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[redacted] Date of Birth: [redacted] was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] North Shirley, New York, telephone number [redacted], by Investigator MICHAEL P. KEARY, New York State Police, and Special Agent WILLIAM HANSEN of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewers and that the interview concerned details he might have concerning TWA Flight 800 which crashed on July 17, 1996. [redacted] thereafter, provided the following:

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[redacted] advised that on July 17, 1996 at approximately 7:30 p.m., he and his two friends, [redacted] and [redacted] had arrived at the "fishing dock" which was located at the end of Union Avenue, Center Moriches, New York. This investigator notes that this pier is located in the vicinity of the Moriches Yacht Club. At about 8:30 p.m., he and his friends were fishing off the south side of the dock facing south, looking over Moriches Bay. He stated that all of a sudden he observed a red light moving up into the air. This flare traveled in the air for what he estimated was 30 seconds. He stated that this red flare was moving in an irregular type arc. He felt this red flare was trying to follow something. He did not note whether the flare left a smoke trail. The red flare then suddenly turned into a huge ball of flame and fell in two pieces. Upon providing [redacted] with a Hagstram Map, he indicated that the red flare emanated from approximately two miles to the southeast. It is noted that this area is within Moriches Bay, about two miles west of Moriches Inlet, in the vicinity of a small island just north of the barrier beach. He stated that he thought he saw a white boat in the vicinity of this area. He described this boat as being white in color, about 22 feet long, and had a long "nose" on it. The white boat subsequently left the area, traveling east until it was out of [redacted] line of sight. He stated that the flare traveled on a slightly southeasterly track until the fireball occurred. [redacted] estimated that the flare traveled 10 miles before it turned into a fireball. [redacted] stated that the fireball fell in two pieces and that after it hit the water he saw the flames.

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