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JULY 10, 2007

Subject: TWA FLIGHT 800
Request No.: 1014706-002/190

Dear MR. LAHR:

You were previously advised we were consulting with other Government agency(ies) [OGA] concerning information located as a result of your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request.

By letter dated May 9, 2005 we referred the enclosed page to the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) for the application of any exemptions they deemed appropriate. Although we requested that they respond directly to you, the DIA returned the pages to the FBI by letter dated May 10, 2007. Rather than return it to the DIA and further delay the process, we are providing you with the disclosure. The exempted information is FBI information withheld by the FBI, not DIA information withheld by the DIA.

Therefore, the enclosed material is being released to you with deletions made pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section(s) 552/552a as noted below. See the enclosed form for an explanation of these exemptions.

Section 552		Section 552a	□(b)(1)
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■ You may appeal any FBI denials by writing to the Director, Office of Information and Privacy, United States Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C., 20530-0001, within sixty days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may easily be identified.

□ Deletions were made by the OGA. To appeal those denials, please write directly to that agency.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy". The signature is stylized with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David M. Hardy
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(U) On Tuesday, July 23, 1996, a representative from the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) advised that after a visual analysis of both the videotape as well as a number of still photographs taken from various portions of the tape, the phenomenon captured by [redacted] appeared to be consistent with the exhaust plume from a MANPAD missile. [Scanned images of those still photographs are attached as Appendix C] (U)

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C. Observations of a Vessel in the Vicinity of the Explosion

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() [redacted] - witness stated that approximately 1530 of 7.17.96, while on maritime excursion out of Captree (Fire Island). The boat was traveling east, relatively close to the shore. From the deck she observed a small boat traveling east very close to the excursion boat. Witness described the bot as being "very odd", "round in front, shaped like an old-fashioned bath tub", "it was dull black in color and half the size of a good sized motor boat." The boat's cabin was draped with a very thick, beige plastic cover. The witness added that protruding through the center of the boat, through the roof and plastic was a cylindrical tube which appeared to be as big as the boat itself. The tube appeared to have the diameter of a tennis ball. She observed one male at the rear of the boat, and felt that there must have been another individual piloting the craft. The witness described the individual on the boat as having dark hair and a moustache.

[redacted] and [redacted] - these witnesses were recreating on the beach east of the Moriches Inlet during the afternoon of July 17, 1996. Both reported observing a large, dark grey or black ship sitting motionless approximately five (5) to seven (7) miles from shore and at an approximate 45° angle left from perpendicular from the beach. Both of these individuals stated that what attracted their attention to the boat was the fact that it appeared to be stationary for the entire three (3) hour period of time that they were at the beach. [redacted] added that at some time, another, smaller, dark boat approached the boat and remained there until they left. He continued by stating that at one point in time, he observed activity on the boats and what appeared

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