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On June 18, 1997, [redacted] was interviewed at his residence [redacted] East Moriches, New York, [redacted]. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and of the purpose of the interview, [redacted] then provided the following information:

On July 17, 1996, [redacted] parked his vehicle at the end of Adelaide Avenue facing Moriches Bay on the west side of SILLY LILLY'S FISHING STATION. [redacted] could not recall at what time he parked his vehicle but estimated that he arrived some time between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. He remained seated in the driver's seat of the vehicle, writing a letter until some time after 9:00 p.m. [redacted] could not recall where he had been prior to arriving at Moriches Bay but advised that he had drank one or two beers. [redacted] advised that he does not wear or require prescription eye glasses.

[redacted] stated that it was a clear evening and that he could see Dune Road across the bay, stretching from his left (east) to directly in front of him (south) and another land mass jutting out into the water on his right (west). The Coast Guard Station was visible to his left (east). The sun was not in [redacted] line of sight and [redacted] advised that he thought it was setting behind him. [redacted] stated that there were a number of small boats and jet skis in the bay. He did not see any unusual boat traffic in the water or any unusual vehicles in the vicinity.

[redacted] stated that he did not remember exactly at what time, but approximated that he had been sitting in his vehicle for an hour when he looked out towards the bay. While staring out at the bay, [redacted] advised that he observed what he thought was a red flare appear and ascend in the sky. [redacted] advised that his sight was fixed on the horizon when the object appeared and that the object did not originate from the water line. [redacted] stated that the red flare-like object appeared to be moving straight up at a steady, high rate of speed. He estimated that the object was approximately two miles away from him. [redacted] stated that the object was round in shape and was glowing red. The object was not trailed by smoke or any other matter. [redacted]

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advised that the object's shape, color and speed remained constant for approximately four to five seconds.

At this time, the object disappeared in an intense, bright white explosion. [REDACTED] advised that the explosion showered bright white sparkles, which he stated reminded him of fireworks, moving in an umbrella pattern from a central point outward in all directions and falling downwards. The sparkles were all the same bright white color and no smoke accompanied them. [REDACTED] estimated that the white sparkle shower lasted for one to two seconds. Then for approximately one second [REDACTED] did not see anything until, starting in the same location as the bottom of the sparkle shower, sheets of orange and yellow flames, in a triangular shape, began to fall in a diagonal direction from [REDACTED] right to left. The falling flames lasted for approximately six seconds and faded.

At the same time as and from the same location where the flames disappeared, [REDACTED] stated that he saw a black object, approximately the same size as the flare-like object but non-descript in shape, begin to fall diagonally from right to left. The black object fell for approximately six seconds before it disappeared from [REDACTED] view behind the land line of Dune Road on the horizon. When the object was approximately one-sixth of the distance from where it initiated to where it disappeared from [REDACTED] view behind the horizon, [REDACTED] advised that he had the impression that a small piece of the object separated from the right of the original object and traveled beside the larger, original object.

The black object was trailed by dark black swirling smoke which [REDACTED] stated was dense and could not be seen through. The smoke trail width was slightly larger in dimension than the black object. After the black object disappeared from [REDACTED] view, the smoke lingered above the horizon line for approximately ten seconds and faded from the top to the bottom of its mass.

Approximately two seconds after the black object disappeared from [REDACTED] view, he heard a loud boom which he described as a hollow echo sound, similar to an M-80 explosion or a shotgun firing at a 100 foot distance. [REDACTED] advised that the sound originated from the direction of the water where the black object had disappeared and while the black smoke was still

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lingering above the horizon. Two seconds after the first boom, [REDACTED] heard a second, similar in sound and direction to the first, and then approximately one second after the second boom, [REDACTED] heard a third boom, identical to the first and second booms. [REDACTED] stated that he did not feel any vibrations accompanying the booms and that he thought the noise was very loud but not close to his location.

Following the interview, the interviewing agents escorted [REDACTED] to the location where he was parked on Adelaide Avenue when he witnessed the event. [REDACTED] identified a "Dead End" sign located at the end of Adelaide Avenue, north of Moriches Bay. [REDACTED] stated that from his location in his vehicle, the event occurred in his line of sight approximately three feet higher than the top right hand corner of the sign. [REDACTED] identified a series of buoys that are stationed at intervals from the end of Adelaide Avenue and positioned out into the bay. [REDACTED] advised that the event occurred straight above the buoy second closest to Adelaide Avenue.

Holding a ruler given to him by the interviewing agents, [REDACTED] stood in the approximate location where his vehicle was when he witnessed the event. [REDACTED] held the twelve inch ruler straight up and down an arm's length away, the one inch mark pointed closest to the ground. He placed his thumb on the two and a half inch mark and aligned it with the horizon. [REDACTED] advised that the highest point of the event occurred approximately at the end of the ruler or the twelve inch mark.