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[redacted] New York, [redacted] another residence in [redacted] Lee, New Jersey, [redacted] provided the following information:

At approximately 8:20 or 8:30 PM, ⁴³⁷ [redacted] was on his deck which faces the south shore. ⁴³⁷ [redacted] was having dinner with his wife, ⁴³⁸ [redacted], and ⁴³⁷ [redacted]. ⁴³⁸ [redacted] wife observed a white ball shooting across the sky and brought this to his attention. ⁴³⁷ [redacted] advised that it looked like a shooting star. ⁴³⁷ [redacted] advised that the white ball travelled on an arc from right to left (approximately west to east). The arc travelled on a decline from its initial sighting. The ball left a "skinny" white trail. From their position, looking south, at approximately a nine (9) o'clock position the ball exploded into a large whitish grey ball of smoke. Then a wide orange/reddish flame travelled upward to the smoke ball. Shortly after the wide flame disappeared, two strong earthquake type rumblings were felt and heard. ⁴³⁷ [redacted] advised that the entire incident occurred in ten (10) seconds or less. ⁴³⁷ [redacted] commented that the fireball and arc were east of the accident site. Additionally, he advised that it appeared to occur over the bay. ⁴³⁸ [redacted] corroborated the above information.

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