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On July 14, 1997, [redacted] residing at [redacted] Shirley, New York, [redacted] was interviewed by the below [redacted] Special Agents at the Mastic Beach High School, Mastic Beach Road Mastic Beach, New York. After [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, she then provided the following information:

On the evening of July 17, 1996 [redacted] was walking around the high school's track with her friend [redacted] when she first noticed a plane in the sky traveling right to left. (It should be noted that the events [redacted] is about to describe occurred at a 45 degree angle further east than the description of her walking partners') She then saw an object angle to the right with a bright orange glow with a white streak behind it. (The point which [redacted] identified as the point of origin, using a GPS System, was later determined to be N 40 degrees 46.778 minutes, W 72 degrees 51.219 minutes.) She then lost sight of the streak because of the clouds. [redacted] described this streak as "taking off like a rocket". She thought at first that she saw fireworks but then changed her mind and said "no way it was a missile". After the clouds parted she saw a bright orange fireball, more than doubled in size, which broke shortly after into two pieces. It fell straight down behind the tree and building line. She heard no sound prior to the event nor did she "feel" any thunder.

From [redacted] position at the time of the event, using the ground at the horizon line and a ruler to measure, the streak she saw was at the 1 inch mark, while the fireball was at an 45 degree angle from the horizon. [redacted] arm length measures 24 inches.

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