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[redacted] Date/Place of Birth (D/POB) [redacted]
 [redacted] NY, Social Security Number (SSN) [redacted]
 [redacted] residence [redacted] East Moriches, NY,
 phone [redacted] was
 interviewed at the Coast Guard Command Center, East Moriches, NY.
 Present during the interview was Federal Bureau of Investigation
 (FBI) Special Agent (SA) Paul Shea; Defense Intelligence Agency
 (DIA) Senior Intelligence Officer Robert A. Doherty and DIA
 Surface to Air Missile Armaments Analyst Thomas F. LeBlanc; and
 Suffolk County Police Department (SCPD) Detective Jim Fanning.

[redacted] was cooperative, but was difficult to follow,
 as his speech was at times tangential. He provided the following
 information:

On Wednesday, July 17, 1996, [redacted] went fishing
 about 8:10 PM in the bay about one mile due south of the United
 States Coast Guard Station at East Moriches, NY. Sometime later
 (time unspecified), he saw a plane coming from west to east and
 then what looked like a "smaller" plane coming from the northeast
 on a dead course heading toward the nose of the larger plane.
 There was no smoke tail on the "smaller plane." [redacted] saw the
 smaller plane for about 3 or 4 seconds before hearing a crackling
 sound and saw what looked like aerial bomb fireworks. The larger
 plane blew up and became a big fireball which then broke into
 four pieces. [redacted] heard a sound like paper crackling when
 the "two planes" crunched up, then a noise like "poof," then a
 whooshing sound. The sun was to the west of the Coast Guard
 station. [redacted] did see a green light, but this might have
 been one of the lights from the big plane.

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