

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[REDACTED]

Valley Stream, New York, 11581

[REDACTED] was advised of the official identity of the interviewing agents and purpose of the interview. [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] stated he was traveling in his vehicle on Highway 27 (Sunrise Highway), on July 17, 1996. He was traveling in a westbound direction. [REDACTED] stated at approximately 8:30 p.m., he was approximately one mile north of the shore at East Moriches, New York, and looked southward. He noticed something that looked like a shooting star in the sky traveling east to west and downward in a slightly steeper than forth-five (45) degree angle. It was small, orange-red in color, and appeared to twinkle. It left a trail like a comet, but smaller than a comet. He described the trail as a streak that disappeared very quickly. The orange-red streak was consistent in color. It traveled slowly, in a direct path, with no curve, for approximately ten seconds. He did not observe smoke following the streak, but stated that he was observing the streak and not looking at what, if anything, was following it. This streak then exploded in the air. He described this explosion as a dash of fire and then large flames. He observed an airplane wing and debris falling down through the flames. He believed this event occurred close to the shore. He observed smoke at this point. He thought the airplane was small, like a Cessna. He did not think that the shooting star streak image and the explosion image were two objects coming together, but rather something that was on fire and the fire got larger. He heard no explosion sounds, but attributed this to having his car radio at a high volume. He was driving approximately sixty (60) miles per hour (mph) with his windows down.

[REDACTED] stated the sun was down but the sky was not dark yet.

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