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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Washington, D. C .

**Statement of
A. & N. Alfieri**

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REPORT OF SA LEANE RUTH BLEVINS, VENTURA FBI, CONCERNING
EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT OF ANTHONY ALFIERI

ANTHONY "Tony" ALFIERI, born [REDACTED]/58, a San Diego resident and co-owner of the squid-fishing boat, the "Calegara A", was interviewed telephonically on February 2, 2000 concerning his account of events immediately after the crash of Alaskan Airlines Flight 261.

ALFIERI and his brother, Nicholas Alfieri, were fishing with a four-man crew near the Anacapa Island, at the southern end of the Channel Islands off the coast of Ventura County, when they heard an intense, "thundering" splash that sounded like a loud slap on the water. The brothers were together, and turned around from the direction they were facing to see an "incredible" spray approximately a mile away off the stern of their boat. ALFIERI estimated the spray to be 100 to 200 feet in height. He immediately turned his boat around and started heading in the direction of impact, noticing a large white section of what he thought was part of an aircraft partly submerged in the water. ALFIERI described the piece, from the distance of a mile, as looking like a submarine: the section above the water he estimated was between 10 and 20 feet in height. ALFIERI was positive this part of the aircraft was not the tail section of a plane.

ALFIERI estimated that his travel time to the crash site was between five and seven minutes. In that time, he said, the white section of aircraft that had been partially submerged slipped beneath the surface of the ocean, leaving nothing but debris and a vast fuel slick. ALFIERI stated that the debris and overwhelming smell of fuel was a "dead giveaway" that an aircraft had gone down in the ocean. When ALFIERI reached the crash site, he saw a great amount of what he thought was pieces of yellow insulation and articles of baggage. He and his crew started salvaging baggage first to retrieve for identification purposes.

ALFIERI advised that he and his brother are available for further interviews should it be deemed necessary, and provided contact information to the FBI.