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[REDACTED] Date of Birth [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Hampton Bays, New York, telephone [REDACTED], was
 advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the
 purpose of the interview. [REDACTED] provided the following
 information at 12:00 PM.

[REDACTED] was on a boat traveling north toward the
 Shinnecock Inlet, approximately 100 feet from the inlet. [REDACTED]
 was facing south when he saw a red flash in the distance. He
 advised that the flash appeared to be 200 to 300 feet over the
 water. The flash traveled upward with a very slight arc to the
 right. The flash was to the right of his position. One eighth
 of the upward distance, a portion of the flash broke off and
 descended to the left. [REDACTED] advised that the main portion of
 the flash continued to travel upward. When the flash reached its
 highest point, it turned into a blackish gray smoke cloud. The
 cloud remained stationary, then eventually vanished. [REDACTED] did
 not hear or feel anything.

After the incident, [REDACTED] vaguely recalled observing a
 red sailboat approximately one mile south. Shortly before the
 explosion, a brown 18-foot speedboat and a 16-foot black
 speedboat were racing southwest. About a half hour before the
 explosion, [REDACTED] observed a white, cigarette type speedboat that
 was approximately 35 feet long. The boat was speeding along the
 shore from east to west toward the Shinnecock Inlet. [REDACTED]
 advised that the boat was traveling much too fast for the area.

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