

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/22/96

Birth [redacted] (also known as [redacted]) Date of [redacted]
York, 11719, home telephone number [redacted] Brookhaven, New
Number [redacted] was advised of the identity of the Social Security
interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview:

On Wednesday, July 17, 1996, [redacted] was on his boat
called [redacted] along with [redacted]
Brookhaven, New York, 11719, home telephone number [redacted]
[redacted] (phonetic) home telephone numbers [redacted]
and [redacted]. The boat was idling in the Great South
Bay west of the Smith Point Bridge.

Between 8:30 - 8:45 P.M. [redacted] stated he saw a
reddish/orange object projecting in an upward southern position
east of the Smith Point Bridge. [redacted] stated the object
looked like a flare.

[redacted] stated he maintained view of the object until
he saw an explosion in the air. After the explosion, two large
objects were seen falling from the sky. One piece was falling
faster than the other. [redacted] believed the object was a
firework until he got home and heard about the plane crash.

[redacted] stated he did not report this incident to
anyone in authority. He also stated that the visibility was
clear that night. [redacted] was on his boat from 6:00 PM until
9:00 PM.

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