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On July 19, 1996 at about 6:20 PM, Sergeant FRED DELUCA and Detective NICHOLAS GARCIA, SO-9, were present at [redacted] Center Moriches, Long Island. One [redacted] white male [redacted] Date of Birth [redacted] and one [redacted] white male 17, Date of Birth [redacted] were interviewed in connection with the July 17, 1996 downing of TWA flight 800.

[redacted] resides at [redacted] Long Island,

[redacted] resides at [redacted] Center Moriches, Long Island,

[redacted] and [redacted] were surfing in the area of Smith Point County Park, Shirley, Long Island, west of Moriches Inlet. They arrived by boat and moored on Moriches Bay. They observed what appeared to be a 19 foot center console boat approximately 200 yards from shore. The boat could have been a "Proline." This boat was occupied by two males with dark hair. Both appeared to be in their thirties. They further described green stripes on the boat. The two males on the boat were not fishing.

[redacted] and [redacted] began their walk to the north shore of Smith Point Park, arriving at their boat at approximately 8:30 PM. At about this time they observed what looked like a flame rising up over the Atlantic Ocean, then arching in an easterly direction. They then reported seeing a flash of bright light followed by a large red and orange fire type glow. Two items engulfed in this fiery glow were falling down, disappearing behind sand dunes in the horizon.

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[redacted] and [redacted] are telephonically interviewed pertaining to the night of July 17, 1996. [redacted] and FLYNN contacted the New York Office of the FBI relative to what they saw while boating on July 17, 1996. According to [redacted] and [redacted] they were with three other individuals at approximately 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening, July 17, 1996. They were surfing by Great Gun beach in Moriches Bay west of the Moriches inlet. At approximately 8:30 [redacted] and [redacted] stated that the visibility was pretty good and it was just about dusk. They saw what appeared to be a flare being fired from a boat in the bay. They stated that the flare did not appear to be an ordinary flare, and it could have been something like a fireworks, but the burst at the end of the flare seemed pretty unusual. It was not a normal boat flare that they are used to. They said the flare disappeared into black smoke behind a dune and it burst pretty low over the horizon. The boat that these individuals thought that the flare came from was a Pro-line center console occupied by two males white, thirty years of age. This boat was approximately two hundred yards away from [redacted] and [redacted] while they were surfing, but they could not tell how far away it was from them when they saw the flare being fired. They said these males did not appear to be fishing and seemed to just be sitting in the boat.

Both [redacted] and [redacted] stated that another unusual incident occurred approximately 8 o'clock that night, when a small single engine plane (perhaps yellow in color) flew west approximately fifty feet over the water and then disappeared. Approximately twenty minutes later at about 8:20 p.m. the plane came back from the other direction again very low over the water.

Both [redacted] and [redacted] stated that when the flare (or what appeared to be a flare) burst they did not hear or see any other explosion or burst of light. It wasn't until they got home that they heard about the TWA disaster. [redacted] and [redacted] stated that when they saw this flare go up they were pulling away from the dock on the bay side of the barrier beach. All the passengers in the boat were sitting facing south and the boat was

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headed in a northerly direction. The flare appeared on the left side of the boat while they were pulling away from the dock.

[REDACTED] s, [REDACTED] date of birth [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] Center [REDACTED]
Moriches, New York, telephone number [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], date of birth [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Moriches, New York, telephone number [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Also on the boat were [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] and
[REDACTED] ALSO of center Moriches, telephone number unknown.

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[Redacted] Date/Place of Birth (D/POB) [Redacted] City, [Redacted] Center

Moriches, NY, was recontacted to obtain azimuth directions for his observations on July 17, 1996 of Trans World Airlines (TWA) flight 800 and/or "a flare" which were reported in previous interview by New York Police Department (NYPD) officers Nick Garcia and Fred DeLuca. [Redacted] was taken to the location of those observations at Great Gun Beach, NY, Brookhaven Township, NY, where he provided information to Suffolk County Marine Bureau (SCMB) Deputy Inspector Douglas Matulewich and Police Officer Vincent Termine, who plotted readings using a GPS 45 Personal Navigator and a hand bearing magnetic compass. Also present during this contact were the following individuals: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) - Special Agent (SA) Paul Shea, SA Peter C. Casazza, SA William F. Lynch; SCMB Sergeant Charlie Gerlach; New York Police Department (NYPD) - Detective Nick Garcia and Detective Fred DeLuca; Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) - Senior Intelligence Officer Robert A. Doherty; and Surface to Air Missile Armaments Analyst Thomas F. LeBlanc.

The purpose of recording this and other similar information was to allow for future interpretation of this data.

Investigation on 7/20/1996 at Great Gun Beach, New York

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On July 20, 1996, Special Agent (SA) WILLIAM F. LYNCH, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), interviewed [redacted] a white male, who resides at [redacted] Center Moriches, New York. [redacted] was interviewed regarding the sightings of a "flare" he observed rising from the ocean, in the vicinity of Smith Point Outer Beach, at approximately 8:30 PM on July 17, 1996. He advised as follows:

[redacted] and his friend [redacted] were surfing from approximately 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm, at the above beach, on the evening of July 17, 1996, and were approximately 100 feet off shore. While surfing, they noticed a white "PRO LINE" type fiberglass boat, which appeared to be 19 - 20 feet in length. This boat was approximately 300 feet further out in the water, making it approximately 400 feet from shore. The boat was occupied by two dark haired white males, who were not fishing, and [redacted] noted the boat was not anchored.

At approximately 8:15 pm, [redacted] and his friend [redacted] stopped surfing, departed the beach, and began to make their way to "Great Gun Beach" marina, which was directly north of where they had been surfing, and in the general vicinity of where the aforementioned boat had been.

The "flare" was rising just to the left of the flag pole on Great Gun Beach, as one views that flag pole, looking toward the ocean, while standing on the marina dock.

The "flare" went straight up, and [redacted] seeing black smoke, assumed it had burned out.

[redacted] stated that he has been "around the water," all his life, and has seen many flares. He described this flare as larger than usual, and noted that it also climbed more steeply than usual.

[redacted] also recalled that at approximately 8:00 pm, just before he and [redacted] stopped surfing, he noted a ^{yellow} and white plane flying west, along the beach, at approximately [redacted]

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feet over the water. At 8:05 PM, he recalled that same plane returning, now flying easterly, along the beach.

Finally, [REDACTED] also recalled that a woman named First Name Unknown (FNU) [REDACTED] who resides on [REDACTED] Center Moriches, New York, had also seen the above-described "flare" at the same time he had. He recalled that [REDACTED] had phoned her information in to Channel 7 TV News.