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The following investigation was conducted by Detective RICHARD HIGGINS and Detective GENE GROSS #438 Command 3120:

Interview was at [redacted] Shirley, New York (NY) on July 23, 1996 at 5:30 PM. Interviewed were [redacted] of [redacted] Shirley, NY, [redacted] and [redacted] Shirley, NY, [redacted] b66 b65

Both subjects stated that on Wednesday evening, July 17, 1996, sometime during dusk, they were standing on a floating dock located at [redacted], East Moriches, NY, [redacted]. They stated they had just come off [redacted] boat.

RH: [redacted] b66 stated he only saw the object ascending for a split second when he observed an orange or light colored object ascending from the southwest direction. He stated it ascended for approximately five seconds, and just prior to what appeared to be it's maximum height, it hooked to the right and then exploded. [redacted] stated as it was ascending it was leaving a light colored smoke trail. He stated the smoke trail went all the way to the point of impact. [redacted] states that he was approximately ten miles away from the ascending object. He stated that the leading edge of the smoke trail had an orange glow. b65 b66

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