

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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On 01/30/97, [redacted] was interviewed at her residence, [redacted], Middle Island, New York, [redacted]. [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview, [redacted] then provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that on the evening of 07/17/96 she was boating with [redacted] (spouse) in the Great South Bay near the inlet. [redacted] further advised that she was in the process of photographing her father's boat, facing the inlet, when she witnessed something explode over the Atlantic Ocean, south of the inlet. She further described the event as a flash followed by a fireball. After returning home, she heard about the explosion of TWA flight 800 on the news.

[redacted] stated that she had the photographs developed within a day or two of 07/17/96. In one of the photos, [redacted] advised that she noticed a small white streak. [redacted] advised that she then contacted the FBI's toll free number to report that she witnessed the explosion and had a "strange" photograph. [redacted] stated that she talked to an FBI agent named JOE KUHNS who advised her to send the negative/negatives to the FBI's New York office. [redacted] advised that she sent negatives via overnight express to the FBI. [redacted] stated that KUHNS contacted her three (3) days later to inform her that the negative was clear and there was "nothing wrong with her camera."

[redacted] advised that her photo has aired on Channel 2 and Channel 12, and on the television program "Extra." [redacted] stated that two journalists, [redacted] and [redacted], have recently contacted her telephonically regarding her photograph. She advised that [redacted] told her that he is trying to do something with NBC regarding the crash of TWA Flight 800. [redacted] stated that [redacted] wanted her to meet him at JFK International Airport before his flight back to Germany, the week before the interview, so he could view her photograph. [redacted] advised that she decided not to meet him prior to his departure, because she did not want to travel to JFK International Airport.

[redacted] advised that she contacted [redacted] (LNU) at the

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television show "Hardcopy", regarding selling her photograph. "Hardcopy" offered to pay [REDACTED] \$500 for the photograph, and [REDACTED] turned down the offer as per her attorney's advice.

[REDACTED] stated that she utilizes the Internet on a regular basis. [REDACTED] mentioned that she has been in contact with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] via the Internet. She advised that [REDACTED] wants her to prepare a written summary of what she witnessed on the evening of 07/17/96, along with information regarding her photograph. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] wants to post this summary on his home web-page which discusses the TWA Flight 800 explosion. [REDACTED] advised that she has not prepared a summary for [REDACTED].

The following background information was obtained through interview and observation:

NAME:	[REDACTED]
DOB:	[REDACTED]
POB:	Hunington, New York
SOCIAL SECURITY #:	[REDACTED]
SEX:	Female
ADDRESS:	[REDACTED]
TELEPHONE:	Middle Island, New York
EMPLOYMENT:	Realtor
	[REDACTED]