



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Subject: ERA18FA174 Diamondhead, MS
Name: Anthony J. Gambino – Detective – Witness

Detective Gambino was travelling westbound on Interstate 10 in Diamondhead, Mississippi in his automobile when the airplane came into his view. He was interviewed at the Diamondhead Fire Station about what he witnessed, and the following is a summary of the interview.

According to Detective Gambino, he had just entered traffic at exit 16 when the airplane appeared over the interstate traveling northbound just above treetop height. He said the airplane appeared to be traveling “slowly.”

With a model of an airplane in his hand, Detective Gambino demonstrated the airplane crossing the roadway as the nose pitched up from a level pitch attitude. Once the airplane was across the road and above the trees on the north side, the nose gradually pitched down as the airplane rolled towards its left side, and turned left out of view below the trees. According to Detective Gambino, his car was directly abeam the airplane as it rolled left and out of view. He said he was approximately one-half mile past the accident site when he saw smoke above the trees there.