanating from the red ball. Nothing was observed falling from the red ball. The red ball took approximately four seconds to impact from halfway up in the sky. Upon impact, COLLINS observed a large fireball which drifted or floated westward while dripping fire and breaking up further. A smoke trail came from the explosion. COLLINS drew a sketch. Special Agent (SA) SHEA wrote notes on the sketch as directed by COLLINS.

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CAROL CORCORAN, 33 Old Country Road, Westhampton, New York, telephone number (516) 288-2433, Date of Birth, April 9, 1949, was interviewed at the WEST HAMILTON AMBULANCE facility. CORCORAN stated she was on Rogers Beach with her husband, DERMIT and her son on Wednesday, July 17, 1996. They were standing in the area of Lashley Pavilion in front of the lifeguard chair looking directly into the ocean. CORCORAN saw a "yellow star" about ten miles out to sea. She noticed at least three black/red pieces flying out in an umbrella shape. She determined the distance by the time it took for the sound to reach her. The object fell about six seconds to the water then black smoke rose for about four seconds then she heard a rumble. The rumble was the only sound she heard and it seemed to be one long rumble coming at her in about three "waves".

The fiery object was falling in two main pieces which were a deep orange/red and gave the appearance of paint dripping down a wall as it fell straight down. As it hit the water it appeared to flame up and maybe there was another explosion. Flames went up into the sky about 1/5 to 1/4 the height from the altitude of the original sighting. CORCORAN stated another piece flew to the right. This piece which was a yellow/gold color flew a little higher then the flames and started back down and went out of sight.

CORCORAN stated about one minute after all this was over she had the impression the object that fell was a large airplane. Just as the rumbling stopped a military helicopter flew by.

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THOMAS A. DOUGHERTY was interviewed by Detective STEPHEN JENSEN and Detective CALVIN POWELL of the Suffolk County Police Department. The interview was conducted on July 20, 1996.

Detective STEPHEN JENSEN and Detective CALVIN POWELL 835, of the 6th Squad Detectives, interviewed the following Subject during the course of this investigation;

DOUGHERTY, THOMAS A. - Date of Birth July 9, 1938
3 Beachland Avenue
East Quogue, New York 11942
Phone number 728-5117

The witness was interviewed at the Westhampton Ambulance Company on Montauk Highway, Westhampton, New York on July 20, 1996, at 1700 hours. He stated that he was exiting Dockers Restaurant on Dune Road, Quogue, New York at approximately 20:45 hours on the date of incident. His attention was drawn south by what he thought was two claps of thunder. DOUGHERTY observed an orange/white glow diminishing in size as it moved away from him. Glow was rising skyward from southwest of his position. He thought it was a flare or fireworks from the beach. At top of trajectory he observed a whitish glow and an object dropped into the ocean, on fire. He then heard more thunder and an orange ball of flames dropping toward the ocean. He states houses on south side of Dune Road obstructed his view of the ocean.

Distance of sightings cannot be stated. Witness states he was accompanied by KEMBRINK, LISA, Southampton Town Attorney and a Southampton Police Officer, name unknown.

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Mr. EDWIN EVANS was interviewed by Detective MICHAEL CALVIN and Detective GARY MILLER of the Suffolk County Police Department. The interview was conducted on July 20, 1996.

On July 20, 1996, the undersigned and Detective GARY MILLER 953, interviewed EDWIN A. EVANS, Date of Birth July 15, 1966. The interview took place at Mr. EVANS residence at the Sag Harbor Inn, 30 West Water Street, Sag Harbor, New York, Room 303, Telephone number 725-2417. The interview started at approximately 18:30 hours. In sum and substance, EDWIN EVANS related the following on July 17, 1996, at about 20:30 hours, he was in a boat owned by BOB CASOLA. LUKE CASOLA and ZACHERY CLANAHAN were also on the boat. They were fishing in the ocean off Shinnecock Inlet. The boat was heading north toward the inlet on a line from the one mile sea buoy. They were about 1/4 to 1/2 mile north of the buoy. He saw what he thought was a flare straight behind the boat or a little to the right of the boat. He was not able to estimate the height of the flare. He described the flare as a white wispy trail that went straight up. When he saw this, he said "look at the flare" to the other people on the boat. He followed the flare for about five seconds, when the flare turned into an orange burst. He then saw black smoke, but he did not see anything fall to the water. The point where the flare turned into an orange burst which looked to be several miles south of the mile marker. The lighting was such that he could still see the mile marker that was about half mile from his location.

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SANDRA (NMN) FEALY, Date of Birth September 30, 1953, 37 Glen Eagles Court, Whitburn, West Lothian, Scotland was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview. FEALY then furnished the following information:

FEALY was on the upper deck of the 8:15 P.M. ferry from Patchogue to Davis Park, Fire Island, New York, on Wednesday, July 17, 1996 with her daughter LAURA FEALY, Date of Birth March 7, 1984. At approximately 8:30 - 8:35 P.M. FEALY observed several large objects falling from the sky. Some of the falling objects appeared to shoot in an upward direction. The objects appeared to be on fire. The falling objects were mainly in two large sections before they fell out of sight. A small plane was also seen near the falling objects.

FEALY will be in the United States until Saturday, July 27, 1996. She was unable to furnish a temporary telephone number or address of where she is residing in the United States.

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THOMAS B. FORD, Date of Birth December 12, 1955, 123 Roseland Lane, East Patchogue, New York, 11772, home telephone number 516-286-7446 was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview. FORD then furnished the following information:

FORD was sitting outside the Swan River, a snack bar in East Patchogue, on Wednesday, July 17, 1996. At approximately 8:30 - 9:00 P.M. FORD observed a large red glow followed by a bright red tail falling from the sky. No noise accompanied the falling object. It took approximately 30 seconds for the objects to fall beyond the horizon.

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JEANNIE MARIE GROGAN, white female, date of birth June 27, 1970, Social Security Number 239-45-4423, residing at 142 Davie Lane, Madison, North Carolina, home telephone number (910) 548-6226, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview. GROGAN was interviewed at her residence regarding what she witnessed on July 17, 1996, at Long Island, New York. GROGAN advised the following:

On July 17, 1996, at approximately 4:38 p.m., GROGAN was on the Mobay (Phonetic) section of Long Island Beach, New York. GROGAN had just looked at her watch and noted it was 8:37 p.m. when she noticed an aircraft climbing in the sky traveling from her right to her left. GROGAN advised that she has a tendency to observe airplanes when she is outside. GROGAN advised that the sun was setting behind her as she was watching the aircraft. GROGAN noticed that the aircraft appeared to level off. GROGAN thought that the aircraft was too low of an altitude to be leveling off at the time. While keeping her eyes on the aircraft, GROGAN observed a "red streak" moving up from the ground toward the aircraft at an approximate 45 degree angle. The "red streak" wa- leaving a light gray colored smoke trail. The "red streak" went past the right side and above the aircraft before arcking back toward the aircrafts right wing. GROGAN described the arch's shape as resembling an upside down Nike "swoosh" logo. GROGAN advised that her perception of the length of the smoke trail was 15 feet. The smoke trail was narrow initially and widened as it approached the aircraft.

GROGAN initially thought someone had set of a flair and commented same to her friends SCOTT and PAULINE BARROWS of Long Island. GROGAN never took her eyes off the aircraft during this entire time.

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At the instant the smoke trail ended at the aircrafts right wing, GROGAN heard a loud sharp noise which sounded like a firecracker had just exploded at her feet. GROGAN then observed a fire at the aircraft followed by one or two secondary explosions which had a deeper sound.

GROGAN observed the front of the aircraft separate from the back. GROGAN then observed burning pieces of debree falling from the aircraft.

GROGAN advised that she was in New York City from July 10, 1996, until July 18, 1996, when she returned to her North Carolina residence.

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KEITH CHARLES INTEMANN (also known as KC), Date of Birth September 1, 1978, 336 South Country Road, Brookhaven, New York, 11719, home telephone number 516-286-2792, Social Security Number 129-78-8922 was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview:

On Wednesday, July 17, 1996, INTEMANN was on his boat called THE BETSY along with KATE INTEMANN, 336 South Country Road, Brookhaven, New York, 11719, home telephone number 516-286-2792, RACHEL CHILCOTT (phonetic) home telephone numbers 516-427-2738 and 516-286-6393. The boat was idling in the Great South Bay west of the Smith Point Bridge.

Between 8:30 - 8:45 P.M. INTEMANN stated he saw a reddish/orange object projecting in an upward southern position east of the Smith Point Bridge. INTEMANN stated the object looked like a flare.

INTERMANN stated he maintained view of the object until he saw an explosion in the air. After the explosion, two large objects were seen falling from the sky. One piece was falling faster than the other. INTEMANN believed the object was a firework until he got home and heard about the plane crash.

INTEMANN stated he did not report this incident to anyone in authority. He also stated that the visibility was clear that night.. INTEMANN was on his boat from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM.

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BRIAN KIRCHNER and DOUG FLYNN were telephonically interviewed pertaining to the night of July 17, 1996. KIRCHNER and FLYNN contacted the New York Office of the FBI relative to what they saw while boating on July 17, 1996. According to KIRCHNER and FLYNN, they were with three other individuals at approximately 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening, July 17, 1996. They were surfing by Great Gun beach in Moriches Bay west of the Moriches inlet. At approximately 8:30 KIRCHNER and FLYNN stated that the visibility was pretty good and it was just about dusk. They saw what appeared to be a flare being fired from a boat in the bay. They stated that the flare did not appear to be an ordinary flare, and it could have been something like a fireworks, but the burst at the end of the flare seemed pretty unusual. It was not a normal boat flare that they are used to. They said the flare disappeared into black smoke behind a dune and it burst pretty low over the horizon. The boat that these individuals thought that the flare came from was a Pro-line center console occupied by two males white, thirty years of age. This boat was approximately two hundred yards away from KIRCHNER and FLYNN while they were surfing, but they could not tell how far away it was from them when they saw the flare being fired. They said these males did not appear to be fishing and seemed to just be sitting in the boat.

Both KIRCHNER and FLYNN stated that another unusual incident occurred approximately 8 o'clock that night, when a small single engine plane (perhaps yellow in color) flew west approximately fifty feet over the water and then disappeared. Approximately twenty minutes later at about 8:20 p.m. the plane came back from the other direction again very low over the water.

Both KIRCHNER and FLYNN stated that when the flare (or what appeared to be a flare) burst they did not hear or see any other explosion or burst of light. It wasn't until they got home that they heard about the TWA disaster. KIRCHNER and flynn stated that when they saw this flare go up they were pulling away from the dock on the bay side of the barrier beach. All the passengers in the boat were sitting facing south and the boat was

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headed in a northerly direction. The flare appeared on the left side of the boat while they were pulling away from the dock.

BRIAN KIRCHNER is seventeen years of age, date of birth January 18, 1979, resides at 56 Hewitt Boulevard in Center Moriches, New York, telephone number (516) 878-2502. DOUG FLYNN, seventeen years of age, date of birth May 18, 1979, resides at 35 Surrey Drive inCenter Moriches, New York, telephone number (516) 878-1687. Also on the boat were LUKE KEISER, telephone number (516) 874-4681. KEVIN PLANZ, telephone number (516) 878-0332 and DONNIE DAVIS ALSO of Center Moriches, telephone number unknown.

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On 7/20/96, SA William F. Lynch, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), interviewed BRIAN KIRCHNER, a white male, who resides in at 56 Hewitt Blvd, Center Moriches, New York. KIRCHNER was interviewed regarding his sightings of a "flare" he observed rising from the ocean, in the vicinity of SMITH POINT OUTER BEACH, at approximately 8:30 PM, on 7/17/96. He advised as follows:

BRIAN KIRCHNER and his friend DOUG FLYNN, were surfing from approximately 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM, at the above beach, on the evening of 7/17/96, and were approximately 100 feet off shore. While surfing, they noticed a white "PRO LINE" type fiberglass boat, which appeared to be 19 - 20 feet in length. This boat was approximately 300 feet further out in the water, making it approximately 400 feet from shore. The boat was occupied by two dark haired white males, who were not fishing, and KIRCHNER noted the boat was not anchored.

At approximately 8:15 PM, KIRCHNER and his friend DOUG FLYNN stopped surfing, departed the beach, and began to make their way to "GREAT GUN BEACH" marina, which was directly north of where they had been surfing, but over the sand dune, and on the inlet.

At approximately 8:30 PM, as KIRCHNER and FLYNN were pulling away from the marina dock in their boat, KIRCHNER noted a flare rising from the ocean side of the sand dune, in the vicinity of where he and FLYNN had been surfing, and in the general vicinity of where the aforementioned boat had been.

The "flare" was rising just to the left of the flag pole on GREAT GUN BEACH, as one views that flag pole, looking toward the ocean, while standing on the marina dock. PRECISE AZIMUTH?

The "flare" went straight up, and KIRCHNER seeing black smoke, assumed it had burned out.

KIRCHNER stated he has been "around the water" all his life, and has seen many flares. He described this flare as larger than usual, and noted that it also climbed more steeply than usual.

KIRCHNER also recalled that at approximately 8:00 PM, just before he and FLYNN stopped surfing, he noted a small yellow and white plane flying west, along the beach, at approximately 50 feet over the water. At 8:05 PM, he recalled that same plane returning, now flying easterly, along the beach.

Finally, KIRCHNER also recalled that a woman named First Name Unknown (FNU) PERRY who resides on Senix Avenue, Center Moriches, New York, had also seen the above described "flare" at the same time he had. He recalled that Ms. PERRY had

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On July 20, 1996, ANTHONY LORE, Date of Birth (DOB) June 5, 1952, was interviewed at his home, 29 Hewitt Boulevard, Center Moriches, New York, telephone number (516) 878-0729. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, LORE provided the following information:

On July 17, 1996, at approximately 8:30 PM to 8:45 PM, LORE was on his boat, with his wife, docked at the SENIX MARINA, 50 Senix Avenue, Center Moriches, New York. He stated that while looking to the south towards the Atlantic Ocean, he observed a ball of orange fire arcing upward with a white smoke tail. LORE said the object looked like a "roman candle" firework. Approximately ten seconds later, he saw a large reddish-orange fireball where the firework-type object disappeared. LORE further stated that the fireball fell at a sixty degree down angle and appeared to knife-edge shortly before he lost sight of it near the horizon.

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SA BARTHOLOMEW AVERSANO, ATF (SGK:hrg) Date dictated 07/23/96

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THOMAS MACKIE, Surveyor, GREAT LAKES DREDGING COMPANY, 816 Dune Road, West Hampton, New York, telephone (516) 288-9040, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and purpose of the interview and thereafter provided the following information:

On Wednesday night, July 17, 1996, he was on West Hampton Beach starting at 7:00 PM, to set up grade stakes on the beach.

At approximately 8:40 PM, he was facing south, into the ocean and looking generally upward, toward the sky, which was somewhat lit. To the east of him, he first noticed a red/orange glow in the sky, as it travelled easterly and grew in size. After two to three seconds, he heard the first of two explosions. A small fireball arched and then, a second or two later, the second explosion occurred. MACKIE explained that this second explosion caused a bigger, bright orange fireball.

MACKIE stated that after the second explosion the large fireball fell down toward the horizon in two pieces. A large piece (west) and smaller piece (east) fell together and could be seen as a mountain of flames as it hit the horizon. Black smoke, topped by white smoke could be seen a short time afterward in the area of the flames.

MACKIE estimated that this occurred nine or ten miles out to sea from the beach and about one mile east of his location. MACKIE stated that the initial red/orange glow came from the North-Northwest direction (over his left shoulder). He heard the noise of the explosion about 45 seconds after seeing it and estimated the distance from that.

MACKIE stated that he is currently residing at 33 Peacock Path, East Quogue, New York, telephone (516) 653-8110. The number for his home office is 1-800-323-7100.

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by SA KIM A. CROWELL/vao

SA FRANK M. FINN/vao

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DEANA MICELI was interviewed at her residence, 4 Grand View Drive, Blue Point, New York. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, MICELI provided the following information:

At about 8:30 P.M. on the evening of July 17, 1996, MICELI was on her deck which extends into, and directly overlooks Patchogue Bay. MICELI was facing due south toward Davis Park and Watch Hill when she saw three orange lights shoot out from the horizon in quick succession. The lights were solid orange in color and had a yellow tinge toward the outside. The lights seems to originate from the Davis Park Island area itself. MICELI estimated that the distance from her deck to Davis Park was about five miles.

The orange lights appeared to be heading toward her, which would be northbound, as they appeared to be getting larger. However, after only about two seconds, when the lights were only about two inches above the horizon, the lights disappeared.

MICELI did not hear any sounds at all. MICELI believed that this was more that just a flare or a firework because of the density of the orange glare.

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by SA JAMES J. ROTHE
SA GREGORY J. O'NEILL/MAM

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PATRICIA NELSON, Date of Birth-November 18, 1943, was advised of the nature of this investigation and the identities of the investigating agent and detective. She provided the following information:

On July 17, 1996, she was at the beach near the campgrounds at Smith Point Park on Fire Island, New York, with her husband GEORGE. At about 8:25 PM, she and her husband had walked to the waters edge in front of camp site number 29. At about 8:40 PM, she noticed something like fireworks or a flare going up from the water. It first appeared to be a fiery orange color. She also noticed white smoke. She then observed a bright orange explosion in the sky about half way up in the sky. She then observed this fireball fall into the sea beyond the horizon. This all occurred to the south and east of her location. It was almost directly south of the Moriches inlet. She recalls thinking to herself "how stupid it is to shoot fireworks from a boat."

PATRICIA NELSON resides at 537 Sleepy Hollow Drive, North Shirley, New York. Her home telephone is (516) 924-7227. She is employed by NYNEX at Patchogue, New York. Her work number is 516 890-1502.

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Det. SCOTT BLANSFIELD (SCPD)
SA JAMES McCARTHY (FBI) (JM:mxb)

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Anton Ted Nigosian, Date/Place of Birth (D/POB) January 24, 1953 at New York (NY), NY, Social Security Number (SSN) 153-42-8569, residence 78 Moriches Avenue, East Moriches, NY, phone (516) 878-3014, work telephone (516) 878-0205, was interviewed at the Coast Guard Command Center, East Moriches, NY. Present during the interview was Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agent (SA) Paul Shea; Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Senior Intelligence Officer Robert A. Doherty and DIA Surface to Air Missile Armaments Analyst Thomas F. LeBlanc; and Suffolk County Police Department (SCPD) Detective Jim Fanning.

Nigosian was cooperative, but was difficult to follow, as his speech was at times tangential. He provided the following information:

On Wednesday, July 17, 1996, Nigosian went fishing about 8:10 PM in the bay about one mile due south of the United States Coast Guard Station at East Moriches, NY. Sometime later (time unspecified), he saw a plane coming from west to east and then what looked like a "smaller" plane coming from the northeast on a dead course heading toward the nose of the larger plane. There was no smoke tail on the "smaller plane." Nigosian saw the smaller plane for about 3 or 4 seconds before hearing a crackling sound and saw what looked like aerial bomb fireworks. The larger plane blew up and became a big fireball which then broke into four pieces. Nigosian heard a sound like paper crackling when the "two planes" crunched up, then a whooshing sound. The sun was to the west of the Coast Guard station. Nigosian did see a green light, but this might have been one of the lights from the big plane.

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On July 19, 1996, JENNIFER A. TOPPEL, date of birth November 20, 1969, 1100 Southwest Fifth Street, Boca Raton, Florida, 33486, home telephone number (407) 393-3893, was interviewed at her parents' home 133 Dune Road, Westhampton, New York. She was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview. She then provided the following information:

On July 17, 1996, at approximately 8:25pm, TOPPEL was having dinner with her fiance, VINCE SAWYER, and her parents, at her parents' home, 133 Dune Road, Westhampton, New York. TOPPEL was facing the water in the direction of South-Southeast, when she saw a white light, along the horizon out the window to the left. The light was described as a very bright shooting star, or a bright white light, and moved from the left to right, in an arc, for approximately five to ten seconds. On the way down from the highest point of the arc, it disappeared for a second, and then reappeared as an orange flicker. It stayed there for a moment and then grew into an orange ball. The ball dropped to the horizon in approximately ten to twenty seconds - enough time for TOPPEL, her fiance, and parents to go out on the deck. Approximately one or two seconds after the ball hit the water, TOPPEL heard a boom. After a couple more seconds, TOPPEL heard a second boom, and, after a shorter period of time, a third boom. The first boom was the most intense.

The distance from TOPPEL to the orange ball, and the distance from TOPPEL to the white light, appeared to be the same. The white light appeared to have a door width length tail. (The door used as a reference was approximately 10 feet away and approximately 3 feet wide).

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DON WENK, Jr., 66 Hill Drive, Oyster Bay, New York, residence telephone (516) 624-7133, work telephone (516) 349-7010, Date of Birth July 9, 1953, Social Security Number 113-44-3584, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview. WENK provided the following information:

WENK was standing 40 feet above sea level on the deck of his father's residence located at 161 Dune Road, Westhampton Beach, New York. Also with WENK was his 15-year-old son. The deck overlooks the ocean. WENK observed a tiny, extremely bright orange glow at approximately 10,000 feet high and seven to eight miles to the west, near the Moriches Inlet. The glow descended from west to east. When the glow reached 5,000 feet, it increased in size and generated a trail of flame. At 1,000 feet, the glow and flame became very large. From the initial sighting to this point, approximately 12 seconds had passed. At 1,000 feet, the aircraft was visible. The aircraft's underbelly was faced to the north and the aircraft's wings were extended to the west and east. The nose was down and the tail was at the top. The bottom of the right wing was in immense flames. The underside of the left wing was not in flames, but the top of the wing was in immense flames. The tail was also in flames. WENK did not notice the aircraft engines.

At arms length distance, WENK estimated that the plane became visible five inches from the horizon. At arms length, WENK estimated the height and width of the plane to be five inches. WENK was facing south and advised that the plane ultimately crashed at his 12:00 position. Initially, he believed that it crashed two to five miles south. About 30 seconds after the crash, he heard a "firecracker" type explosion, then an enormous explosion that rocked the house. WENK advised that it was incredibly loud. From the moment WENK observed the plane at 1,000 feet to the crash, he estimated that two seconds had passed. WENK advised that his 15-year-old son, DON WENK III, observed an object spiraling northwest of the initial impact. WENK advised that his son said the object was "definitely" not on fire.

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The entire incident that WENK observed lasted approximately 14 seconds.

WENK provided a detailed drawing of his observations.

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CLIFFORD WESTERLAND, 460 Boxwood Drive, Shirley, New York, telephone (516) 924-0989, Date of Birth August 26, 1949, employed at KING KULLEN GROCERY, 1194 Prospect Avenue, Westbury, New York, telephone (516) 333-0601, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, and thereafter provided the following information from his truck at the Smith Point Beach:

WESTERLAND advised he is a former fireman for the Selden Fire Department. He stated that on Wednesday, July 17, 1996, he was fishing off the second cut on the beach at Smith Point, approximately three miles west of Moriches inlet. He stated he arrived there approximately 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm. At approximately 8:35 pm - 8:40 pm, as it was just becoming dark, he looked up into the sky and saw the red lights blinking on the side of a plane, and a star in the sky. He stated he then saw an instant burst and flames start coming down from the sky in a mushroom shape. He stated that he did not see any rocket launched, like the radio reported. He said he would have seen it if a missile went off. He stated approximately two seconds after the first explosion, a second burst of flames occurred and flames travelled back upward toward the first burst of flames. He stated he believes this was a result of the unburned fuel. WESTERLAND stated within a matter of seconds, the water was on fire and smoke was in a mushroom shape travelling up into the sky. The smoke was black nearer the water and a white cloud in the sky. WESTERLAND again stated he did not see anything going up toward the plane prior to the explosion.

WESTERLAND stated he did see a small single engine white airplane with a red trim flying very low approximately two - three minutes prior to the plane exploding. He stated the plane was flying so low near him he even waived to the pilot. WESTERLAND described the pilot as a male approximately 40 - 50 years old, chubby, and having light brown hair. He stated the plane flew right over him and he could tell there was only one person in the plane. WESTERLAND stated he has seen planes flying low before, but this was unusual because this airplane had a closed cockpit. He stated it was not an ultra light airplane

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like is usually seen in the area. He stated he highly doubted that anything could have been shot out from this kind of airplane.

WESTERLAND stated his friend JOE BARSUASKAS, who works with him at KING KULLEN, was fishing with his friend MIKE ZUK at the time of the crash and may be able to provide further information. He also stated a person named AL "the plumber" was on a boat fishing when the explosion occurred, but he did not know how to reach him. He stated the owner of SMITH POINT BAY AND TACKLE STORE, MIKE, located in Mastic or Shirley, may know how to reach AL "the plumber."

WESTERLAND drew a picture of what he saw the night the plane crashed. Picture included with notes of interview.

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On July 21, 1996, ROBERT J. BRAND, Date of Birth (DOB) March 5, 1972, 28 Woodbine Lane, East Moriches, New York, telephone (516) 878-9842, was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview. BRAND then furnished the following information:

On July 17, 1996, at 8:00 PM, BRAND drove to the SILLY LILLY'S FISHING STATION, Adelaide Avenue, East Moriches, New York, and parked in the parking lot to wait for a friend. During this time, BRAND was facing south watching the boats and jet skis in the water. At approximately 8:40 PM, BRAND observed what appeared to be a red flare begin its ascent above the horizon line (half way between the water and the point of explosion). The direction of the flare-like object (FLO) was due south from BRAND at a distance of seven-eight (7-8) miles. The FLO's path was straight up for approximately three (3) seconds and at a high rate of speed and terminated in a bright white explosion at an undetermined altitude and followed by a boom. After the explosion, BRAND described a sheet of flames that fell towards the water which turned to thick black smoke that also descended from the point of explosion and to his left (easterly). After BRAND lost sight of the flames below the horizon, he heard four (4) booms.

BRAND advised that he thought the flames landed in the vicinity of Dune Road to his south although his estimate of its distance from him was 7-8 miles. BRAND stated that several small boats (not commercial) and jet ski's were in the water to his front but he said that there was nothing unusual or peculiar. BRAND reiterated that he did not see a point of origin of the FLO in the water and that it appeared to have originated at a distance halfway to the point of explosion. BRAND stated that the FLO was red in color but he was unable to describe any smoke trail.

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JACK CORRAO, 45 Watchogue Avenue, East Moriches, New York, telephone number (516) 873-3714, was interviewed on July 21, 1996 at ABBOTTS HARTS COVE MARINA, INC., 29 Maple Avenue, East Moriches, New York, 11940, telephone number (516) 878-3700. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, CORRAO provided the following information:

Approximately 8:20 PM on July 17, 1996, CORRAO returned to his slip at ABBOTTS HARTS COVE MARINA after boating with his wife, ANGELA CORRAO, in Moriches Bay. Soon thereafter, while standing on the dock next to his boat, and looking south of his position, he saw what appeared to be a flare. He could not determine whether the flare was rising up or dropping down. The flare was already in mid-air when he first saw it; he did not see it leave the ground. He does not know whether the flare had a tail, and he is not sure in what direction the flare was traveling. However, he said the flare ended in a big ball of flames. CARRAO did not see a plane before he saw the explosion. CARRAO did not know how long he saw the flare before he saw the explosion. CARRAO is able to describe where the flair was located in the sky when he first saw it, and where in the sky he saw the big ball of flames. CORRAO had no further information.

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ANN D. DECARO was interviewed by an Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). DECARO was advised of the identity of the SA and the purpose of the interview. DECARO thereafter voluntarily provided the following information:

DECARO advised that she and her friend BETTY MANZELLA often enjoy going for a walk together in the evening sometime between 7:00pm to 7:30pm. They would walk the track at a local high school. DECARO advised that they usually walked for approximately one hour. DECARO advised that it is customary that DECARO will drive to MANZELLA's residence pick up MANZELLA and the two of them would drive directly to the track. Where?

DECARO advised that she recalls on Wednesday evening of this week that she had received a telephone call from her friend BETTY MANZELLA indicating that she would be delayed a little bit, but that she was still interested in going for their walk. DECARO advised that she indicated to MANZELLA telephonically that she would pick her sometime around 7:20pm to 7:30pm that evening. DECARO advised that they usually go walking approximately five or six times per week. Further, that they customarily complete fourteen laps while at the track. DECARO advised that routinely she walks in the inside and her friend BETTY MANZELLA walks on the outside around the track. DECARO advised that as she approached the curve in the track she took notice of an object that was above the tree line in the sky. DECARO further described this object as one that was ascending at a very high rated of speed at the tip was a very bright light with a bright yellowish or orange tail. DECARO advised that she observed this for less than five seconds when she temporarily lost it. She assumed that it was some type of firework display. Within a few seconds her friend BETTY MANZELLA states something to the effect, my God people are dying. DECARO responds to her friend MANZELLA by stating oh no that's fireworks looking up at a bright explosion, the same direction as the previously observed "fireworks." BETTY MANZELLA then explains to ANN D. DECARO that in fact MANZELLA had a few seconds prior to this explosion, viewed an aircraft heading in that direction. Further, that the now fire ball that they were both looking at together was the

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result of a plane exploding. DECARO stated that neither she nor her friend MANZELLA knew the size or type of aircraft that had exploded into flames and came down into the horizon beyond the tree line.

DECARO advised that she did not observe an aircraft and only observed this "bottle racket type missile" ascending from left to right at a very high rate of speed for several seconds prior to losing it. DECARO advised that they both had become so upset with this that they had stopped their walk around the twelfth lap and proceeded to the residence.

At the conclusion of the DECARO interview, BETTY MANZELLA was interviewed. At the conclusion of the MANZELLA interview both DECARO and MANZELLA were transported by the interviewing Agent to the high school track and field area where they had made the observation on Wednesday, July 17, 1996, at approximately 8:30pm.

The following was observed through observation and interview:

Name:	ANN D. DECARO
Residence:	21 Sheriden Road, Shirley, New York,
Date of Birth:	October 4, 1953
Sex:	Female
Race:	White
Residence number:	516-399-1304
Employment:	Internal Revenue Service
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The attached Police report is the report of interview of MICHELLE DORNEY by Detectives EDWARD MLODYNIA and JOHN KEARY of the New York State Police Department.

On July 21, 1996, MICHELLE N. DORNEY, Date of Birth March 23, 1980, 413 East Main Street, East Moriches, New York, telephone (516) 878-5694, stated she was upstairs in the house watching television. About 8:10 pm, her brother, ANDERS, age 7, was also in the room looking out the window which faces Gunn Hill of Smith Point Park. He told me to come over and look at the firework which went off. She claimed she saw a sparkly thing go up into the sky and did not see anything else. ANDERS DORNEY, age 7, same address, said he saw a sparkly thing go up and then a bigger sparkly thing come down. He thought it was a "red sparkly" firework.

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On July 21, 1996, at approximately 4:17 p.m., Detective ARTHUR BUKOWSKI and STEPHEN JENSEN of the Suffolk County Police Department interviewed BRANDI ELLISTON, Date of Birth: December 6, 1972, of 1156 Northsea Road, Southampton, New York 11968, telephone number 283-4599 and JOHN GANG, JR., Date of Birth: August 2, 1969, 169 Elm Street, Southampton, New York 11968, telephone number 283-5235. The witnesses advised as follows:

On July 17, 1996 at approximately 8:30 p.m., the above witnesses were in a boat along with five other persons on the Peconic Bay at the end of the bulkhead of the Harbor Cove Inn.

Facing westbound, BRANDI ELLISTON states that she observed a flare shoot upward from the water, ascend with a bright orange-red glow skyward and at its apex, burst into numerous orange red flames. The flare had a very large orange red tail. ELLISTON advised that her boyfriend, JOHN GANG, JR. also watched the flares ascend.

GANG advised that the flare descended into numerous red flames. Neither heard any noise. ELLISTON believes she was approximately thirty miles away, while GANG believes he was five or six miles away.

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On July 21, 1996, PHIL GALANTE and DAVE POLYWODA, 14 Dandelion Road, Rocky Point New York, telephone number (516) 744-4972, were interviewed in regards to their complaint call placed to the Trans World Airline (TWA) Flight 800 hotline on July 21, 1996, at 4:20 p.m. (Control Number TW00546).

PHIL GALANTE was the individual who placed the call. He advised that he and his friend observed what could have been a shooting star or a meteorite fall from the sky and explode on the night of July 17, 1996.

During the interview, the first eyewitness, DAVE POLYWODA, advised that they initially saw what they believed to be a falling star. It was not until a couple of hours later, that they heard news reports concerning TWA Flight 800. They then concluded what they saw was the airplane falling from the sky.

POLYWODA recalled the precise time of his sighting 8:38 p.m. When questioned about the accuracy of his memory, he said that he and his friend GALANTE were on their way to dinner and he was very cognizant of time. POLYWODA said that news reports identifying the time of the explosion at 8:40 p.m. triggered his memory.

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POLYWODA and GALANTE were travelling east bound on 25A near the intersection of Wading River Road. GALANTE was driving, POLYWODA was a passenger. No one else was in the car. POLYWODA looked out of the side window and POLYWODA saw a strange light out of the passenger window of the car. He mentioned it to GALANTE. POLYWODE stated that it was falling rapidly from high in the sky at a forty-five (45) degree angle, west to east. He recalled the light to be orange in color and round in shape. He saw it for several seconds. Midway through its fall, the light appeared to stall in mid-air momentarily before exploding into a ball of fire. POLYWODA said that it was a clear night and the flaring light was clearly visible.

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Both interviewees believed that what they saw was TWA Flight 800 falling in flames, and they were adamant that this event could not have been caused by a missile, even though they offered no factual basis for their conclusion.

During the phone complaint, GALANTE stated that the plane exploded at about 7,000 feet. He admitted during the interview that this was a rough guess and he had no way of knowing the actual altitude.

GALANTE's phone complaint also seemed to indicate that he saw something strike the plane. During the interview, both GALANTE and POLYWODA were questioned extensively about these details. POLYWODA strongly disagreed with his friend, stating that what he saw was just one object apparently TWA Flight 800 falling in flames and exploding. GALANTE ultimately agreed with his friend. GALANTE initially thought he may have seen a meteor falling and hitting something in the sky causing an explosion.

Both agreed that they did not see anything moving from the ground, like a missile, to intercept an aircraft. They only saw a light falling from high in the sky. Both are agreeable to being recontracted.

GALANTE works at CUT RIGHT LANDSCAPE, (516) 928-1693. POLYWODA works with EMERALD LANDSCAPING, (516) 345-6000.

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DEBORAH GALLAGHER, Date of Birth (DOB) September 8, 1955, Social Security Account Number (SSAN) 051-48-4685, was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview. GALLAGHER provided the following information:

GALLAGHER resides at 57 Pinewood Drive, Shirley, New York (NY) 11967 and her home telephone number is (516) 281-0383. GALLAGHER is employed at the Shirley, NY, branch of Key Bank, telephone number (516) 399-3100.

On the evening of Wednesday, July 17, 1996, GALLAGHER was on the beach at Smith Point just east of the boardwalk with her husband and children when she observed a huge "fireball" grow from a black/silvery dot in the sky. GALLAGHER was at the water's edge looking out over the ocean at the time of the occurrence. GALLAGHER watched as the red/orange fireball, which appeared to be momentarily suspended in one spot, began to fall toward the ocean. The fireball was outlined in black. Approximately, one-half of the distance from the horizon to the explosion spot in the sky, the fireball broke into two pieces; one pencil or telephone shaped, and one shaped like a circle. Both pieces continued to fall toward the ocean with the larger pencil-shaped piece falling slightly ahead of the smaller circular-shaped piece. The two pieces were both encircled in flames and close together. GALLAGHER described them as "puzzle pieces that were separate but together."

32 GALLAGHER watched until the flaming pieces hit the surface of the ocean, the larger piece hitting a second or two before the smaller piece. Approximately 5-10 seconds later, GALLAGHER observed a white "flare" type of light rise from the right (west) side of where the two flaming pieces impacted the ocean. The "flare" was pink on the outside and white on the inside. The "flare" appeared to be followed by a black trail of smoke and arced to the east before fading out.

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GALLAGHER believes that the wind was blowing from west to east. GALLAGHER determined this by observing

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the two pieces of the fireball. GALLAGHER observed no boats in the ocean near the impact area. GALLAGHER estimated the explosion was one mile out from the shore. GALLAGHER did not hear an explosion or any other noises that she could associate with the explosion.

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DOMINIC GIORDANO, home address 661 Argosy Street, Islip Terrace, New York, (516) 224-1880, Date of Birth September 23, 1951, Social Security Account Number 099-42-6934, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview. He then provided the following information:

At approximately 8:30 PM on July 17, 1996, GIORDANO was in a fishing boat with his co-workers, ANTHONY ARTERO (Phonetic) (PH) and TONY ESPOSITO. ARTERO (PH) lives in Westchester County, New York, while ESPOSITO lives in Howard Beach, New York. The fishing boat was in the water which GIORDANO described as being just north of the west cut of Moriches Inlet. ARTERO drew GIORDANO's attention to something in the sky. GIORDANO looked up and saw a "big flare," as well as a gray or ash-colored substance above the "flare". GIORDANO thought the object looked like a flare because of his experiences in Vietnam. The object then descended and split into two flames. One flame was oblong-shaped, while the other was round. GIORDANO did not hear any loud noises associated with the object. He and his companions continued fishing in the inlet until they saw Coast Guard boats on the ocean.

GIORDANO had not consumed any alcohol while in the fishing boat. He stated that he does not travel in a boat while under the influence of alcohol.

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On July 21, 1996, LOUIS GEX, 339 Dune Road, Westhampton, New York, (516) 288-7013, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent, and provided the following information:

GEX explained that he is an ex-Air Force pilot, who has flown in combat.

About 8:38 p.m. to 8:48 p.m. on July 17, 1996, GEX and his wife EVELYN were sitting on the couch of their beach house watching television. The back windows of the house look right over the water and are in a south by southeast direction.

GEX heard a loud explosion which actually shook the house. The loud explosion was followed by several smaller explosions.

Approximately one minute to a minute and one-half later, while looking out the back window, GEX saw a large red globe of fire fall very slowly from the sky. GEX estimated that it took at least 30 seconds for the fireball to fall. Although GEX did not actually see it, there was a final explosion as the falling object presumably hit the water.

GEX's vantage point was facing south out over the ocean. GEX did add that the explosion sounded like a "SAM 7" missile hitting a plane, followed by smaller explosions that sounded as if smaller munitions were "cooking off."

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On July 21, 1996, CAROL HAMBEL, 94 Head of Neck Road, Manorville, New York, telephone number (515) 878-0188, was contacted and furnished the following information:

HAMBEL advised that shortly after 8:30 PM, on July 17, 1996, HAMBEL was turning out of the BOSTON MARKET parking lot on the corner of William Floyd and Montauk Highway in Shirley, New York, heading south, when she saw a long red streak with a bright light on top high in the sky. HAMBEL stated that she thought the streak was a firework that never exploded. HAMBEL described the streak as being one (1) foot long, wider at the top, tapering to a point at the bottom. She stated that the streak was leaning to the left, with an arc coming off of the side of it on the right. HAMBEL advised that she did not hear anything but stated that her car windows were rolled up. She stated that she could not tell if the streak was going up or down. She advised that it disappeared from view quickly. HAMBEL estimated that the streak was several miles out at sea from the beach. Her location was four to five (4 to 5) miles inland from the beach.

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Brian Hugh Kirchner, Date/Place of Birth (D/POB) January 18, 1979, at West Islip, New York (NY), Social Security Number (SSN) 058-68-9748, residence 56 Hewitt Boulevard, Center Moriches, NY, was recontacted to obtain azimuth directions for his observations on July 17, 1996 of Trans World Airlines (TWA) flight 800 and/or "a flare" which were reported in previous interview by New York Police Department (NYPD) officers Nick Garcia and Fred DeLuca. Kirchner was taken to the location of those observations at Great Gun Beach, NY, Brookhaven Township, NY, where he provided information to Suffolk County Marine Bureau (SCMB) Deputy Inspector Douglas Matulewich and Police Officer Vincent Termine, who plotted readings using a GPS 45 Personal Navigator and a hand bearing magnetic compass. Also present during this contact were the following individuals: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) - Special Agent (SA) Paul Shea, SA Peter C. Casazza, SA William F. Lynch; SCMB Sergeant Charlie Gerlach; New York Police Department (NYPD) - Detective Nick Garcia and Detective Fred DeLuca; Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) - Senior Intelligence Officer Robert A. Doherty; and Surface to Air Missile Armaments Analyst Thomas F. LeBlanc.

The purpose of recording this and other similar information was to allow for future interpretation of this data.

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On July 21, 1996, Special Agent (SA) WILLIAM F. LYNCH Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), interviewed Mr. ALFRED LINKE, a white male, Date of Birth (DOB) March 26, 1953, Social Security Account Number (SSAN) 091-44-8912. Mr. LINKE resides at 56 Probst Drive, Shirley, New York, (516) 281-4524, and is employed by SWEZEY FUEL OIL COMPANY, Patchogue, New York, (516) 475-0270, extension 116. Mr. LINKE was interviewed regarding his observations concerning the crash of Trans World Airline (TWA) Flight 800, on July 17, 1996. He advised as follows:

OBSERVATIONS OF ALFRED LINKE:

On July 17, 1996, at approximately 8:25 p.m., Mr. LINKE and two friends were fishing for striped bass, approximately one mile off shore, from Great Gun Beach, Town of Brookhaven, Long Island, New York. He described his boat as a twenty-four (24) foot PROLINE center console type and named his friends as ANTHONY FARRANTELLO of Patchogue, New York, and LOUIS FIGLUIZZI, of Patchogue, New York.

The night was clear and while it was dusk, there was considerable daylight left. Visibility was excellent, and the sea was calm.

Mr. LINKE stated after departing his marina in Shirley, New York, he and his two friends fished in several positions in the vicinity of Moriches Inlet, East Moriches, New York.

By 8:25 p.m., Mr. LINKE's boast the "BAYSICK" was positioned, unanchored and drifting, approximately one mile off shore from Great Gun Beach, Town of Brookhaven.

28 LINKE continued that at approximately 8:25 p.m., he first sighted what he thought might be a shooting star, moving in a downward, forty-five (45) degree sloping arc, and added that it was taking a northward turn, and appeared to be heading toward his boat. He described this light as yellow in color, and noted that it got progressively brighter and larger. He also noted that it was moving very fast, and he began to be concerned that it was heading toward him.

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As soon as he noted it, he exclaimed to his two friends, "Look at this," or words to that effect. At this same moment, he realized this object was an airplane, although he had no idea what type or size.

Mr. LINKE continued that almost at the same instant that he identified the object as an airplane, he noted that it had rolled over onto it's left side, and seemed to be hooking northward and downward.

Immediately, the entire right wing separated from the fuselage, and peeled back, alongside the fuselage. Mr. LINKE emphasized that the entire wing was intact as it separated, and stated that he did not see any engine pods on it. He added, however, that this may have been because he was viewing only the top of the right wing.

A FIRE STARTS:

LINKE stated that at the instant the wing separated, a large "fire trail" erupted, which he described as a roaring, rushing sound, and added that he immediately felt a concussion on his chest when this happened. The separated wing disappeared into this fire trail.

The plane now dropping sharply, separated into two parts, being the right wing and the rest of the plane, dropped about one mile, and then hit the water as two separate pieces. As the two pieces hit the water a large curtain of water arose and Mr. LINKE then saw black smoke coming from the impact area. At this point, Mr. LINKE still had no idea of the type or size of the plane, and never did see any markings on it.

Mr. LINKE stated that he became very excited and used his boat's radio to exclaim "MAYDAY" several times to the United States Coast Guard (USCG), and then transmitted "This is the BAYSICK....I want to report an aerial burst and whatever it is crashed into the ocean."

Mr. LINKE then drove his boat toward the fire and got about five (5) miles from the surface fire, having travelled approximately four (4) nautical miles. At this point, he could see surface ablaze, and while he considered going further toward it, decided against this, because he was low on fuel. He did, however, call the USCG again, to report that the "Water was on fire!" before returning to Moriches Inlet.

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Upon entering the inlet, LINKE heard radio traffic from other responding boats, which mentioned "many bodies" in the water.

The next day, July 18, 1996, Mr. LINKE again phoned the Coast Guard to identify himself as the "MAYDAY" caller from the night before. He recalled that the Coast Guardsman he reached was, in fact, the same man to whom he had made his "MAYDAY" call, and added that the man remembered him, and took his (LINKE's) name and phone number.

During this interview, Senior Investigator JOHN F. CASSINO, New York State Police, and the Queens District Attorney's Office was also present.

Detective STANLEY PAWLOSKI, Suffolk County Police Department (SCPD) a Police Artist, also reviewed Mr. LINKE's observations with him, and based upon them, rendered a sketch of what Mr. LINKE saw. That sketch is attached.

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BETTY MANZELLA was interviewed by an Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. MANZELLA was advised of the identity of the SA and the purpose of the interview. MANZELLA thereafter voluntarily provided the following information:

MANZELLA advised that she is friends with ANN D. DECARO also of Shirley, Long Island and that the two women enjoyed walking in the evening at a local high school. MANZELLA advised that they tried to get there every night of the week, however, usually its four or five times per weeks. MANZELLA further advised that usually between 7:00pm and 7:30pm they would depart via ANN DECARO vehicle picking up BETTY MANZELLA at her residence and drive directly to the high school track. MANZELLA advised that they usually walked for an hour completing approximately fourteen laps. MANZELLA advised that they departed a little on the late side on Wednesday, July 17, 1996, due to a commitment she had of picking up her son. MANZELLA advised that to the best of her recollection that it was probably somewhere in the vicinity of twenty minutes to eight or a quarter to eight that ANN DECARO had picked her (MANZELLA) up at her residence to depart for the high school.

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MANZELLA advised that her friend ANN DECARO walks on the inside and she walks on the outside. As they were walking around the track on lap number 12 to the best of her recollection she noticed a plane the reason that she took notice of the plane was because the sun reflected off of it. MANZELLA advised that after first noticing the plane she did not maintained eye contact with it for approximately thirty seconds. MANZELLA advised that as she came to the curve in the track she noticed a large bright light and she remembered saying something to the effect oh my God people are dying. MANZELLA was positive that the bright light - explosion was from the aircraft that she had just observed a few seconds before.

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MANZELLA advised that at no point in time did she see any foreign object whatsoever appear in the sky or near the aircraft in question. MANZELLA recalls that her friend ANN DECARO stated something to the effect "oh no that was fireworks." At the conclusion of this interview BETTY MANZELLA accompanied by her friend ANN DECARO were transported by the interviewing agent to the high school track and field area where they both walked through their description of what they had observed on Wednesday evening July 17, 1996, at approximately 8:30pm.

Following was observed through observation and interview:

Name:	ELIZABETH MANZELLA
Residence:	28 Robinson Drive, Shirley, Long Island, New York
Telephone number:	(516) 395-1925
Date of Birth:	October 19, 1956
Employment:	Suffolk County Board of Elections
Telephone number:	(516) 852-4144
Sex:	Female
Race:	White

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Dr. DAVID PAOLETTA, 17 Fiddler Crab Trail, Westhampton, New York, was contacted at his residence. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, Dr. PAOLETTA provided the following information:

Dr. PAOLETTA stated he was returning home from dinner on July 17, 1996, at approximately 8:30 PM, Dr. PAOLETTA had travelled by his boat, "R&R," with his wife Dr. DONNA BROWN (PAOLETTA), brother-in-law KENNETH BROWN, and BROWN's wife CORINNE. Their three children were below deck.

PAOLETTA's boat was positioned in Moriches Bay just south and slightly west of Beaver Dam Creek, at the mouth of the canal.

PAOLETTA advised he was heading slowly north towards Beaver Dam Creek, which is where he docks his boat. PAOLETTA was actually sitting on the water maneuvering the boat. His back was to the south and the ocean. PAOLETTA advised he was positioned at Buoy 36; however, this number does no correspond to the nautical map numbers.

At approximately 8:30 PM, PAOLETTA's wife stated "It looks like something is in trouble." As PAOLETTA turned around, he saw a large fireball in the sky which split or exploded in two separate fireballs with black smoke. The fireballs took a path that looked like an inverted Y ( ) PAOLETTA stated the first fireball looked like a red/orange sun setting.

Immediately following, PAOLETTA called the United States Coast Guard (USCG) to report what they saw, stating it appeared as though a plane was in trouble. The USCG responded stating the military was conducting pyrotechnique exercises and would this have been what they saw? PAOLETTA responded that they were not sure; however, they then heard two other boats call in similar reports to the USCG. One boat, "EQUITY" was positioned out on the ocean. The other boat, whose name PAOLETTA could not recall, was in the Shinnecock Inlet.

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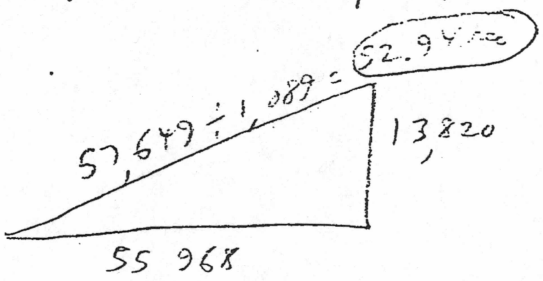
Once PAOLETTA docked his boat he and the others drove to Barrier Island and he and his sister-in-law went on the top deck of a condominium complex to see out in the ocean. PAOLETTA described a large fire mass observed in the water.

PAOLETTA stated his coordinates were taken at the time of the incident; however, he did not have them written down and he identified himself to the USCG as "R&R." PAOLETTA went back on his boat to the exact spot he was at on July 17, 1996 at the time of the incident and obtained the following coordinates:

N 40 degrees 47.825 and W 72 degrees 39.282

PAOLETTA's telephone is (516) 288-6919; business (516) 587-1717.

Important: See Ken Brown description.



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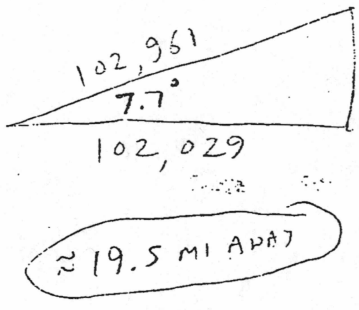
ED PATMOS of 205 West End Avenue, New York City, New York, vacation home telephone in Southampton, New York, (212) 595-7290 and (516) 287-8632 at the PATMOS house at 66 Middle Pond Road (516) 287-8632, was interviewed telephonically by SA DANIEL HOWARD REILLY, who identified himself to PATMOS as a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

PATMOS voluntarily provided the following information:

On the night of Wednesday, July 17, 1996, at about 8:40 p.m., during twilight, E. PATMOS and his wife, MONICA PATMOS, same address, were cruising in their power pleasure boat on the east side of the Shinnecock Bay, and were headed in a north west direction. At about 8:40 p.m., both E. and M. PATMOS saw two distinct, red-orange fireballs, in the sky in a westerly direction. At first the PATMOSes thought they were seeing a helicopter from a nearby base or someone shooting off fireworks, but they decided the fireballs were too bright for that. The first fireball of the two (2) was the brightest. E. and M. PATMOS heard no noise at this time above the noise of their boat motor, nor did they see any rocket, flare etc. E. and M. PATMOS then thought that the two (2) fireballs were caused by some unknown major accident, but they could not guess how far away the accident was. E. and M. PATMOS considered going to where they thought the accident or whatever it was occurred, but the ocean was too rough and they did not do so.



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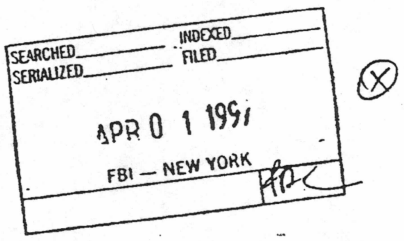

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On July 21, 1996, THERESA QUIGLEY, white female, Date of Birth March 13, 1955, Social Security Account Number 051-48-3509, residing at 78 Swamp Road, East Hampton, Long Island, New York, telephone number (516) 725-3069, business telephone number (516) 537-3100, was interviewed at the Westhampton Volunteer Ambulance Corps. QUIGLEY was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, which was to ascertain her knowledge and observations during the evening hours of July 17, 1996. Thereafter, QUIGLEY provided the following information:

At approximately 8:20 pm on July 17, 1996. QUIGLEY was parked in her Ford Aerostar automobile on Mile Hill Road, at the shore of the Northwest Bay, East Hampton, New York. QUIGLEY was looking out over the Bay in a general south, southwesterly direction. QUIGLEY had a vague recollection regarding the following observations which occurred approximately 30 - 40 miles away.

QUIGLEY observed a fine, pencil thin white light. This white light extended upward in the sky and was viewed as a fine white line. This white line had a more definitive head and a less definitive smokey line. This white line extended upward in an arc shape at approximately 70 degrees from approximately 2 - 5 vertical degrees over the horizon and extending to 20 degrees above the horizon. The line emanated wispy effects trailing off the east side. This fine white line travelled in a north, northwesterly direction. The fine white line was in the sky for approximately three (3) seconds. As the line extended upwards and began to arc, the tail began to dissipate.

QUIGLEY's recollections regarding the next series of observations are more clear in her mind. The fine thin line at 20 degrees off the horizon became a brilliant, bright white light which quickly traveled into a star-shaped light radiating rays of white light. This transformation occurred in a split-second at which time it became a bright red/orange ball of fire. This red/orange light began to cascade in an arc-shape downward toward the horizon. The cascade of red/orange light arched slightly

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upward before flowing straight down toward the horizon. The cascade of red/orange light was interrupted, seeming to dissipate at five (5) degrees above the horizon than quickly resumed as red/orange falling out of view on the horizon. The direction of this cascade was northwesterly.

The cascade of red/orange light was of considerable size and width, described as a puffy, thick, fireball. A second red/orange cascade of light emanating from that same 20 degree point arched in a similar manner to the north, northeast, falling toward the horizon after a slight upward movement similar to the larger, thicker cascade of light. The smaller cascade of red/orange light was approximately one-sixth (1/6) the thickness of the larger cascade of red/orange light. The pinnacle of both arches was the initial white, bright light.

QUIGLEY did not hear any noise associated with the events surrounding the observation of these lights. The initial fine white/greyish line was less than five (5) degrees off the horizon overlooking Barcelona Neck. The line travelled approximated three (3) seconds. The total time of these light observations from the initial sighting of the fine white/greyish line to the cascade of red/orange cascade vanishing into the horizon was approximately two (2) seconds. The initial fine white line curved slightly, leveling off with the horizon before transforming into the bright, burst of white light. The direction of the initial fine white line was from the west, northwest.

QUIGLEY saw no specific objects associated with her observations of the lights. The lights were more than 30 miles away. The entire series of events and observations encompassed approximately twenty (20) degrees vertical of QUIGLEY's field of vision.

QUIGLEY was advised to attempt to retain these observations in her mind and possibly sketch her observation in case it becomes necessary to specifically recall these details and observations in the future. QUIGLEY indicated that she would recontact the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) if she recalls any additional observations regarding the events surrounding the aforementioned observation.

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Vivian Sherman and Sol Sherman, 575 Dune Road, Apartment Unit #5, West Hampton Beach, New York (NY), was recontacted at their residence to obtain azimuth directions for their observations on July 17, 1996, of Trans World Airlines (TWA) flight 800 which were reported in previous July 18, 1996 interviews by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agent (SA) Peter C. Casazza. The Shermans were taken to the location of those observations at the back porch of their residence where they separately provided information to Suffolk County Marine Bureau (SCMB) Deputy Inspector Douglas Matulewich and Police Officer Vincent Termine, who plotted readings using a GPS 45 Personal Navigator and a hand bearing magnetic compass. Also present during this contact were FBI SAs Paul Shea and Peter C. Casazza.

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On July 21, 1996, DAVID R. WELCOM was interviewed by Special Agent (SA) DONALD W. McCORMICK, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and SA JAMES DiMARIA, Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), at his residence.

WELCOM advised that on July 17, 1996, he and JENNY WILCOX were walking on the beach at Smith Point State Park. WELCOM advised he looked up into the sky, and viewed the area over the ocean. WELCOM stated he noted a small orange glow in the sky. WELCOM advised he was unable to determine whether the glow was an aircraft, or not.

WELCOM stated he initially thought the orange glow might have been a flare from a boat. WELCOM advised he did not actually see a flare projected from a boat. WELCOM advised he took his eye off the glow for a second or two looking for a boat. t noting any boat, WELCOM returned his glace to the glow still the sky.

WELCOM stated he returned his vision to the orange glow, which he viewed for an additional second or two. WELCOM advised he now noted a flash developed from the area of the glow. The flash then became a more noticeable fire or explosion. Two distinct separate pieces of fiery material began dropping to the ocean. WELCOM advised, he initially believed there was a mid-air collision between two aircraft because of the two separate fiery materials. WELCOM advised he continued to view the two fiery pieces until it fell into the ocean.

WELCOM advised a few minutes after the pieces fell into the water, a plume of smoke drifted over the beach. Shortly there after, rescue operations began.

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SA JAMES DiMARIA (ATF)

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ROSEANN BELLITTIERI, Date of Birth, September 18, 1958, of 662 St. George Avenue, North Babylon, New York, 11703, telephone number (516) 586-9519, was contacted. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, she furnished the following information:

On Wednesday night, July 17, 1996, at approximately 8:30 pm, ROSEANN BELLITTIERI was standing on bleachers at a softball field at Venetian Shores, Lindenhurst, New York. She was as far south as "you can go on land", near the water. She was facing southeast, watching a star.

To the right of the star, a "yellowy-white" light, "all glowing", was coming up, it arched, from the right of the star, going left. It went in front of the star and then exploded like a big bright light. It was bright "yellowy-orange." She saw one piece falling straight down, also bright yellow-orange in color. She saw the rising light originate, she thought it was from the water.

She said it was like fireworks, it rose in a matter of seconds. It's angle was an arch. She would say it came from the ocean. It's angle was like part of a "U". She did not notice smoke, only the light, and no round part.

She added that it was a dark, clear, night. She reiterated that she saw one burst of light and then one piece falling. She said she did not see an airplane.

If missle hit aircraft causing explosion, it would appear one continuous motion, because aircraft and missle would be traveling at different speed and in different directions. Must observer heard "one continuous motion."

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Daniel Alan Curro, Date of Birth June 5, 1976, Social Security Account Number (SSAN) 109-58-8697, residing at 317 Montauk Highway, Hampton Bay, New York (NY), telephone number (516) 723-0581, was contacted regarding observations he made on the evening of July 17, 1996. Curro was interviewed by Special Agents Peter C. Casazza and Paul Shea of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Also present during the interview was Deputy Inspector Douglas Matulewich, Suffolk County Police Department (SCPD), Commanding Officer of the Marine Bureau; Robert Doherty and Thomas LeBlanc, Analysts, Missile and Space Intelligence Center, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

Curro's Observations:

Curro related that on the evening of July 17, 1996, at approximately 8:45PM, he was in a boat immediately to the west side of the Ponquogue Bridge, looking south at the barrier island when he noticed something out of the corner of his eye.

Curro described what he saw as a red glow in the southwest, going straight up for approximately three (3) seconds. Then there was what he described as a separation in this red glow as it reached its highest point; a red flame then went upward from the red glow.

After the glow went out, what remained was black smoke with white smoke on top of the black smoke.

Curro then heard two (2) big booms about twenty-five (25) seconds later; one after the other.

Curro related that this whole occurrence must have been far away, because the entire event was low on the horizon, approximately at eye level.

Position and compass readings taken:

Curro was taken out to the location where he made his observation west of the Ponquogue Bridge. Deputy Inspector

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Douglas Matulewich took a compass reading. With a global positioning system instrument called a Garmin GPS 45, Matulewich located approximately the exact position of the witness at the time he made his observations.

Deputy Inspector Matulewich recorded these readings for future plotting on a maritime chart.

Background:

Name:	Daniel Alan Curro
Date of Birth:	June 5, 1976
SSAN:	109-58-8697
Address:	317 Montauk Highway Hampton Bays, NY
Telephone:	(516) 723-0581
Occupation:	Landscaper and Dock Worker
#1 Employer:	Emmit Shine Landscaping Southampton, NY
Telephone:	(516) 925-2536
#2 Employer:	Shinnecock Dock Company Dune Road Hampton Bays, NY
Telephone:	(516) 728-0004

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MICHAEL PATRICK GILLIGAN, Date of Birth April 14, 1955, 16 Long Road, Manorville, New York, telephone 516-325-7754, was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview. He provided the following information:

On July 17, 1996, the sun had set a few minutes prior when GILLIGAN noticed a red circular ball falling in the sky. He was in his backyard. The ball was pulsing brighter and dimmer, as if spinning. It fell for four to five seconds before exploding. The explosion broke into two pieces. He saw pieces of material coming down and fall behind the trees in the horizon. About 15 seconds later, GILLIGAN heard a boom and felt it across his chest. He then saw a jagged black plume. There was a 747 flying nearby, above Rock Hill. GILLIGAN estimates that his home is about three miles from the Atlantic Ocean.

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40.7632'N
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JOSEPH HEINRICH, Date of Birth (DOB) June 2, 1949, Social Security Account Number 105-40-3280, address 443 Wading River Road, Manorville, New York, home telephone (516) 878-9331. HEINRICH is employed by the National Park Service (Maintenance Section).

HEINRICH said that he and a small group of friends were standing on the dock on the bayside of the Great Gun Beach Dock at Fire Island. HEINRICH's group was looking over the dunes at the ocean.

HEINRICH said his friend, TONY LORIE (Phonetic), who is a private pilot, told him to look up into the sky at a red flare that was ascending into the sky at 8:30 PM, on July 17, 1996.

HEINRICH said he and LORIE watched the flare for approximately ten (10) seconds.

HEINRICH said they did not see the plane at this point.

A couple of seconds later, they saw what they thought was the explosion of a parachute flare but quickly realized that due to the size of the flames it was definitely not a flare descending to the ground. HEINRICH said he did not see the plane land but he knew that other people were going to attempt to find out what had happened.

HEINRICH said he has no military experience and does not feel one way or another if it was any kind of missile.

HEINRICH said it seemed like the flare was only a mile or two away from him but later he learned it was about six-eight (6-8) miles away.

Actually 49,017 FT ground range = 50,928 TOTAL = 9.65 statute miles

HEINRICH said the flare originated from the sea and not the land.

HEINRICH's group consisted of:

1. TONY LORIE (Phonetic)

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2. PAM and "SNOOKY" (Last Name Unknown) (LNU)
Boat named "HOBO" docked at FORGE RIVER MARINA

3. ROLAND (LNU) possibly BROWN.
Boat named "SHEARWATER"

Attached is a copy of a map showing where HEINRICH was standing "O" and where he saw the direction the flare was ascending.

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(28) N 40° 49.669' W 72° 37.610' = 40°.8278° N 72°.6268° W

Matthew Hempsling, 96 Woodlawn Ave., East Moriches, NY, was contacted about a telephone call he made to the FBI's New York Office on 7/21/96 to report an observation made on the evening of 7/17/96. He provided the following details:

Hempsling advised that on 7/17/96, around 8:30 pm, he was driving southwest on Suffolk County Road 51, south of Sunrise Hwy and north of Montauk Hwy, in East Moriches, NY. He said he saw a bright yellow flame, thin at the top and wider at the bottom, moving downward slightly left to right and then out of his view over the horizon. Hempsling was approximately two miles from Moriches Bay and estimated the flame to be more than 10 more miles south.

Hempsling said he saw no objects or smoke trails in any direction before or after seeing the flame.

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On July 22, 1996, TRACY KESSLER, Date of Birth November 21, 1975, 10 Hastings Drive, Stony Brook, New York, telephone number (516) 689-8933, was contacted and furnished the following information:

KESSLER stated that on July 17, 1996, she was a passenger in the front seat of a car being driven by MARGARET MACEDONIA, 3 34th Street, Stony Brook, New York, (516) 751-0829. She stated that the car was heading west on Route 27, when MACEDONIA told her to look at something in the sky. KESSLER looked up, directly south, and saw a small yellow/orange string of light rise two (2) feet, then arc in a westerly direction and begin to head down. KESSLER advised that soon after the light began moving down, she saw a huge, bright fireball as large as the sun appear in the sky. KESSLER advised that she did not hear any noise related to the explosion. She stated that the yellow/orange string of light did not trail any smoke. She observed the light for several seconds before witnessing the explosion. KESSLER stated that she had to look around MACEDONIA in order to see the object in the sky. It appeared to be directly south of her location. KESSLER stated that, until she saw the explosion, she thought the sting of light was a firework. KESSLER was unable to recall exactly where on Route 27 she was when she witnessed the explosion. She advised that she was approximately five (5) miles past the point where Route 27 breaks into two lanes.

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BRIAN KIRCHNER and DOUG FLYNN were telephonically interviewed pertaining to the night of July 17, 1996. KIRCHNER and FLYNN contacted the New York Office of the FBI relative to what they saw while boating on July 17, 1996. According to KIRCHNER and FLYNN, they were with three other individuals at approximately 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening, July 17, 1996. They were surfing by Great Gun beach in Moriches Bay west of the Moriches inlet. At approximately 8:30 KIRCHNER and FLYNN stated that the visibility was pretty good and it was just about dusk. They saw what appeared to be a flare being fired from a boat in the bay. They stated that the flare did not appear to be an ordinary flare, and it could have been something like a fireworks, but the burst at the end of the flare seemed pretty unusual. It was not a normal boat flare that they are used to. They said the flare disappeared into black smoke behind a dune and it burst pretty low over the horizon. The boat that these individuals thought that the flare came from was a Pro-line center console occupied by two males white, thirty years of age. This boat was approximately two hundred yards away from KIRCHNER and FLYNN while they were surfing, but they could not tell how far away it was from them when they saw the flare being fired. They said these males did not appear to be fishing and seemed to just be sitting in the boat.

Both KIRCHNER and FLYNN stated that another unusual incident occurred approximately 8 o'clock that night, when a small single engine plane (perhaps yellow in color) flew west approximately fifty feet over the water and then disappeared. Approximately twenty minutes later at about 8:20 p.m. the plane came back from the other direction again very low over the water.

Both KIRCHNER and FLYNN stated that when the flare (or what appeared to be a flare) burst they did not hear or see any other explosion or burst of light. It wasn't until they got home that they heard about the TWA disaster. KIRCHNER and flynn stated that when they saw this flare go up they were pulling away from the dock on the bay side of the barrier beach. All the passengers in the boat were sitting facing south and the boat was

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headed in a northerly direction. The flare appeared on the left side of the boat while they were pulling away from the dock.

BRIAN KIRCHNER is seventeen years of age, date of birth January 18, 1979, resides at 56 Hewitt Boulevard in Center Moriches, New York, telephone number (516) 878-2502. DOUG FLYNN, seventeen years of age, date of birth May 18, 1979, resides at 35 Surrey Drive inCenter Moriches, New York, telephone number (516) 878-1687. Also on the boat were LUKE KEISER, telephone number (516) 874-4681. KEVIN PLANZ, telephone number (516) 878-0332 and DONNIE DAVIS ALSO of Center Moriches, telephone number unknown.

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On July 22, 1996, BILL LAGATTOLLA, 21A Crystal Beach Boulevard, Moriches, New York, Telephone Number (516) 874-4238, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the purpose of the interview. LAGATTOLLA then provided the following information:

On Tuesday evening, July 16, 1996, the night before the crash of TWA Flight 800, at approximately 8:15PM or 8:30PM, LAGATTOLLA was walking along Rogers Beach on Dune Road in Westhampton when he saw a bright white flash that frightened him and was at horizon level southwest of the beach over the ocean. LAGATTOLLA was facing west and was walking west on the beach at the time of the flash. When he saw the flash, he was near the second jetty approximately 1.5 miles west of the Rogers Pavilion Beach House.

He described the flash as white in color, round in shape and lasting for approximately one second or almost instantaneous. He further advised that he did not hear any sounds before or after the flash. The flash was "tunnel-like" and withdrew.

LAGATTOLLA waited to see if there would be a second flash but saw nothing else. He further advised that about twenty minutes prior to seeing the white flash, he observed a helicopter flying from the west to the east along the coastline. LAGATTOLLA could not provide any further information.

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On July 22, 1996, at 1:30 P.M. Investigator JOHN P. KEARY interviewed STACEY LAHEY (nee POOLE), Date of Birth July 20, 1996 of 28 Rolling Ridge Road, White Plains, New York, 10605, 914-328-0635. She has a summer home located at 38 Bay Crest Avenue, Westhampton, New York, 516-288-6941. She was telephonically interviewed at her residence.

LAHEY advised that on July 17 1996 at approximately 8:30 P.M. she was having dinner at the Dune Deck Hotel which is located on Dune Road, Westhampton, New York. She was eating in STARRBOGGS RESTAURANT which is located at the site. She was seated facing the ocean. Her table was the second from the window, and also second from the west wall. She noticed a large burst of flame occur out on the ocean due south of her location. This burst of fire fell from the sky in a west to east fashion. She heard five loud booms thereafter. She saw no object ascending into the sky prior to this. She estimated the distance as being 10 miles away.

LAHEY advised that about 15 minutes prior to the blast a small Cessna type plane flew past her location. This plane was flying low over the surf from the east to the west.

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On July 22, 1996, WARD MEYER, Date of Birth, March 2, 1960, shop foreman, RAYMOND BUICK/ CHEVROLET, 1356 Sunrise Highway, Bayshore, New York, telephone (516) 665-0002, was advised of the official identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interviews. MEYER then furnished the following information:

On July 17, 1996, MEYER was fishing off of a boat in Moriches Inlet with JAMES LOHSE and JOSE, aka JOE ROSARIO. Between 8:20 pm and 8:30 pm, the boat was located in the northern portion of the inlet when MEYER observed what appeared to be a flare with an orange ball at its head. MEYER observed the flare like object (FLO) for eight to ten seconds at which time it turned into a bright yellowish orange glow. This glow turned into a wide flame that descended towards the ocean in two pieces, where MEYER lost sight of it beyond the horizon. Several minutes after losing sight of the explosion MEYER smelled a fuel like odor which was different than any he recognized.

Approximately 20 minutes prior to the explosion MEYER observed a large orange rust colored boat, 250-300 feet in length with large arm like structures on its rear, south of Moriches Inlet. MEYER thought this was unusual because large commercial fishing boats are rarely that close to the inlet. MEYER did not observe any aircraft in the area because of the low light conditions.

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CAROL PAIGE, 23 Dolphin Road, East Quoge, New York, telephone number (516)728-4516, Date of Birth April 02, 1936, was interviewed on July 22, 1996 at her place of residence. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, PAIGE provided the following information:

PAIGE was walking from the front of her home to her car approximately 8:30 PM on July 17, 1996, when she observed an orange colored "arc" moving upward from behind trees south-southwest of her home. The arc continued to travel upward and appeared to bend to the left a little at the end. Then the arc, which appeared to dissipate into a "little round glow" for 2-3 seconds, ended in a large explosion.

At first, PAIGE thought that what she saw was fireworks. However, when the arc ended in a large explosion, she no longer believed the arc to be fireworks. PAIGE is sure that what she saw was a missile, based on what she has seen on television and the movies.

PAIGE can pinpoint exactly where she was when she saw the arc and exactly where the arc was as it rose through the sky and exploded.

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On July 22, 1996, [redacted] Date of Birth [redacted] address [redacted] New York, telephone [redacted] was advised of the official identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview. [redacted] then furnished the following information:

On July 17, 1996, [redacted] was aboard his boat which was docked at the Great Gun Dock having dinner with several family members. Between 8:15 pm and 8:45 pm, [redacted] was looking southward when he observed what appeared to be a flare ascending in the sky. [redacted] did not see the flare-like objects (FLO) point of origin. [redacted] observed the FLO for approximately two - three seconds before it terminated in an explosion. [redacted] described the FLO as a white streak that had a tail but did not leave a smoke trail. [redacted] stated that the streak was only a "pencil width" in size. [redacted] advised that the FLO travelled in a straight line but on a slight angle west of the point of explosion. [redacted] placed the FLO and the explosion at a point six to seven miles from his location. [redacted] described the explosion as orange in color. As the explosion began its descent, it broke into two separate sections with the eastern section still on fire and the western section not on fire. [redacted] then lost sight of the sections as they fell below the dune line of Great Gun Beach.

Following the explosion, [redacted] piloted his boat back to the Senix Marina, South Moriches, New York, and he and his son [previously interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)] boarded a faster moving boat and travelled to the wreckage location. [redacted] estimated that he arrived at that site between 9:25 pm and 9:30 pm, and the distance being 9.1 miles from the south end of Moriches Inlet. While searching for survivors, [redacted] noted that a commercial "dragger" boat and "scallop" boat were assisting in the search. [redacted] believed that the "scallop" boat was in a good position to witness the explosion because it was operating south of the wreckage site. [redacted] identified the "scallop" boat as the First Name Unknown (FNU) [redacted] which is based out of either Newport, Rhode Island or New Bedford, Massachusetts. [redacted] stated that there are no "scallop" boats

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Island. PENNEY believed that more information may be obtained about the (FNU) ELIZABETH by checking with ARLENE Last Name Unknown (LNU)/CAREY (LNU) or RICHIE LOBSHEAD (Phonetic) (PH) at the County Dock or at the Shinnacock (PH) Dock (since "Scallop" boats routinely offload their catch at those locations). Additionally, information regarding the "dragger" boat may be obtained by checking at Jackson's Marina.

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On July 22, 1996 ROBERT PETRO, 8 Mina Drive Oakdale, New York, telephone 516-589-8745, Date of Birth February 1, 1964, was interviewed at his home. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview PETRO provided the following information:

On July 17 1996, while on the beach at Smiths Point approximately 1 1/2 miles west of the end of Smiths Point PETRO saw an orange ball traveling from the northwest to the southeast. PETRO tracked the orange ball as it traveled laterally across the sky for approximately ten seconds. The orange ball neither rose nor fell for those 10 seconds. Approximately 10 seconds after initially seeing the orange ball, the ball exploded and fell toward the water. Approximately 1/2 way to the water from the initial explosion a second explosion occurred and flame cascaded down to the water. A small plume of black smoke rose from the water. After the explosion PETRO noticed a small white oval cloud in the sky. This cloud was further west than where he noticed the orange ball and appeared to be closer to the shoreline. PETRO stated the white cloud lasted for several minutes and appeared out of place.

Left wing explosion

Location of initial explosion

N 40° 43.512'

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DETECTIVE [redacted] Suffolk PD/mam

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On July 22, 1996, JOSEPH CHARLES POLICASTRO, Junior (Jr), white male, Date of Birth(DOB) August 24, 1975, Social Security Account Number (SSAN) 108-66-6815, home address Post Office Box 644, Calverton, New York, home phone (516) 981-9247, was contacted. POLICASTRO was apprised of the identity of the interviewing agents and furnished the following information:

On July 17, 1996, POLICASTRO was swimming on a piece of property owned by his grandfather with two friends of his, ALLEN VETTER and DAN SMITH. The property is located on South Country Road in West Hampton about two miles from the center of town and three-four (3-4) miles from the shore line.

At approximately 8:30, POLICASTRO was standing on the shore facing east. POLICASTRO thought he heard a train horn and turned in the direction of the train tracks which were to the south. POLICASTRO said that in the south-west he saw what appeared to be a flare rise up from below the tree line. POLICASTRO said that he would be able to pinpoint exactly where in the tree line he saw the flare rise from because there is a slight dip in the tree line there. The flare was orange/pink in color and was moving away from POLICASTRO in a south/southeasterly direction rising at about a sixty-five (65) degree angle at a steady speed.

POLICASTRO described the top of the flare as a little ball, orange/pink in color. The flare left behind a smoke trail which was bluish/gray in color. The smoke trail behind the flair like vapor or gas. The smoke trail immediately behind the flair was darker but also blue/gray and seemed to be streaming out from behind the flare. The smoke trail was consistent in its color, density and thickness.

The flare rose upward and then arced downward. The time it took to reach the top of the arc was approximately five seconds. The flare descended from the arc for approximately one second exploded into an orange ball. POLICASTRO said the explosion seemed to move out and down splitting into six orange pieces which fell straight down trailing black smoke behind them.

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POLICASTRO lost sight of the objects as they dropped past the tree line. POLICASTRO said several seconds later there was a noise which sounded like loud rolling thunder.

POLICASTRO did not see anything else in the sky and did not observe any object fall away from the smoke trail.

POLICASTRO said that a cloud of black smoke hung in the air at the explosion point. The smoke trail from the flair also remained and ended in a small blue/gray cloud within the larger black smoke cloud.

POLICASTRO said that he was approximately six-nine (6-9) miles from the beginning of the smoke trail and ten-eleven (10-11) miles from the explosion originated from somewhere on the water in Moriches Bay.

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WILLIAM J. PRIVITAR, 42 Mill Pond Lane, East Moriches, New York, telephone (516) 878-4515, was interviewed in person at the East Moriches Coast Guard Station on this date. PRIVITAR is a New York City Fireman (Ladder number 49, 1-718-430-0268) and a volunteer fireman for East Moriches. He was on duty at the Coast Guard Station at the time of the interview.

PRIVITAR advised that on the night of July 17, 1996, he and his son, JAMIE, launched his boat from the Maple Avenue boat launch in East Moriches circa 8:20 PM. He was just taking the boat out for a test run. Around 8:30 PM, they were in Moriches Bay, not far from the Coast Guard Station, heading in the direction of Fire Island. PRIVITAR noticed a bright light in the sky. He looked up and noticed that a column of smoke went from the bright light down to the ground or water. PRIVITAR stopped his boat to watch, and a few seconds later, the bright light became more intense and broke into two fire balls as it fell. PRIVITAR drew his son's attention to this sight. He told his son it looked as if a propane tank had blown up.

PRIVITAR and his son headed toward Fire Island, expecting to see something burning on the ground. Based on the location of the column of smoke, PRIVITAR thought that the problem originated on Fire Island. When he saw no fire, he turned his boat around and went over to another, larger boat. He inquired there as to whether or not there had been any radio broadcasts explaining what he had seen. Someone in the other boat advised that a news report had just been issued about a plane going down.

PRIVITAR described the light that he first saw as being white-orange in color. It then grew more intense in brightness and broke up into two, red balls of fire.

PRIVITAR said that the column of smoke resembled a trail left by something being shot up into the sky. He did not see anything moving from the ground upward, but when he saw the light and the explosion, he concluded the smoke came from something being shot upward. He said the smoke on both sides of

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the column was dark grey, almost blackish in color and seemed spiral or twist upward on both sides. In the middle of the column was a lighter-colored, greyish smoke. Because of his experience as a fire fighter, he thought this might have been caused by a propane tank exploding.

PRIVITAR did not hear any sounds associated with his sighting. He advised that his boat motor drowned out other noises.

After PRIVITAR learned about the plane explosion fro people on the other boat, he took his boat to ABBOTT MARINA in East Moriches where he moored it for the night.

PRIVITAR had nothing further to report. He is agreeable to further contact if such is necessary.

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On July 22, 1996, JOSE also known as (aka) Joe Rosario, Date of Birth - October 16, 1956, RAYMOND BUICK/CHEVROLET, 1356 Sunrise Highway, Bayshore, New York, telephone number (516) 665-0002, was advised of the official identities of the interviewing Agents and the purpose of the interview. ROSARIO then furnished the following information:

On July 17, 1996, ROSARIO was fishing off of a boat in the northern section of Moriches Inlet with WARD MEYER and JAMES LOHSE. Between 8:30 PM and 9:00 PM, ROSARIO observed a flare ascending four to six miles east from his position. ROSARIO described the flare as an orange ball that travelled at a 10:00 angle (from perpendicular) from his position and increasing in brightness. Approximately one minute following his flare observation, ROSARIO saw two large sections descending towards the ocean with one section in flames and the other leaving a small trail.

ROSARIO estimated that the flare reached an altitude of 15,000 to 20,000 feet and was travelling slowly. ROSARIO did not observe any smoke trail coming from the flare or its point of origin.

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On July 22, 1996, [redacted] Date of Birth [redacted] of [redacted] New York, Home Telephone Number [redacted], was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and that the nature of the interview was regarding the plane crash of TWA Flight 800 on July 17, 1996, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] stated that at 8:35PM on July 17, 1996, she was standing outside on the south veranda of the Bellport Yacht Club looking at the sky facing the bay when she observed a fireball of solid mass the size of a basketball which began to fall and break into two fire masses described as "lava dripping from the sky". [redacted] advised that the right mass was larger then the left mass.

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On July 22, 1996, [redacted], Date of Birth [redacted] of [redacted] New York, Home Telephone number [redacted] Work Telephone number [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and that the nature of the interview was regarding the plane crash of TWA Flight 800 on July 17, 1996 [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] stated that as President of the Bellport Chamber of Commerce, he was attending a club function at the Bellport Yacht Club, Bellport Lane, Bellport, New York, the evening of July 17, 1996. [redacted] advised that at 8:31PM, on July 17, 1996, he was standing outside on the south veranda of the Yacht Club looking at the sky in a southeasterly direction facing the bay when he observed what appeared to be a bright headlight of a plane. He stated that the bright light was facing a westerly direction and that it looked similar to a sparkler with a whitish-silvery glow. [redacted] now believes that the light was metal which was burning.

[redacted] stated that he observed the light explode into a fireball of solid mass the size of a basketball which began to fall and break into two fire masses described as a "curtain of flame dripping from the sky". [redacted] advised that the right mass was larger than the left mass and that through the left fireball, he saw what appeared to be a large section of the plane.

[redacted] stated that he did not see any smoke throughout his observance nor did he hear or feel anything unusual.

[redacted] advised that at the time he believed the incident had occurred over the Smith Point Park and that it was possibly a mid air collision between two airplanes. He telephoned Suffolk County Police at 911 within two minutes of the crash to notify them of same.

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ANTHONY RUVOLO was telephonically contacted at his place of employment, MEYERS PARKING, telephone number (212) 736-8233. After being advised of the official identity of the contacting Agent and the nature of the interview, RUVOLO provided the following information:

On July 17, 1996, at between 8:30 PM and 8:40 PM, RUVOLO was out in his boat, fishing with his wife, when he saw what he thought to be a flare fly into the air to his southeast side over the ocean. When the "flare" reached its highest point a bright orange fireball erupted. That fireball then fell, fluttering back and forth, into the ocean. When he made these observations, RUVOLO was located approximately three (3) miles east of the Fire Island Inlet on the bay side of Fire Island in the vicinity of Ocean Beach. He launched his boat from a private dock in Bayshore, New York.

He described the "flare" as glowing red and stated that it rose "straight up" from the ocean and was in flight for approximately ten (10) seconds. It took the fireball approximately 30 seconds to fall into the ocean. RUVOLO saw no smoke trail from the "flare" and saw nothing fall away from it as it rose. He did not see an airplane, nor did he hear any sound associated with the eruption of the fireball. He described himself as being "upwind" of the location where the fireball occurred. RUVOLO stated that his wife had her back to the fireball and consequently did not see it occur.

RUVOLO resides at 10 Cardinal Lane, East Northport, NY 11731, telephone (516-368-0850. His date of birth is November 8, 1951.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent FREDERICK A. JACKSON, on July 22, 1996, at New York, New York:

On July 22, 1996, CHRIS SCOCCO, 940 Karshick Street, Bohemia, Long Island, Home telephone number (516) 244-6901, was telephonically contacted at place of employment, regarding his observations on the evening of July 17, 1996.

SCOCCO advised he was bicycle riding with ERIC JORGENSEN, Pond Road, Bohemia, Long Island, telephone (516) 567-0406, on the West Sayville, Long Island Dock between 8:30 PM - 9:00 PM at twilight. SCOCCO, while looking east and southeast over water, observed a small reddish-orange round dot rise from the water, reaching its apex, making a small arch, falling a short distance, then disappearing. SCOCCO observed no explosion, noise, or trail of smoke. SCOCCO believes this object appeared to be a flare.

SCOCCO related that two (2) seconds later he observed two (2) red streaks just to the right of the initial light source falling off at the horizon. SCOCCO stated that he observed no airplanes, objects, or explosions in the area at this time. SCOCCO related that JORGENSEN observed only the very ending of the two (2) red streaks.

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On July 22, 1996, [redacted] Date of Birth [redacted] [redacted] New York, telephone [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview. [redacted] then furnished the following information:

On July 17, 1996, [redacted] was surfing approximately one to two miles east of Smith Point Park with [redacted] Between 8:30 pm and 8:45 pm, [redacted] was looking southeast when he observed a flare-like object (FLO). [redacted] described the FLO as reddish-white in color ascending in a straight line at a one o'clock angle (from perpendicular) from his vantage point. [redacted] immediately faced back towards the shore (northward). At that time, TELLER directed [redacted] attention back to the southeast where he observed an explosion at approximately one to two thousand feet which he described as two house-sizes in diameter. [redacted] advised that as the explosion quickly descended, it separated into two reddish-orange sections. [redacted] continued to observe the two sections until he lost sight of them in the ocean. [redacted] advised that the explosion was bright enough to light up the sky and the ocean. Approximately one minute after [redacted] lost sight of the explosion, he heard a thunder-like noise which lasted from one - two seconds in duration.

[redacted] stated that he did not see the FLO's point of origin, its termination point, nor a smoke trail. Additionally, [redacted] did not observe any boat traffic.

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53,430 ft grd rng from initial explosion
55,188 ft total rng
Time for sound = 50.68 sec

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by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] gm Date dictated 7/25/95

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VICTORIA MARY SHAW; date of birth, 4/2/65; residing at 25 Central Park West, Apt 5K, New York, NY 10023; telephone number (212) 765-3270; of #1 Panworth Cottage, Ashiwo, Thetford, Norfolk, IP 257BB, England; telephone and fax number (1760) 441453; was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview. She then furnished the following information:

SHAW was a passenger on Virgin Atlantic Airways Ltd. Flight 09, a 747, from London to JFK International. She is a private pilot with approximately 108 hours of first pilot time and interested in flying. During the flight, she visited the flight deck and was invited back to observe the approach and landing. While sitting in the jump seat in anticipation for the approach, SHAW saw what she described as an orange-white "flare" light (see attached drawings) which ascended slightly before it "bulged" and descended downward. SHAW stipulated that the "flare" gave an indication that it appeared to be going slightly back, as if it was changing directions and going back on itself. She did not recall seeing any smoke. SHAW likened the ascent/descent to a "roller-coaster" with the ascent ending with what appeared to be a "big bang" followed by the descent. She advised that "it seemed all integral", transitioning from ascent to descent in a fluid motion. The flare streak remained relatively the same width with the exception of the budge and final explosion with the flare "wiggling" to the surface. Sparks appeared about the bulge and fell towards the surface. SHAW estimated that she observed the ascending light for approximately three seconds and the descending one for approximately ten seconds. Finally, SHAW observed this through the first pilot's left rear window as depicted in the drawing (see attached).

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SHAW advised she said to the "Navigator", "what in earth is that" when she observed the incident and was sure that both he and the "Captain" had observed some elements of the incident. She was sure that the "Navigator" had observed much more than the "Captain", however due to his being occupied with the approach. The elements of their conversation would likely be available on the flight deck recorder of Virgin Atlantic Airways Ltd. Flight 09.

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SA William J. Logallo

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SHAW was not sure what their heading was enroute to JFK, but felt that they were flying over a Long Island Beach and were headed generally in a westerly direction. She seemed to vaguely recall that the pilot referenced an approximate distance of six miles and she believed his reference to be from the coast line to the "flare". CONSISTENT WITH SUNSET DIRECTION AZIMUTH OF SUNSET 301°

SHAW advised that it was dusk, with a "lovely sunset" occurring out her right window. Out the right side of the aircraft she recalls some cumulus clouds and to the left, everything appeared to be clear. The area around Manhattan was quite hazy though. There was a "wonderful red/pink sky" towards Manhattan.

SHAW advised that there were several other aircraft in the area but did not know if they were depicted on the aircraft radar scope. She did note that one of the aircraft called out by center was "too close" just prior to the "flare" incident.

SHAW advised that a friend of hers, a prior Harrier pilot, had crashed a P38 Lightning on Sunday at the Duxford, England "Flying Legend Show" just four days prior to this incident. She had observed that accident as well. The fireballs in both incidents had the "same colors exactly".

SHAW advised that other passengers aboard their plane may have seen something as well, especially those sitting on the left side of the plane.

SHAW advised that the First Pilot of the Virgin Atlantic Airways Ltd. Flight 09 was:

Captain Michael Dearden
2nd Floor, Ashdown House, High Street,
Crawley, West Sussex RH10 IDQ
Tel: (0293) 562345
Fax: (0293) 561721
Tlx: 877077

He had a "non-excitable" personality. She did not get the name of the Navigator, but noted that he had a "Birmingham accent".

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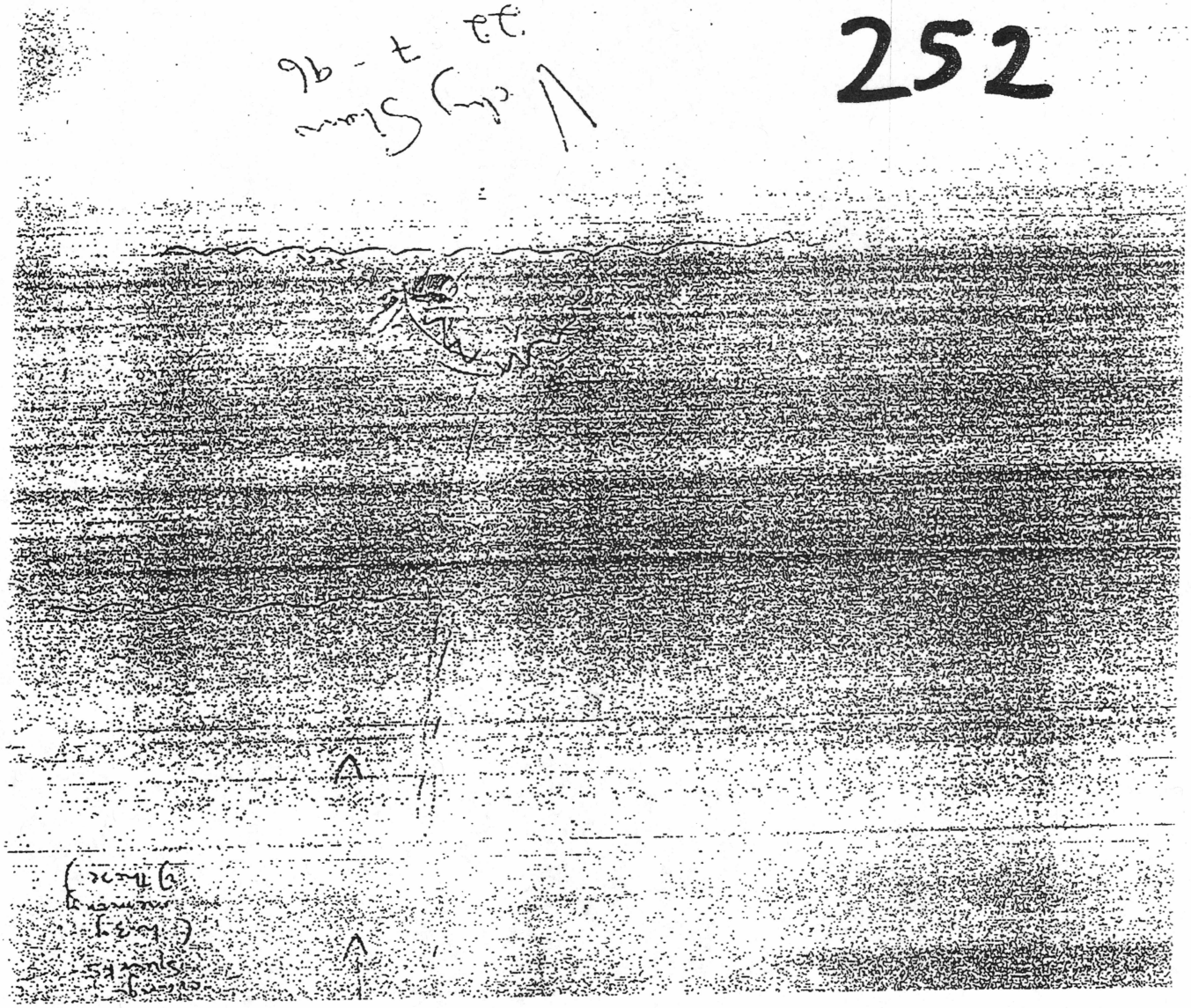

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Vivian Sherman, Date of Birth March 16, 1932, renting Unit Five (5), 575 Dune Road, Westhampton Beach, New York, telephone (516) 288-1439, was contacted by Special Peter C. Casazza and Detective Gerard Kirk, Fifth Squad, Suffolk County Police Department regarding an explosion she observed over the Atlantic Ocean on the evening of July 17, 1996.

Sherman's Observations:

Mrs. Sherman advised that on the evening of July 17, 1996, at approximately 8:30PM, she heard her daughter-in-law let out a scream as she went out a sliding glass door onto a deck. Mrs Sherman turned and saw a huge intense orange, yellow and red fireball, that looked pear shaped, drop from the sky into the ocean.

She ran upstairs and called the police and described to them what she had seen, and the smoke column which was present in her view as she spoke to the police officer. The column was larger at the top and smaller at the bottom, or cone-shaped. Two large noises or booms reached the condo and shook the ground. This took place after the fireball reached the surface of the water and came a few seconds apart.

VERY IMPORTANT GIVES MAXIMUM DURATION OF FLIGHT. (see calculation on previous page)

At the time of the occurrence she did not know what had happened, but felt an airplane had exploded. After a while, she saw boats and a helicopter enter the area.

Background:

Name:	Vivian Sherman
Date of Birth:	March 16, 1932
Address:	575 Dune Road (Rental) Westhampton Beach, New York
Telephone:	(516) 288-1439
Address:	55 Tanners Road (Primary) Lake Success, New York
Telephone:	(516) 466-3433

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On July 22, 1996, EDWARD K. WAGNER was telephonically contacted AT (516) 924-1918. Mr. WAGNER was advised of the identity of writer as a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Mr. WAGNER voluntarily provided the following information:

That on Wednesday, July 17, 1996 he and a friend, BILL WALSH, were fishing in Mariches Inlet, when at approximately 8:4 PM, he saw what appeared to be a flare rising into the sky to th south, southeast from WAGNER's position, Mr. WAGNER said that he commented to his fishing partner of the inadvisability of firing flares for no good reason; however, inasmuch as the flare was nc red, which would indicate a distress signal, but rather whitish/yellowish in color, it seemed less serious at the time. Mr. WAGNER said that it appeared to him that the flare was launched from a position off-shore and not from any beach area. He watched the flare move upward in the sky to a point where the flare seemed to lose energy and arc and began to descend, he observed a fireball somewhat above where he last saw the flare.

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That on Wednesday, July 17, 1996 he and a friend, BILL WALSH, were fishing in Mariches Inlet, when at approximately 8:45 PM, he saw what appeared to be a flare rising into the sky to the south, southeast from WAGNER's position. Mr. WAGNER said that he commented to his fishing partner of the inadvisability of firing flares for no good reason; however, inasmuch as the flare was not red, which would indicate a distress signal, but rather whitish/yellowish in color, it seemed less serious at the time. Mr. WAGNER said that it appeared to him that the flare was launched from a position off-shore and not from any beach area. He watched the flare move upward in the sky to a point where the flare seemed to lose energy and arc and began to descend, he observed a fireball somewhat above where he last saw the flare.

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On July 23, 1996, DWIGHT COLEMAN BRUMLEY, white male, DOB 8/16/51, SSAN 546-86-5413, POB Tacoma, Washington, home address 11030 Bridge Creek Drive, Pensacola, Florida 32506, home phone (904) 453-6189, work phone (904) 452-4921, voluntarily appeared at the Pensacola Resident Agency of the FBI. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, BRUMLEY provided the following information:

BRUMLEY is an Electronic Warfare Technician, Master Chief (EWCM) for the Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET), 250 North Dallas Street, aboard Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Florida.

north - northeast? US Air 2237

BRUMLEY was on board US Air Flight 217 from Charlotte, North Carolina to Providence, Rhode Island at approximately 8:25 pm on July 17, 1996. BRUMLEY was seated in seat 5-F, positioned in the right front portion of the aircraft. Flight 217 was travelling in a north-northwest direction, at an unknown altitude. BRUMLEY overheard a flight attendant say something about 15,000 feet, but he is unsure if she was referring specifically to the altitude of Flight 217 at that specific time.

At 8:25 pm it was already getting dark outside, as the sun had already set to the left side of the plane (opposite where BRUMLEY was seated). It was not yet completely dark, however, as BRUMLEY could distinguish the distinctively light color of the shoreline as it contrasted the ocean. The shoreline was at approximately a 1:00 position with reference to BRUMLEY's field of view.

BRUMLEY's attention was drawn to the outside of the plane when he noticed a small airplane flying across their flight path, just approximately 500 to 700 feet below them. This caught BRUMLEY's attention because of the relatively close proximity of that airplane to Flight 217. BRUMLEY determined that it appeared to be a light-colored, propeller-driven plane that would seat approximately six people. This plane was travelling in a southwesterly direction, approaching Flight 217 from approximately the 2:00 position.

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Approximately ten seconds after the small airplane had passed underneath flight 217's path, BRUMLEY noticed a small, flare-like projectile travelling in an east-northeasterly direction, originating from approximately BRUMLEY's 2:00 position (although much, much lower than the small airplane had been). It appeared as though the projectile was ascending as it travelled, but BRUMLEY was unable to clearly determine that fact. The projectile travelled for approximately three to four seconds, appeared to brighten in intensity for the next two to three seconds, and then culminate in what appeared to be a small explosion. This smaller explosion was in the form of an oblong-shaped ball of fire, and was large enough that it was very noticeable and easy to see.

Precise direction of travel of TWA 800.. 71°.

3-4 + 2-3 = 5-7 sec

A second, much larger explosion immediately followed the first, and it quickly accelerated in both size and shape. The second fireball was accompanied by billowing smoke containing both dark and light colored regions. BRUMLEY continued to watch the fireball as it appeared to descend towards the water. However, simultaneous with the fireball's impact with the water, Flight 217 flew over the top of it and BRUMLEY lost his view. The explosion was from far enough of a distance away that the brightness of it did not affect BRUMLEY's eyes, even to the point of causing him to blink.

Blocked by right wing of his plane?

BRUMLEY never observed any smoke trail whatsoever. The flare-like projectile seemingly appeared out of nowhere and consisted only of one very defined burning point of bright white light. The path of the projectile appeared to be straight. No red or orange flame was associated with it and no plume of fire was trailing behind it. Nothing fell away from the projectile as he observed it. BRUMLEY did not observe a launch site, nor did he hear any sounds associated with what he saw.

Consistent w/it being aircraft no missile.

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BRUMLEY never saw anything that he associated with being an airliner, an aircraft that impacted with the projectile at the point of explosion, or even a target of the projectile. All he saw was the projectile (presumably because of its brightness against the darkening sky) and an explosion. *

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On July 23, 1996, ROBERT BURNS, Date of Birth January 15, 1978, 413 Lockwood Drive, Shirley, New York (NY), telephone (516) 924-4657, was contacted and furnished the following information:

On July 17, 1996, BURNS stated that he was sitting on Smith Point Beach, facing south when, from the east, he saw what looked like a shooting star. He stated that the "star" seemed to come from Moriches Inlet, approximately 20 degrees east of the shoreline. BURNS described the "star" as a reddish/orange streak that was thicker in the front and thin in the tail. He stated that the "star" was rising (going south to north) and veering in the easterly direction. He observed the star for approximately five (5) seconds. He stated that he lost sight of the "star" when he turned to point it out to his girlfriend. BURNS advised that when he turned back, he observed a large orange/yellow ball west of where had last seen the star. He stated that he did not know what the ball was and that he heard no sound at the time of the ball's appearance. BURNS estimated that the ball was 5 to 10 miles from his location. BURNS stated that July 17, 1996 was a clear night and that, as usual, there were many small planes in the area. He advised that there were not many boats out that night.

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SA NICK J. PINDULIC/axh Date dictated 7/23/96

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DAVID J. HIRSCHBERG, Date of Birth, December 18, 1953, home residence, 14 Stone Commons, Yaphank, New York, 11980, telephone number (516) 924-2024, Social Security Account Number 113-46-4061, employed by Stonybrook University, State University of New York, Marine Sciences Center, Stonybrook, New York, 11794, position, Senior Research Scientist, telephone number (516) 632-8744, was interviewed at his residence and was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, which was to ascertain his knowledge and observations on the evening of July 17, 1996. Thereafter, HIRSCHBERG provided the following information:

HIRSCHBERG stated that at approximately 8:30 to 8:45 pm, he and his wife, FLORENCE HIRSCHBERG, were at Smith Point Beach, where the National Seashore begins. Located by an octagon building and the Ranger Station, there is a flight of stairs leading down the beach facing southeast. HIRSCHBERG and his wife were at the top of that staircase looking southeast over the ocean when he observed what he believed to be a meteor flare, round in shape, red in color, approximately ten miles from his location and forty-five degrees up from his line of sight.

HIRSCHBERG stated that this red meteor moved upward and arched in a northeasterly direction. HIRSCHBERG further stated that the red meteor had no tail to it, nor did he observe any smoke trail coming from it. HIRSCHBERG advised that he heard no noise and saw no smoke.

HIRSCHBERG stated that two to three seconds after he observed the red meteor, he observed, lower than the red meteor, at a forty degree line of sight, two large pieces, yellow and red in color, engulfed in flames, falling one on top of another, with black smoke trailing the pieces as they fell. HIRSCHBERG further stated that the flames from the lower piece almost touched the upper piece as they fell straight down. HIRSCHBERG advised that the length of the falling pieces was approximately a ten degree length. HIRSCHBERG further advised that he did not see the object hit the water, however, he stated that it disappeared before striking the water. HIRSCHBERG stated that

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approximately two to three seconds after seeing the two pieces fall, he observed a second meteor, red in color, round in shape, identical to the initial meteor, coming from the same location as the first meteor, shoot up at a shallow ten degree angle and disappear over the horizon. HIRSCHBERG advised that the meteor came from the southeast. HIRSCHBERG advised that he did not see any launch point where the red meteors may have come from. HIRSCHBERG further advised that he did not see any boats in the water. HIRSCHBERG stated that he observed all of these events from the shore and believes the objects were located at a longitude of seventy two degrees and forty-four feet, latitude of forty degrees and forty one feet, with a compass bearing from his location of one hundred ten degrees to one hundred twenty degrees. HIRSCHBERG advised that all of these figures are approximate, done to the best of his ability looking at a map.

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KRISTI JOHNSON, Date of Birth April 1, 1956, of 34 Juniper Drive, Avon, Connecticut 06001, telephone (860) 675-1116, was contacted. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, she furnished the following information:

On Wednesday, July 17, 1996, at 8:35 pm, KRISTI JOHNSON and her friend, GERALDINE TORRANCE, were on Ponquogue Beach with their children. It was still light out, dusk, with a grey sky. They were standing near the water, near the main lifeguard chair, past the concession stand. The area is reached by going from the parking lot to a "walkway" to the main concession stand to the lifeguard stand.

JOHNSON looked to her right, to the southwest, and saw huge flare that came from the water, went up and exploded, and flames came down. They heard a deep, boom-boom-boom-boom-boom sound and then the ground shook. She saw fire on the water and black smoke, and she thought a ship was on fire.

JOHNSON recounted the events as follows: she thought the "flare" rose from the water, and at first thought it was a distress signal. It was "way too big", and it seemed miles away. She guessed it was in flight for "seconds". She saw grey smoke and white smoke behind the "flare". It was grey at first, then the smoke changed to white. There was a bright orange glow at the leading edge of the smoke.

She could not say there was an initial puff of smoke. She did not see an object, just an orange-red-yellow flame, mostly orange, followed by smoke. She did not remember an object falling away, but only remembered two flames coming down afterward.

She did not hear the "flare" go up, but only heard the "sound of thunder" afterward. She recalled the outside light was still pretty good, at dusk, with a grey sky that night.

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The trail of the "flare" was curved as the "flare" flew up vertically. There was an explosion and two pieces of flame were coming down, like a plume. The first piece was bigger, and the one in the back peeled away and was not as big.

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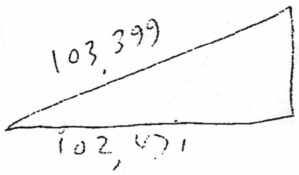
GEORGE KALAMARES, Firefighter, 106 Air National Guard, 55 Peach Tree Lane, Mount Sinai, New York, telephone number (516) 474-0503, beeper number (516) 442-3111, was contacted at his residence. He was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and that the purpose of the interview was to gather information regarding the crash of Trans World Airline (TWA) Flight 800. He then provided the following information:

On July 17, 1996, at approximately 8:35 PM, KALAMARES noticed a silver-colored line descending through the sky. A fireball then appeared approximately one (1) mile high. The fireball rotated from right to left as it fell through the night sky. At one point, a "blow torch" like flame shot out horizontally from the descending fireball, lasting only a few seconds. No smoke, sound or any other unusual activity was observed before the fireball.

KALAMARAS was fishing with a friend off the Blue Point dock facing east. The sun was going down and the daylight turning to dusk.



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DIMITRA KAPSOS, Date of Birth March 2, 1951, was contacted by Special Agent PETER C. CASAZZA and Detective GERARD KIRK, 5th Squad, Suffolk County Police Department, regarding her observations of an explosion she witnessed in the sky over the ocean on the evening of July 17, 1996.

KAPSOS' OBSERVATIONS

KAPSOS related that she was visiting her in-laws at a summer condo they rented at 575 Dune Road, Westhampton Beach, New York, telephone number (516) 288-1439.

On the evening of July 17, 1996 at approximately 8:30 PM, she was walking out the sliding glass door onto the deck which overlooks the ocean when she noticed something in the sky. She then saw a huge fireball, which was a brilliant orange and red color with gray edges around it. Then there was another smaller second fireball.

Within a few seconds, she heard two large booms which shook the deck and rattled the ground. The fireballs became two large distinct smoke streaks falling to the ocean surface. Rumbling noises came over the water afterward.

The streaks turned into a circular smoke column which eventually disappeared. At the top of the column was a small gray and white cloud.

In a matter of minutes after the fireball hit the water boats could be seen heading out in that direction. Then a helicopter could be seen headed out a while later.

When the fireball reached the ocean surface, some irregular lights could be seen coming from the surface, which moved along the surface in groups. This lasted for a few hours.

BACKGROUND

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JOHN R. HIGGINS, JEFFREY K. RADZICKI, ALFRED P. LANDOLFI, and JAMES D. SAUER was interviewed by Investigator JOHN P. KEARY and Investigator EDWARD MLODYNIA of the New York State Police Department. The interview was conducted on July 23, 1996.

On July 23, 1996, responded to Captree State Park and interviewed ALFRED P. LANDOLFI, Date of Birth (DOB) September 25, 1971, of 2 Cleveland Street, Islip Terrace, New York, phone (516) 224-1669. LANDOLFI is employed as a Charter Boat Mate on the Speedy Express and stated that following:

On July 17, 1996, at about 8:00 PM, the aforesaid boat left the boat basin to go blue fishing in the ocean. Upon arrival in Fire Island Inlet, the boat took a compass heading of about 225 degrees southwest and continued to travel to their intended fishing grounds. While the boat was about three to five (3 to 5) miles from the inlet and approximately 3 miles from shore (placing the boat somewhere between Fire Island Inlet and Jones Inlet). LANDOLFI, who was sitting on the upper deck of the boat looked to the south. It was about 8:20 PM, and he observed an airplane traveling in an easterly direction. The plane was located approximately two to three (2 to 3) miles south of their boat. LANDOLFI stated he noted that the plane was glowing red and orange to the rear of its nose and extended all the way to the tail section. He drew this to the attention of the other mate named JOHN RADZICKI of Lindenhurst, New York. LANDOLFI claimed he watched the plane continue to fly for about a half of a minute to a minute. LANDOLFI lost view of the plane as it came across the post side of the captains pilot-house and he did not attempt to observe it any longer because other than the glow of the plane there did not seem to be any other thing unusual about the plane which he considered to be cruising at less than two miles in altitude. LANDOLFI stated after hearing about the plane crash he was sure that it must of crashed due to some sort of mechanical failure, due to the fact that it had been glowing red for the entire time he viewed it. LANDOLFI stated he did not see any flares in the sky or hear any explosion that night.

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CHARLES LE BRUN, Date of Birth, May 29, 1951, was interviewed at his residence, 33 Woodland Avenue, East Moriches, New York, telephone number (516) 878-3040. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, LE BRUN provided the following information:

LE BRUN is an Assistant Fire Chief for the Air National Guard. On the evening of July 17, 1996, LE BRUN was traveling by boat to Moneybogue Bay en route to LARRY's CRAB HOUSE for dinner, which is near the United States Coast Guard Station. LE BRUN was traveling with his girlfriend, LISA KEEGAN.

LE BRUN was neading due south in Moneybogue Bay and approached the first red buoy marker. At this marker, LE BRUN would have started to bear westbound within Moneybogue Bay on his approach through the Jessup Lane Bridge. LE BRUN was traveling at less than five miles per hour in compliance with the "no wake" law.

Just as LE BRUN reached the first red buoy marker, at about the center of Moneybogue Bay, while facing due south, he saw what appeared to be a boat flare shoot straight up into the sky from the horizon beyond Dune Road. LE BRUN advised that it was still light outside, and his initial thought was that it was either a boat flare or fireworks. Because it arose from south of Dune Road, LE BRUN knew that it originated from the ocean.

He turned to his girlfriend, LISA KEEGAN, and asked her to look. The flare was yellow-orange in color and shaped like a round ball. There was no tail of smoke on the flare. LE BRUN who is familiar with boat flares, advised that the flare ascended at the normal speed of a boat flare. The flare ascended straight up into the sky. It did not arc or curve.

14 The flare ascended for what LE BRUN estimated to be about fifteen seconds. It then burst into a yellow flash, slightly larger than the flare itself. LE BRUN thought that the yellow flash looked a little like "heat lightning". The yellow flash remained illuminated and descended. It

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then burst again into a huge fireball, yellow-orange in color. This second fireball was about twenty times the size of the yellow flash.

LE BRUN did not hear any sounds as the flare ascended, or when the yellow flash and the huge fireball appeared. The fireball descended and eventually LE BRUN lost visual contact as it descended south of Dune road. LE BRUN heard three explosions after he lost visual contact. LE BRUN estimated that the entire event took about thirty seconds.

At about the same time that he lost visual contact, LE BRUN saw a National Guard helicopter traveling from northeast to the south in the direction of the fire. The helicopter headed south into the ocean over the Beach Lane draw bridge.

LE BRUN offered to revisit the exact point at which he saw the flare.

The interviewing Agents accompanied LE BRUN to his 23 foot boat to the point where he saw the flare. LE BRUN stopped the boat at the first red buoy which is marked number 4, located in the center of the Moneybogue Bay. The buoy is the point at which boats would begin to make their bearings westbound in order to travel through the Jessup Lane Bridge and into Moriches Bay.

LE BRUN pointed his boat in the direction in which he saw the flare. The compass reading was 173 degrees south. The direction which LE BRUN pointed was about one quarter of a mile east of the Jessup Lane Bridge.

LE BRUN advised that his girlfriend, LISA KEEGAN, will be available tomorrow to be interviewed. She works at the RABBIT'S FOOT in Center Moriches, telephone number (516) 874-9162, between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.

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WILLIAM MEHL, 12 Gehring Road Extension, Tolland, Connecticut, telephone number 860-875-9349, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview. MEHL then furnished the following information:

On 7/17/96 at approximately 8:30pm, while fishing on his boat, a Starcraft, 23 foot outboard, with JEFFERY VANOUDEMHOVE and ROBERT GRUNBERG in the Long Island Sound, approximately four miles due north of Plum Island and Nyanick Bay, saw what he thought to be a "parachute flare". Rising from the land into the sky above him.

MEHL described the flare that looked like a comet, with a red fire ball and a red tail. Seconds later MEHL saw one huge explosion, occurring approximately 30 miles north east of them.

MEHL stated that the time frame from the comet-like flare till the explosion lasted no more than 10 to 15 seconds. He heard no noise.

MEHL estimated the flare could have possibly come from Shelter Island or the "sound" side of Long Island.

MEHL noted that he has been fishing at night in the Long Island sound for at least 12 years and has never seen a flare discharged.

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MAUREEN O'DONNELL, Date of Birth: March 21, 1937, 6 Barker Lane, Quogue, New York 11959, telephone number: 516-653-9691, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the purpose of the interview. O'DONNELL then furnished the following information:

On July 17, 1996, at approximately 8:30 p.m., she was sitting inside his home watching television with the windows open when she heard what she described as a "terrific boom". There was a slight pause of 10 seconds, then she heard four more quick booms. She said the sound was similar to a sonic boom, the sound the Concorde makes when it breaks the sound barrier. She stated it was a percussion more than a noise and she felt it more than she heard it. She lives in florida most of the year and is familiar with the sound of the space shuttle entering the atmosphere, which she likened this sound to. She did not see anything.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN P. KINTZING on July 23, 1996.

PHYLLIS TORNEY, 54 miles Pond Road, St. James, New York, 11780, home phone number 516-584-6388, was telephonically contacted at home. TORNEY advised that she was on STEPHEN HAYDUK's boat, one mile north of Mt. Sinai, when she saw what looked like a rocket rise from the south east. TORNEY explained that it appeared to be like a rocket used in fireworks, with a red-orange ball and tail. TORNEY didn't observe any smoke and didn't hear anything because the boat's engines were running. TORNEY advised that the rocket followed an arched path and then she saw an explosion with the fireball to the left and black objects to the right. She explained that everything fell out of view and then she saw smoke rising. TORNEY thought that a house on land may have suffered a gas explosion until she heard news of the plane crash.

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GERALDINE TORRANCE, Date of Birth: April 5, 1956, Social Security Account Number: 126-38-3414, home address: 59 Parkside Drive, Lake Placid, New York (NY), home telephone: (518) 523-1820, work telephone: (518) 359-3311, weekend telephone: (516) 728-0378, was telephonically contacted at her place of employment. TORRANCE was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview. TORRANCE then provided the following information:

TORRANCE, her three (3) children, her friend, KRISTI JOHNSON, home telephone: (860) 675-1116, residing in Avon, Connecticut, and JOHNSON's two (2) children, arrived at Ponquoque Beach, across from the Shinnecock, NY Coast Guard Station, at approximately 8:00 pm. All seven (7) individuals were at the water's edge to the right of the lifeguard station located directly in front of the concession stand. She advised that there were approximately 10 to 15 people on the beach. It was hazy and humid and she does not remember seeing the sun due to the haze.

Shortly thereafter, JOHNSON told TORRANCE to look toward the right, which was in a westerly direction from her location. At a position approximately two o'clock from where she was standing, TORRANCE saw a red streak, which was comprised of red and orange flames and resembled a plant called a cattail. The streak was thick and trailed white smoke. She did not see any solid objects in the smoke and fire, but it reminded her of the Challenger disaster. Almost immediately she saw a second streak, which resembled the first. She thought that the streaks were flares or fireworks but something did not seem right. She cannot remember if the first streak was traveling up but got the impression that it was a flare coming up from the ocean because she vaguely remembers smoke on the water. However, it was hazy and she cannot be sure if it was haze on the water or smoke.

TORRANCE advised the first streak was smaller than the second and was lower and to the left of the second streak. Both streaks initially traveled in a straight line, then fell to the water trailing white smoke. A mushroom shaped cloud [illegible] from the water after impact.

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TORRANCE is not sure, but within two (2) minutes she heard three (3) separate and distinct booms which she initially thought was thunder. The interval between the booms was short, but the sounds themselves were distinct.

Smoke continued to issue forth from the water and TORRANCE noticed a boat with flashing blue and green lights heading in the direction of the smoke.

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ANNE-MARIE TRUPIA, 27 Roneck Court, Shirley, New York (NY), telephone (516) 395-0644, Date of Birth February 4, 1960, was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview. She then provided the following information:

TRUPIA was sitting on the deck of a neighbor's house on the lagoon at 16 Roneck Court. She was looking over the water and saw what looked like a match, she heard a noise and then saw an explosion.

TRUPIA stated she saw a streak rising into the sky at an angle curving a little to the west. She saw it rise for about two seconds. It made a slight arc then she lost sight for about one second, then saw an explosion. The streak was the color of a match flame. She did not see any smoke. TRUPIA stated the explosion sounded like a loud firework, almost as loud as an M-80 going off. TRUPIA heard one boom sound. The explosion was a huge ball which dropped down to the horizon slowly.

TRUPIA pointed out the Ranger house on Smith State Park, which is the direction she was looking. Just slightly to the left of the Ranger house is another house with a reddish roof, which has a cluster of trees to the left of it (this is a camp area with campers parked in the area). It was over this house which the object appeared to be when it rose into the sky. The sun was almost directly behind her at the time she was looking out over the water.

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GEORGE W. WESTERMANN, Date of Birth September 10, 1934, 67 Meroke Trail, Wading River, New York, telephone (516) 929-8340, was interviewed at the Center Moriches United States Coast Guard Station by Special Agent JOSEPH P. FANNING and New York State Police Investigator DE SCOON. WESTERMANN was advised of the identity of the interviewers and then supplied the following information:

WESTERMANN was with his wife, LISA, and a family friend, KATE BORSTELMANN, on the evening of July 17, 1996 looking at a new house nearby his residence at approximately 9:30 PM. WESTERMANN was looking in a southerly direction while standing in an open field approximately 300 feet east of his residence. He noticed what he believed to be a parachute flare off in a southwest direction about forty degrees above the horizon. This flare was bluish/red in color and was moving at a steady speed from west to east. WESTERMANN continued to watch this flare while trying to get his wife and friend to look at it. The flare traveled in this west to east direction for what he estimated was approximately 20 seconds, at which time it started to descend in a curved descent and the same speed. WESTERMANN estimated this curved descent lasted approximately 10 seconds when the flare then opened up in a bottle or cup shape that was red in color. A second or so later, this shape expanded outward on both sides in two pieces. At this point, WESTERMANN realized these were flames. The flames dropped in a square type shape with the flames more solid on the outsides.

50 At the time of this incident, WESTERMANN believed the flare, and subsequent flames, were about five miles from him to the south. WESTERMANN thought at the time that when the flare initially opened up into the red bottle type shape that it was fireworks. WESTERMANN never heard any explosions.

WESTERMANN is retired, but is currently a sergeant first class in the Army National Guard assigned to the 20th Engineers, stationed in Riverhead, New York, telephone number (516) 727-1213.

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MICHAEL WIRE, 308 Twining Ford Road, Richboro, Pennsylvania, 18954, telephone (215) 322-9561 was interviewed, telephonically, on July 23, 1996. WIRE provided the following information:

WIRE, who works for VISTA ENGINEERING (908) 561-4420, advised that on the night of Wednesday, July 17, 1996 he was working on the Beach Lane Bridge in Westhampton, New York. At approximately 8:45 P.M., WIRE saw what appeared to be cheap fireworks coming off the beach about 4 or 5 houses west of the bridge. WIRE described this one firework as a white spark (meteor, that went up and arched across the sky. A short time later (seconds later) WIRE observed an orange fireball in the sky to the south of the bridge. The fireball fell out of the sky. The firework that WIRE had previously observed was travelling in the direction at the fireball. Seconds after observing the fireball, WIRE heard and felt one explosion, then three other explosions for a total of four.

Soon after the explosion, WIRE saw a National Guard Helicopter fly over the bridge.

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