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[redacted] Ricnboro, Pennsylvania, [redacted] telephone [redacted] was interviewed, telephonically, on July 23, 1996. [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] who works for [redacted] advised that on the night of Wednesday, July 17, 1996 he was working on the Beach Lane Bridge in Westhampton, New York. At approximately 8:45 P.M., [redacted] saw what appeared to be cheap fireworks coming off the beach about 4 or 5 houses west of the bridge. [redacted] described this one firework as a white spark (meteor) that went up and arched across the sky. A short time later (seconds later) [redacted] observed an orange fireball in the sky to the south of the bridge. The fireball fell out of the sky. The firework that [redacted] had previously observed was travelling in the direction at the fireball. Seconds after observing the fireball, [redacted] heard and felt one explosion, then three other explosions for a total of four.

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Soon after the explosion, [redacted] saw a National Guard Helicopter fly over the bridge.

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[REDACTED], Richboro, Pa., [REDACTED] was interviewed at his residence regarding his apparent observations of the explosion of TWA flight 800 on July 17, 1996. [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] for VISTA ENGINEERING, Crosskill, N.Y., telephone (908) 561-4420. VISTA ENGINEERING is a steel erection company. [REDACTED] is currently working on the erection of a bridge on Beach Lane at Dune Road in Westhampton, N.Y. [REDACTED] and others were working on the bridge trying to ready the bridge for opening. [REDACTED] indicated the following individuals were working on the bridge on the evening of Wednesday, July 17, 1996:

1. [REDACTED] for VISTA ENGINEERING;
2. [REDACTED] a employee of TANNER ELECTRICIAN, New York, N.Y.;
3. Unknown individual who was working with [REDACTED] who also worked for TANNER ELECTRICIAN;
4. [REDACTED] an employee for LINK CONTROLS;
5. [REDACTED] an employee with Suffolk County Highway Department;
6. [REDACTED] an employee with the New York State Department of Transportation.

[REDACTED] stated just before 8:45 p.m., he had been working in the bridge's switch gear room. The switch gear room has no windows and is located at the base of the bridge. [REDACTED] advised he wanted a break and he came up from the switch gear room to the roadway of the bridge. According to [REDACTED] everyone was still in the switch gear room except for [REDACTED] of the New York State Department of Transportation and [REDACTED]. The bridge runs from the northeast to the southwest (toward the beach). [REDACTED] was standing at the southwest end of the bridge where the span

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begins to cross the river and was looking south-southwest toward the beach. At approximately 8:45 p.m., [REDACTED] saw a white light that was traveling skyward from the ground at approximately a 40 degree angle. [REDACTED] described the white light as a light that sparkled and thought it was some type of fireworks. [REDACTED] stated the white light "zig zagged" as it traveled upward and at the apex of its travel, the white light "arched over" and disappeared from [REDACTED] view. [REDACTED] estimated the white light was in view for approximately 15 seconds and its speed was consistent with the speed that normal fireworks might travel. [REDACTED] advised the white light first came in to view just above the roof top of the fourth house west of the public parking area on Dune Road. [REDACTED] stated the white light traveled outward from the beach in a south-southeasterly direction. [REDACTED] stated two or three seconds after the white light disappeared, he saw an orange light that appeared to be a fireball in the sky approximately one-half mile away. [REDACTED] was unable to estimate the height or elevation of this fireball due to its distance from him (approximately one-half mile away). The fireball descended at approximately a 30 degree angle and left a fire trail burning behind it. According to wire, the fireball disappeared behind the second house to the west of the public parking area located at Beach Lane and Dune Road.

As the fireball was falling, [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] to look. [REDACTED] stated it must be an airplane and immediately ran down to the public parking area to see if he could see anything else.

[REDACTED] stated after the fireball disappeared behind the house, he heard the first of four explosions. This first explosion was the loudest of the four explosions and the concussion from the explosion shook the bridge [REDACTED] was standing on. Approximately eight to nine seconds after hearing the first explosion, [REDACTED] heard a second and third explosion. The third explosion occurred immediately following the second explosion or what appeared to be at almost the same time. Approximately one second after the third explosion, [REDACTED] heard a fourth and final explosion.

On the afternoon of July 17, 1996, [REDACTED] had observed a C130 and helicopters flying in the area. [REDACTED] stated the helicopter was a National Guard helicopter and that the C130 and helicopters appeared to be on maneuvers. Just after the

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explosions [REDACTED] observed a National Guard helicopter fly directly over the Beach Lane bridge headed toward the explosion.

The workers who had been in the switch gear room had heard and felt the explosions and came up on to the bridge deck to see what was happening.

[REDACTED] stated several days after the July 17, 1996 incident, he overheard an individual in Eckard's Delicatessen in Westhampton Beach, N.Y., describing having seen similar sightings on July 17, 1996. [REDACTED] stated this individual is the attorney for a woman [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Apparently her attorney, a 6' white male with grey hair, was at his client's home and observed a white light travel from the beach area skyward on July 17, 1996.

[REDACTED] estimated the distance from the southwest end of the Beach Lane bridge to Dune Drive is approximately 300 feet. [REDACTED] estimated the distance from the southwest end of the Beach Lane bridge to the fourth home west of the public parking area on Dune Road is roughly 800 to 900 feet. The fourth and second homes on Dune Road, west of the public parking area, identified by [REDACTED] in his description of the events that took place on July 17, 1996, are on the beach side or south side of Dune Road. [REDACTED] helped sketch a diagram of the Beach Lane bridge, Beach Lane, Dune Road, public parking area on Dune Road and the homes on Dune Road. [REDACTED] diagram is attached to this FD-302.

[REDACTED] stated he does not recall any additional information regarding his observations on July 17, 1996. [REDACTED] wishes to cooperate in whatever way he can and he can be recontacted at any time.

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