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On July 21, 1996, Detective MICHAEL CALVIN, of the Suffolk County Police Department interviewed [redacted] Date of Birth: [redacted] summer residence: [redacted] Westhampton, New York, telephone number [redacted] permanent address: [redacted] Laurel Hollow, New York, telephone number: [redacted] [redacted] furnished the following information:

On July 17, 1996, [redacted] was inside his residence at [redacted] walking towards a glass door. He was facing south, when he noticed a red flare descending. It was on a slight downward arc from west to east. There was a thin white smoke trail following a red dot. [redacted] watched the red dot for about three or four seconds. He then saw a fireball erupt. [redacted] is not sure if the red dot and the fireball met. The fireball fell to the horizon with a black smoke trail following. [redacted] also saw a large white oval cloud form where the fireball started. It took about two or three seconds for the fireball to fall into the water. [redacted] could still see the smoke trail of the flare after the eruption. [redacted] only saw one object fall to the water. When the fireball met the horizon, [redacted] first saw a faint glow which turned into a larger fire.

Five to ten seconds after the fireball landed, [redacted] heard an extremely loud explosion that shook his house. The duration of the explosion was about four seconds. [redacted] then heard two or three more explosions of the same intensity but of shorter duration. The eruption occurred about ten miles south of his home. It was at dusk with a slight haze on the horizon. It was 8:36 p.m., when the event was over.

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