EXHIBIT 15 - ANALYSIS OF MISSILE FIRING POSITION #2

- 1. The ISLIP ASR 8 radar, located at the McAurthur Airport on Long Island, recorded a high-speed surface radar contact only 2.9 nautical miles to the South South East of TWA FL800 when it first exploded.
- 2. This 30-knot contact continued at high-speed on a true heading of approximately 203° until it disappeared from radar, after TWA FL800 went down 3.5 miles behind her stern.
- 3. The 30-knot contact did not come within visual range of other recorded radar surface targets.
- 4. The FBI has not identified the 30-knot target.
- 5. The fire control solution for a Mach 3 anti-aircraft missile, fired from the 30-knot surface contact's position, to intercept TWA FL800 at its explosion point, is as follows:
 - > Target bearing 339° True
 - Range 7,500 yards
 - ➤ Elevation 37° Up
 - > Time of Flight to intercept 6.8 seconds
- 6. Witness Albert Gipe, a self employed Consultant, Engineer and Ex-Naval Officer, was transiting 25 nautical miles off shore aboard a sailboat in passage to Block Island. He was standing in the boat ladder well facing Long Island, attempting to place a cell phone call.
- 7. Mr. Gipe saw a <u>streak of light like a "tracer bullet"</u> rise from the surface going from South (seaward) to North (landward) <u>on a 30° to 45° elevation, which terminated six seconds later</u> in an explosion that was followed shortly thereafter by another explosion. Mr. Gipe immediately wrote down his position and what he observed.
- 8. Mr. Gipe was 17 nautical miles, or 34,000 yards, from TWA FL800 when it exploded. Because the witness's location was ahead of TWA FL800's course, with little angle off and because 1° degree of ARC is over 1,800 ft of sky on the horizon at a 17 nautical mile range, TWA FL800's apparent relative motion while in flight would appear almost stationary to Mr. Gipe.
- 9. Mr. Gipe's recorded observations fit precisely to a short-range successful surface to air engagement of TWA FL800 with a large anti-aircraft missile fired from the immediate vicinity of the 30-knot radar contact.