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[redacted] was interviewed at her residence, [redacted] Manorville, New York (NY), telephone [redacted]. After being apprised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following:

[redacted] advised that she was walking on the Great Gun Dock on the bay side of Fire Island on the evening of July 17, 1996. [redacted] recalled being alerted to an object in the sky and looking up to see what appeared to be a black or grey smudge which she thought was a flare. The object appeared to be south of the her location and clearly beyond the dunes of Fire Island over the ocean. When she first observed the object, it appeared cylindrical in shape and was rising up in an arc-like direction. The smudge took approximately six to eight seconds to reach its peak, at which time it evolved into yellow and orange pieces of fire. The pieces fluttered down slowly taking approximately ten to twelve seconds to fall out of sight.

[redacted] was unable to provide a precise measure of distance from where she was standing to the object, except to say that it was definitely far away. [redacted] heard no noise associated with the event. She also indicated that she observed no smoke or falling debris associated with rising smudge-like object or falling pieces of fire.

With respect to here precise location, [redacted] advised that she was situated on the west end of the Great Gun Dock. She was unable to provide any landmarks which aided in her observation. She did, however, note that her view was partially obstructed by the tree line of Fire Island. [redacted] had no observation of the object as it passed below the tree line.

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EPHONE [REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED AT HER RESIDENCE REGARDING WHAT SHE WITNESSED ON 7/17/96, AT LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK. [REDACTED] ADVISED THE FOLLOWING:

ON 7/17/96, AT APPROXIMATELY 8:37 P.M., [REDACTED] WAS ON THE MOBAY (PHONETIC) SECTION OF LONG ISLAND BEACH, NEW YORK, WHEN SHE OBSERVED AN AIRCRAFT CLIMBING IN THE SKY TRAVELING FROM HER RIGHT TO HER LEFT. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE SUN WAS SETTING BEHIND HER. WHILE KEEPING HER EYES ON THE AIRCRAFT, SHE OBSERVED A "RED STREAK" MOVING UP FROM THE GROUND TOWARD THE AIRCRAFT AT AN APPROXIMATELY A 45 DEGREE ANGLE. THE "RED STREAK" WAS LEAVING A LIGHT GRAY COLORED SMOKE TRAIL. THE "RED STREAK" WENT PASSED THE RIGHT SIDE AND ABOVE THE AIRCRAFT BEFORE ARCKING BACK TOWARD THE AIRCRAFT'S RIGHT WING. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED THE ARCK'S SHAPE AS RESEMBLING AN UPSIDE DOWN NIKE SWOOSH LOGO. THE SMOKE TRAIL, WHICH WAS LIGHT GRAY IN COLOR, WAS NARROW INITIALLY AND WIDENED AS IT APPROACHED THE AIRCRAFT.

[REDACTED] INITIALLY THOUGHT SOMEONE HAD SET OFF A FLARE AND COMMENTED SAME TO HER FRIENDS SCOTT AND PAULINE BARROWS OF LONG ISLAND. [REDACTED] NEVER TOOK HER EYES OFF THE AIRCRAFT DURING THIS TIME.

AT THE INSTANT THE SMOKE TRAIL ENDED AT THE AIRCRAFT'S RIGHT WING, [REDACTED] HEARD A LOUD SHARP NOISE WHICH SOUNDED LIKE A FIRECRACKER HAD JUST EXPLODED AT HER FEET. [REDACTED] THEN OBSERVED FIRE AT THE AIRCRAFT FOLLOWED BY ONE OR TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WHICH HAD A DEEPER SOUND.

[REDACTED] THEN OBSERVED THE FRONT OF THE AIRCRAFT SEPARATE FROM THE BACK. [REDACTED] THEN OBSERVED BURNING PIECES OF DEBRIS FALLING FROM THE AIRCRAFT.

[REDACTED] WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE A TELEPHONE NUMBER OR ADDRESS FOR HER FRIENDS [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] EXCEPT TO SAY THAT THEY ARE RESIDENTS OF LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK AND THAT THEY DO NOT WANT TO BE INVOLVED.

[REDACTED] WAS IN NEW YORK CITY FROM 7/10/96 UNTIL 7/18/96, WHEN SHE RETURNED TO HER NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENCE. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT DUE TO HER FRIEND'S RELUCTANCE TO COOPERATE, SHE HERSELF DELAYED CONTACTING ANYONE UNTIL LATE 7/19/96, WHEN SHE CALLED TWA. WHILE IN NEW YORK CITY, [REDACTED] WAS STAYING WITH HER FIANCEE [REDACTED], WHO RESIDES IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. GROGAN STATED THAT [REDACTED] WAS NOT PRESENT ON THE BEACH AT THE TIME OF THE EXPLOSION. [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] DOES NOT HAVE A

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