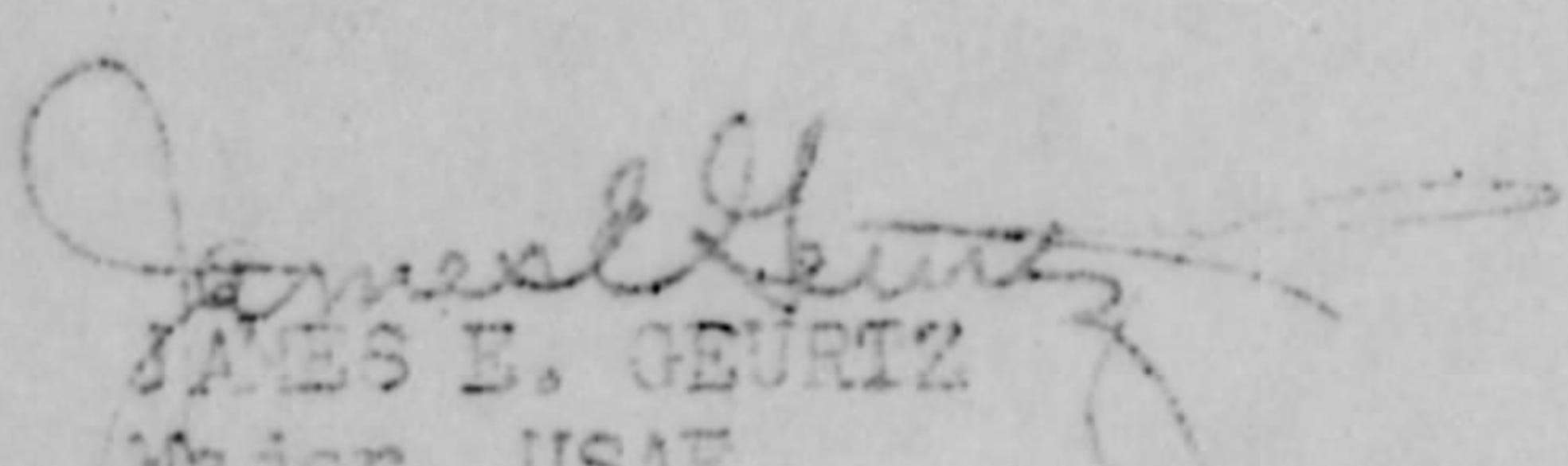


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1. DATE 16 Aug 56		2. LOCATION Wheaton City, Md.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☒ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP 16/2105Z Aug 56		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Eightteen (18) seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One (1)			
9. COURSE North to south				11. COMMENTS Concur with Reporting Officer that sighting was possibly caused by an aircraft reflecting low angle light rays.	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One (1) large cross-like aluminum-colored object. Traveled at great speed, north to south, then turned east; reached position 10° from the moon, turned upward and disappeared. Object observed visually for 18 seconds.					

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1. Description of the object:

- a. Cross like in Appearance
- b. Negative
- c. Aluminum
- d. One
- e. Negative
- f. Negative
- g. Negative
- h. Negative
- i. Object traveled at great speed from north to south then turned east. Object turned up and rapidly disappeared. There was a flight of jets in the vicinity shortly after the observation.

2. Description of Course of object:

- a. Unknown
- b. Directly overhead
- c. Disappeared straight up
- d. North to South then turned East
- e. Unknown
- f. 16 seconds

3. Manner of observation:

- a. Ground Visual
- b. Narrative
- c. Negative

4. Time and date of sighting:

- a. 21052 for 16 seconds
- b. Daylight

5. Location of observer:

- a. Wheaton City, Maryland

6. Identifying information of observer:

- a. Mr. [REDACTED]; age, unknown; [REDACTED] Wheaton City, Maryland; occupation, unknown.

7. Weather and winds-aloft, conditions at time and place of sighting:

- a. 1/10 cloud coverage at 4000 feet, visibility, 15 miles, and there were no thunderstorms in the area.
- b. Surface, 070-3K
6000-050-3K
10,000-010-15K
16,000-320-15K
20,000-300-17K
30,000-330-15K
50,000-300-31K

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- e. Ceiling - none
- d. Visibility - 15 Miles
- e. Amount of cloud cover - 3/10 at 2030Z and 1/10 at 2130Z
- f. Thunderstorms in area - none

8. Negative

9. Negative

10. Negative

11. Position title and comments of the preparing officer:

- a. Asst Director of Plans & Intelligence
- b. In reviewing the report, it appears that Mr. [REDACTED] was a qualified observer. His definite timing of the sighting and statements of conditions are indicative of the reliability of his report. It is my opinion that Mr. [REDACTED] is not interested in personal recognition and reported the sighting with the intent of aiding any investigative procedures now in progress.

12. Negative

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