

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 September 1956		2. LOCATION Silver Springs, Maryland		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Probably ☒ Other Light Reflection ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 04/0130Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilians			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION ten seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE straight up	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One round or oval white object, size of basketball at arm's length. Object was sighted directly overhead & disappeared straight up. Object was observed visually for 10 seconds.				11. COMMENTS Concur w/comments of preparing officer. Sighting probably caused by a light reflection of some sort from the Washington, DC area. Impracticable to attempt to pinpoint light source.	

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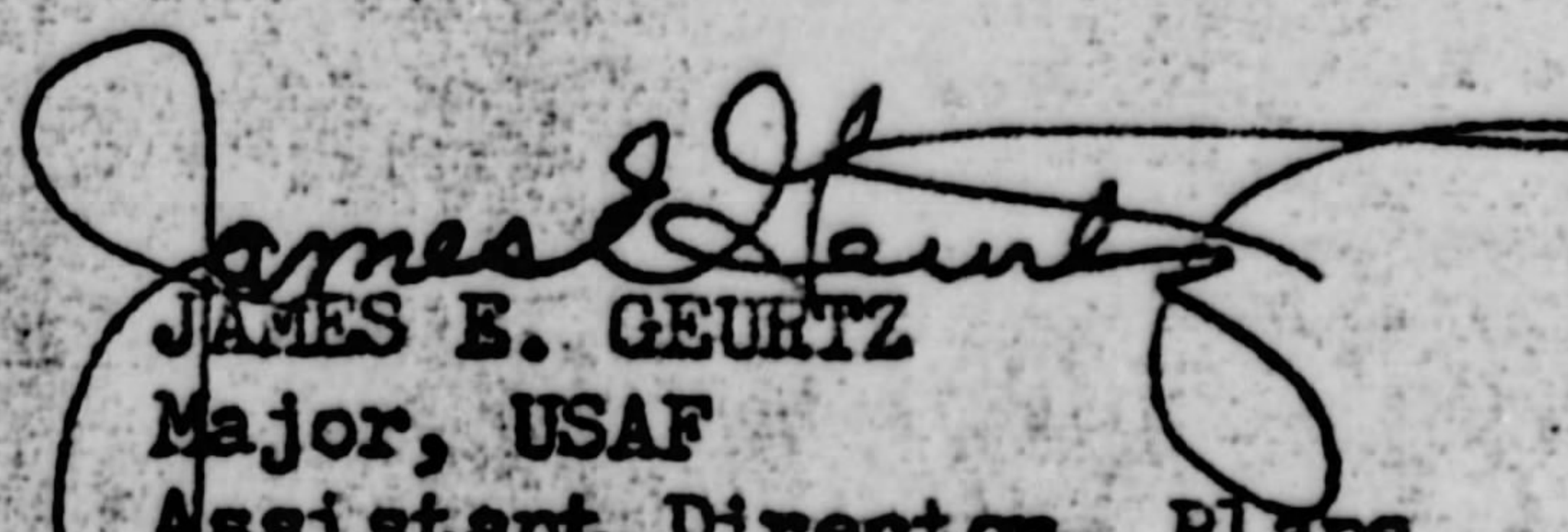
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COUNTRY United States of America		REPORT NO. 2-56	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object Report			
AREA REPORTED ON Silver Spring, Maryland		FROM (Agency) Director of Plans and Intelligence, Headquarters Command, USAF, Bolling AFB	
DATE OF REPORT 5 September 1956	DATE OF INFORMATION 4 September 1956	EVALUATION Unevaluated	
PREPARED BY (Officer) Major James E. Geurtz		SOURCE James Blick	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) None			

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

The following information is reported in accordance with AFR 200-2, Unidentified Flying Objects Report, dated 12 August 1954:


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1. Description of the object:

- a. Between round and oval
- b. Basketball
- c. White
- d. One
- e. Negative
- f. Negative
- g. Negative
- h. Negative
- i. Negative

2. Description of course of object:

- a. [REDACTED] and a friend were observing the planet Mars, when his friend suddenly pointed up at the object and called Mr. [REDACTED] attention to it.
- b. Directly overhead
- c. Disappeared straight up
- d. Unknown
- e. Unknown
- f. 10 seconds

3. Manner of observation:

- a. Ground-visual
- b. Negative
- c. Negative

4. Time and date of sighting:

- a. 0130Z 1 September 1956
- b. Night

5. Location of observers:

- a. [REDACTED] Terrace, Silver Spring, Maryland

6. Identifying information of observer:

- a. [REDACTED] age, 15; [REDACTED] Terrace, Silver Spring, Maryland; occupation, student
- [REDACTED]; age, 13; [REDACTED] Terrace, Silver Spring, Maryland; occupation, student

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

- a. Clear
- b. Surface, 090-04K
6000-110-06K
10,000-220-08K
16,000-240-12K
20,000-240-20K
30,000-260-27K
50,000-170-06K
70,000-080-16K

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- c. Ceiling - none
- d. Visibility - 12 Miles
- e. Amount of cloud cover - None
- 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. The youth of the observers, coupled with an apparent interest in celestial-scientific knowledge could have led to an over-imaginative observation. Due to the relative positions of the observers and the planet Mars, they would have been looking almost directly over the City of Washington and it's airport complex. Heavy air traffic and lights in this area could have created a false impression. The observers were sincere in their attitude and they apparently saw something. There was no evidence that they were seeking personal notoriety. The reliability of this report is unknown.

12. Negative