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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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home residence, [REDACTED] Date of Birth, [REDACTED]  
 telephone number [REDACTED] Yaphank, New York, 11980,  
 [REDACTED] employed by [REDACTED] Social Security Account Number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] position, [REDACTED] Stonybrook, New York, 11794,  
 [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed at his residence and was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, which was to ascertain his knowledge and observations on the evening of July 17, 1996. Thereafter, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] stated that at approximately 8:30 to 8:45 pm, he and his wife, [REDACTED], were at Smith Point Beach, where the National Seashore begins. Located by an octagon building and the Ranger Station, there is a flight of stairs leading down the beach facing southeast. [REDACTED] and his wife were at the top of that staircase looking southeast over the ocean when he observed what he believed to be a meteor flare, round in shape, red in color, approximately ten miles from his location and forty-five degrees up from his line of sight.

[REDACTED] stated that this red meteor moved upward and arched in a northeasterly direction. [REDACTED] further stated that the red meteor had no tail to it, nor did he observe any smoke trail coming from it. [REDACTED] advised that he heard no noise and saw no smoke.

[REDACTED] stated that two to three seconds after he observed the red meteor, he observed, lower than the red meteor, at a forty degree line of sight, two large pieces, yellow and red in color, engulfed in flames, falling one on top of another, with black smoke trailing the pieces as they fell. [REDACTED] further stated that the flames from the lower piece almost touched the upper piece as they fell straight down. [REDACTED] advised that the length of the falling pieces was approximately a ten degree length. [REDACTED] further advised that he did not see the object hit the water, however, he stated that it disappeared before striking the water. [REDACTED] stated that

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approximately two to three seconds after seeing the two pieces fall, he observed a second meteor, red in color, round in shape, identical to the initial meteor, coming from the same location as the first meteor, shoot up at a shallow ten degree angle and disappear over the horizon. [REDACTED] advised that the meteor came from the southeast. [REDACTED] advised that he did not see any launch point where the red meteors may have come from. [REDACTED] further advised that he did not see any boats in the water. [REDACTED] stated that he observed all of these events from the shore and believes the objects were located at a longitude of seventy two degrees and forty-four feet, latitude of forty degrees and forty one feet, with a compass bearing from his location of one hundred ten degrees to one hundred twenty degrees. [REDACTED] advised that all of these figures are approximate, done to the best of his ability looking at a map.