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[REDACTED] Date of Birth [REDACTED], work address [REDACTED], New York, New York, [REDACTED], was interviewed at his place of employment by Special Agent (SA) NATALE PARISI of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). [REDACTED] was advised of the identities of the interviewing agent and provided the following information:

On Wednesday, July 17, 1996, at approximately 8:30 PM, [REDACTED] was fishing on his 17 foot boat in the Moriches inlet. While fishing [REDACTED] observed a grey and white flare in the sky, arching from south to north. [REDACTED] was facing south east at the time. He then noticed the flare turn into a shower of yellow fire. [REDACTED] advised that the flare lasted about 10 seconds. The yellow fire then fell to the ocean. [REDACTED] then heard a low rumbling coming from the direction of the fire.

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On 07/24/1996, [REDACTED] Seaman's Apprentice/Officer Candidate, temporarily assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter [REDACTED] permanently assigned to Battery Park MIO, SSN: [REDACTED] Home address: [REDACTED] New York, New York, Telephone: [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agent CHRISTOPHER M. PIEHOTA and Investigator ED KARASEWICZ who identified themselves and the purpose of the interview.

During the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] stated that he was on the starboard side bridge of the [REDACTED] when he alerted the Captain and the X-0 to a flame in the air. At first [REDACTED] thought the flame might have been from a National Guard flare exercise that was being conducted in the area. After first spotting the flames, [REDACTED] followed them from the sky to the water. [REDACTED] stated that the [REDACTED] was approximately 20 miles from the crash site.

[REDACTED] stated that the [REDACTED] had stopped approximately 4 to 5 boats while it was out to sea. Most of the boats in the area were fishing boats.

[REDACTED] stated that, when the [REDACTED] finally arrived at the crash site, fishing boats in the area had already begun to set off flares. [REDACTED] viewed what he believed to be the escape chute from the downed airplane. [REDACTED] stated that the [REDACTED] traveled at approximately 30 knots and took approximately 30 minutes to reach the crash site.

[REDACTED] could not recall any other details or provide any further information regarding this matter.

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