

STATEMENT OF CREW MEMBER, SEAN PATRICK GEARHART

"TIME: ~ <SYMBOL FOR ABOUT> 3:00

HEADING 255

HEARD A EXPLOSION DIRECTLY OVERHEAD LOOKED AFT PLANE FUSELAGE ON FIRE FALLING INTO OCEAN AND PLANE LOOKING LIKE F-15 (RED & WHITE) COLORS WOKE UP CAPTAIN. HE SAW IT. 3:15 TURNED AROUND AND WENT TO WRECK SIGHT SAW GREEN DYE AND YELLOW BOX WITH STRING ATTACHED FLOATING IN WATER. ABOUT THAT TIME A SEAPLANE WHITE/TWIN ENGINE OVERFLEW US AND CIRCLED MINUTES LATER F-15 LIKE PLANE FIRE MISSILE ON SEAPLANE EXPLOSION"

COMMENTS: SOURCE COMMENTS-1. SPELLING AND PUNCTUATION WITHIN QUOTES IN THE ABOVE TWO STATEMENTS IS VERBATIM FROM THE ORIGINAL HAND WRITTEN STATEMENTS.

2. NAUTICAL CHART FROM F/V TRI-LINER WITH POSITIONAL MARKINGS INDICATE POSITION OF FIRST A/C CRASH 23-30N, 082-17W, AND POSITION OF SECOND A/C CRASH 23-35N, 082-17W. CHART AND ORIGINAL STATEMENTS HELD AT MARINCEN PENDING DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS.

//IPSP: PG 2500; PG 2260; PG 2040; PG 2300; PGW2650//.

//COMSOBJ: 152; 212//.

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INST: U.S. YES.

PREP: 4-71107.

DISSEM: SENT TO: COGARD ICC; LANTAREA AI; EPIC; GROUP MIAMI; GROUP KEY WEST.

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