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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ronkonkoma, New York. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

The evening of July 17, 1996, [REDACTED] was having dinner with her husband, [REDACTED] at RIVERVIEW RESTAURANT in Oakdale, Long Island. [REDACTED] 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, [REDACTED] 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. [REDACTED] did not observe any fire ball, and did not hear any sounds throughout the event.

[REDACTED] 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 its distance from her, [REDACTED] thought that the object was something more than just a flare. As the pieces broke and descended, [REDACTED] lost visual contact beyond the horizon.

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