

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

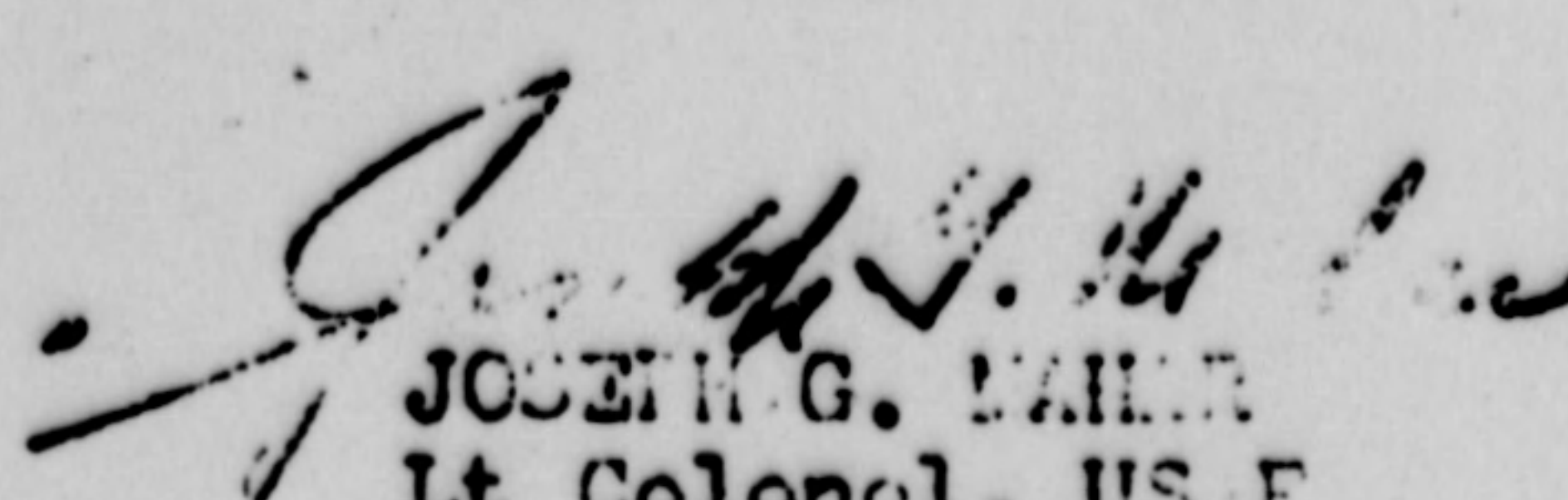
1. DATE - TIME - GROUP 30 March 50 30/1440Z	2. LOCATION Sioux City, Iowa
3. SOURCE Civilians	10. CONCLUSION Possible Balloon.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Erratic motion, one observer thought object a balloon. Color and flight in accord with this evaluation.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Silver speck observed through field glasses while observers were watching geese. Object flew a square pattern over the city before disappearing in the WSW into haze. Observers were to the SSW of the city. Description of the object by the three witnesses was conflicting. Altitude, high 20,000 ft. Shape slender, round, one reported with blunt wings. One thought might be a Weather balloon. Size same as a plane at that altitude. Color silver or metallic sheen. Speed was slow, hovering.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (BX)	
7. COURSE WSW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

f. Between 0835M and 0840M on 30 March 1950, an unidentified flying object was sighted by three witnesses at an undisclosed point SSW of Sioux City, Iowa. The observers were Dr. [redacted], [redacted] Street, Sioux City, Iowa, veterinarian at Sioux City stockyard; Mr. H. [redacted] Garretson Street, Sioux City, Iowa, stock yard employee; Mr. [redacted] 4219, 417 1/2 Jackson Street, Sioux City, Iowa, stock yard employee. The three were south of the stock yard watching geese through field glasses when a silver speck was observed. The three watched the object through field glasses for a time of approximately 10 minutes during which Dr. [redacted] reported that the object flew a square pattern over Sioux City before disappearing into the haze on a WSW heading. No photographs or sketches are available. Because of the apparent inconsistencies in the observations of the witnesses their answers to specific questions are outlined below:

- (1) Number: All agreed that there was one object.
- (2) Shape:
Dr. [redacted]: "appeared as a straight-edged rule"
Mr. [redacted]: "round object, appeared to have wings at times. Could be weather balloon."
Mr. [redacted]: "like ruler, blunt-edged, slender."
- (3) Size of object:
Dr. [redacted]: "unknown, hard to determine"
Mr. [redacted]: "same as a plane at high altitude"
Mr. [redacted]: "3 to 4 inches across"
- (4) Color of object:
Dr. [redacted]: "had a metallic sheen"
Mr. [redacted]: "silver"
- (5) Speed:
Dr. [redacted]: "moving slowly"
Mr. [redacted]: "hovering"
Mr. [redacted]: "undetermined, but slow"
- (6) Heading:
Dr. [redacted]: "west southwest"
Mr. [redacted]: "unknown"
Mr. [redacted]: "southwest to east, then west to southwest"
- (7) Maneuverability:
Dr. [redacted]: "flew a square pattern without banking"
Mr. [redacted]: "none"
- (8) Altitude:
Dr. [redacted]: "estimated 20,000 feet"
Mr. [redacted]: "very high"
- (9) No sound was heard and no exhaust trail was seen by any of the three witnesses.

Comments of Lowry Flight Service Center: Weather for Sioux City as of 0830M on 30 March 1950: Clear, with 15 miles visibility.

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COUNTRY USA-MATS		REPORT NO. IR-82-50	CLASSIFICATION AF 168523 37
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects			
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SUMMARY (This section is a summary of the report. Give the main points in brief, concise paragraphs. List facts in order of importance. Highlight the most important facts.)			
Report contains information on seven alleged sightings of unidentified flying objects forwarded by various MATS Flight Service Center units. The sightings were all in the US and occurred during March 1950.			
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