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[redacted] was interviewed by Senior Investigator THOMAS O'NEILL and Investigator KEVIN E. WALSH of the New York State Police Department. The interview was conducted on July 20, 1996.

[redacted] states that on July 17, 1996, at approximately 8:30 PM, she, her husband [redacted] Date of Birth - [redacted] and her children had completed dinner at OAKLAND'S RESTAURANT on Dune Road, Hampton Bays, New York. They were walking on the ocean front beach adjacent to Dune Road at an area just west of the jetty. [redacted] describes the time of day as the beginning of dusk. She states that at the time she observed a little red dot of light to the west, which she describes as appearing to be a "Roman Candle" coming east parallel to the horizon. One or two seconds later, the dot became bigger and started to fall fast. The dot then blew up into a fireball and there was an explosion. A second explosion occurred and a second fireball developed. The two fireballs fell to the ground separately and a third explosion occurred which shook the ground. After the explosions, [redacted] observed dark smoke which disappeared quickly. [redacted] describes the explosions as being louder on the first and third explosion. She describes the entire occurrence as lasting about 7 seconds.

When questioned further concerning the dot that she observed, [redacted] stated that there was a colorless haze around the dot; that she saw no smoke trail; and that she heard no noise when she first observed the dot. She further describes the fireballs as bright red to orange. [redacted] states that she saw no airplane or debris, but believes that the dot appeared larger than an airplane warning light.

[redacted] states that her husband was interviewed by television station Channel 55. [redacted] will be available for possible interview in New York City, either at their residence or at his place of employment, telephone number [redacted] between this date and Friday, July 26, 1996, and he will return to [redacted] on Friday evening.

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