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VIDEOTAPE PRODUCED BY THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY FOR THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE EYEWITNESSES ACCOUNTS

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A. Accident

Location: East Moriches, New York

Date: July 17, 1996

Time: 2031 Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

Airplane: Boeing 747-131, N93119
Operated as Trans World Airlines (TWA) flight 800

B. Summary

On July 17, 1996, at about 2031 EDT, a Boeing 747-131, N93119, crashed in the Atlantic Ocean, about 8 miles south of East Moriches, New York, after taking off from John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK). The airplane was being operated on an instrument flight rules flight plan under the provisions of Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 121, on a regularly scheduled flight to Charles De Gaulle International Airport (CDG), Paris, France, as Trans World Airlines (TWA) flight 800. The airplane was destroyed by explosion, fire and impact forces with the ocean. All 230 aboard were killed.

C. Details

The CIA provided Safety Board investigators with a copy of a 15-minute videotape that the CIA produced in November 1996 for the FBI concerning the eyewitness accounts. That video has been placed into the public docket and may be ordered by calling 1-800-877-6799 or 202-314-6551, or by writing to:

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