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[redacted] Central Islip, New York (NY) 11722, telephone [redacted], Date of Birth, [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview. She then provided the following information:

On July 17, 1996, [redacted] was visiting a friend at [redacted] Bayshore, NY. She was sitting in the house by a second story window looking out towards the ocean just about dusk. [redacted] stated that she saw a plane and noticed an object spiraling towards the plane. The object, which she saw for about one second, had a glow at the end of it and a grey/white smoke trail. [redacted] stated she saw the object hit the plane and then the object headed down toward the ocean. She could not be sure where the object hit the plane, but said it could have been the side or near the back. She heard a loud noise and saw an explosion just as the object hit the plane. The plane dropped towards the water and appeared to split in two pieces. A few seconds later, she heard another explosion. [redacted] stated the explosions were so loud they shook the house. She stated after the two explosions, the sky turned a green color.

[redacted] pointed out the position of the plane using two large trees located across the street from the house she was in. She stated the plane was just a little over the tree line just about directly over the house which is facing in a southeast direction.

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by SAs PAUL VALENTINE/ [signature]
NICK J. PINDULIC/PV/jxs

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[redacted] Date of Birth, [redacted]
 residence, [redacted] Central Islip, New York 11722,
 telephone number [redacted] was recontacted at the home of a
 friend residing at [redacted] Bayshore, New York, to obtain
 azimuth directions for her observations on July 17, 1996, of
 Trans World Airlines (TWA), flight 800, which were reported in
 previous July 23, 1996, interview by Federal Bureau of
 Investigations (FBI), Special Agent's (SA's) VALENTINE and
 PINDULIC. [redacted] was taken to the location of those observations
 in the living room at [redacted], by a large window, where
 she provided information to Suffolk County Marine Bureau (SCMB),
 Deputy Inspector DOUGLAS MATULEWICH, who took readings using a
 GPS 45 Personal Navigator and a hand bearing magnetic compass.
 Also present during the contact were the following individuals:
 FBI, SA's PAUL SHEA, PETER CASAZZA, WILLIAM F. LYNCH.

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

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PAUL SHEA (PS:gmo) Date dictated 8/1/96

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¹⁴⁵ [redacted] Bayshore, New York. Also present during the interview were [redacted] and

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After being advised of the official identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview, [redacted] then provided the following information:

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On July 17, 1996, at approximately 8:00 or 8:15 p.m., [redacted] and [redacted] were doing homework in [redacted] house at [redacted] Bayshore, NY. The house was located eight miles inland from the southern shore of Long Island, NY. [redacted] and [redacted] were sitting on the couch in the living room, and there was a large window in back of the couch. The living room was on the second floor of the house. [redacted] was sitting on the east end of the couch facing west, and [redacted] was sitting on the west end of the couch facing east.

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The day was clear, the sun was setting in the west and the sky was light blue.

¹⁴⁵ [redacted] was looking out the living room window over the tree tops in back of the neighbor's house across the street. She noticed a plane coming from the south east. The plane appeared to be one quarter inch in length. (During the interview, a standard ruler was utilized to determine measurements in inches.) She could see the outline of the plane. The plane was traveling east to west in the normal travel path of planes coming from MacArthur/Islip Airport. The plane appeared light grey/silver in color, and the sun was reflecting off of it.

At the same time she saw the plane, [redacted] also noticed an orange flare to the right of the aircraft. The flare was moving slowly and was smaller than the plane. [redacted] could not recall in which direction the flare was moving, however she motioned with her hands from right to left in an upward direction when referring to the flare. [redacted] further described the flare as a "fire rocket."

She then heard and saw the plane explode. The explosion was small, appeared to be five inches in diameter and

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was reddish/orange in color. The flare came down from the small explosion. [REDACTED] could still see the plane, and stated that the plane continued moving east to west for a short time after the initial explosion. The initial explosion moved from left to right and grew larger. It then went down slightly but was still visible above the tree line.

[REDACTED] commented that she remembered the small explosion as yellow/light yellow in color. [REDACTED] also advised [REDACTED] that she saw an orange flare to the right of the first explosion. [REDACTED] stated that the flare was shaped like a tear drop, and she could not recall if the flare had a trail. [REDACTED] was also unsure of the speed of the flare.

Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had never seen a flare prior to July 17, 1996.

[REDACTED] then heard and saw a larger, second explosion. The second explosion was twice as loud as the first. In addition, the second explosion was made up of many colors, and it was visible in the entire sky in back of the neighbor's house across the street. The explosion "looked like a rainbow". It was light green, then yellow and then orange. The second explosion then moved downward and faded.

Both explosions were so loud that they shook [REDACTED] house, including the pictures on the walls. [REDACTED] mother, [REDACTED] came upstairs and asked if [REDACTED] was alright. [REDACTED] thought that [REDACTED] may have fallen, thereby causing the noise and the shaking of the house.

The initial explosion lasted for five seconds. [REDACTED] stated that it was as if they were "in the movie theater." [REDACTED] further stated that although the explosion was similar to thunder, it was "very loud", "louder than thunder", and it hurt her ears. [REDACTED] also advised that the pictures in the house "rattled", and that it felt like an earthquake.

[REDACTED] advised that the entire event lasted approximately three seconds. [REDACTED] believed that the event lasted sixteen seconds. When timed by interviewing Agent BONGARDT, [REDACTED] described the sequence of events in fifty-seven seconds, and [REDACTED] described the events in fifteen to sixteen seconds.

During the interview, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] each drew a picture of the event. A copy of each picture is attached hereto, and the originals are contained in 1A envelopes.

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When [redacted] looked at the clock after the event, the time was 8:25 p.m. *MS*

MS At approximately 8:45 p.m., [redacted] told [redacted] and [redacted] that she had seen the event on television. *MS*
MS [redacted] telephoned the Federal Bureau of Investigation a few days later.

The following is descriptive information for [redacted]

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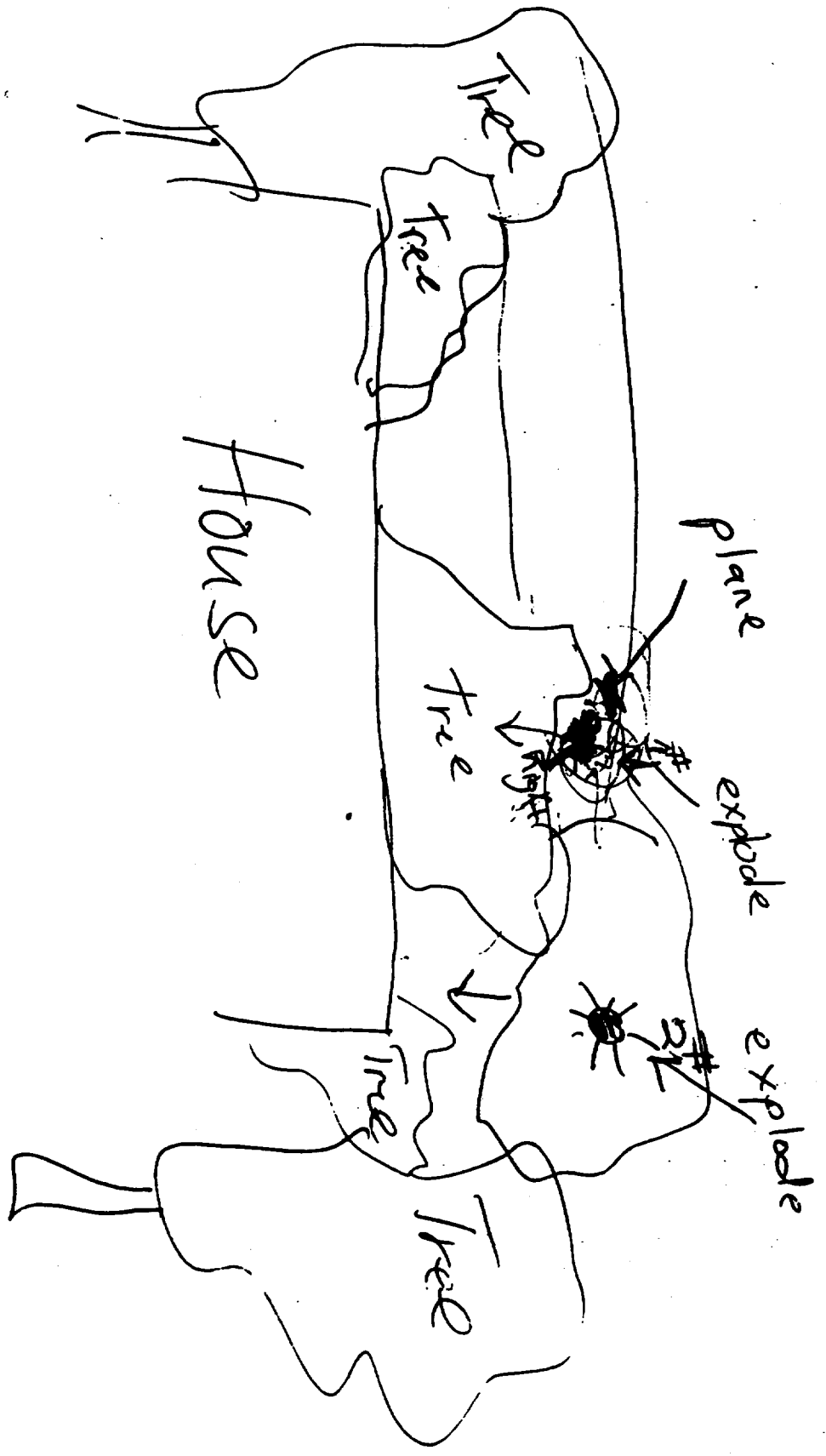
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