

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted] Aquebogue, New York, 11901, [redacted], was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview. [redacted] then provided the following information:

On the night of TWA Flight 800's crash, [redacted] and a group of friends were at a waterhole located off Old Country Road, Speonk, New York, in the vicinity of the Suffolk County Police Department's Firearms Range. [redacted] was on the west bank of the waterhole approximately eight (8) feet in the water when he noticed a red flare or firework trailing white smoke ascending over the tree line on the south side of the waterhold. The flare was angling east-southeast.

Approximately seven (7) to ten (10) seconds later [redacted] observed a large fireball erupt approximately 12 miles away. An object, not on fire fell away from the fireball. The fireball descended in an easterly direction and was lost to sight below the tree line.

Shortly thereafter, [redacted] heard a loud explosion and felt the ground shake.

Before the explosion in the sky, [redacted] observed a plane in the area of the flare. After the explosion [redacted] could no longer see the plane.

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