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APPENDIX V  
UTAH FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS  
UTAH BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

FEB 26 1992  
R.E. Walters

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DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE. FOR UTAH BIRD RECORDS CODING ONLY.

Latilong \_\_\_\_\_ Record type \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Habitat \_\_\_\_\_ Disposition \_\_\_\_\_ Cx Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

Common Name GYRFALCON  
Scientific Name FALCO RUSTICOLUS  
Obs. date DEC. 26 1991 Time(s) (3pm) 15:00 Hrs.  
Duration of obs. IN POSSESSION FOR 1 HOUR,  
Distance from bird IN HAND  
Light conditions CLOUDY  
Optical equip. \_\_\_\_\_  
Photo equip. \_\_\_\_\_

Notes made at time of sighting  Date report prepared FEB 12 1992  
Notes made later from memory \_\_\_\_\_

Weather at time of this observation.

CLOUDY - INVERSION

Prior weather and number of days since change

Locality MAGNA, UTAH  
200 METRES EAST OF INTERSECTION  
2100 SOUTH - 8000 WEST,

Latilong block number \_\_\_\_\_

Enter number of birds in each category.

Total number observed.

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GENDER(S)

Males \_\_\_\_\_  
Females   
♀ or Imms IMM  
Unknowns \_\_\_\_\_

AGES(S)

Adults \_\_\_\_\_  
Juv/Imms \_\_\_\_\_  
2/3 yr birds \_\_\_\_\_  
Unknowns \_\_\_\_\_

PLUMAGE(S)

Breeding \_\_\_\_\_ Transition GRAY   
Eclipse \_\_\_\_\_ Dark phase \_\_\_\_\_  
Winter \_\_\_\_\_ Light ph. \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

PHOTO(S)

Available \_\_\_\_\_  
Enclosed

Description of bird: Size, colors, all field marks OBSERVED. - Unique features of this individual, if any.

GRAY MORPH, FEMALE IMMATURE,  
WEIGHT - 318.502,  
WINGSPAN - 48"  
HEIGHT -  
WING CHORD -

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(3 slides)

USING TWO MICE AS LURES,  
BIRD WAS TRAPPED BY BAL-CHATRIS (MONO-  
FILAMENT NOOSE TRAP) AND Banded,  
BAND NO! -

ATTACH ADDITIONAL NOTES, LISTS OF REFERENCES, SKETCHES FROM LIFE, PHOTOGRAPHS, ETC.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

N.A.

Variations from expected field marks.

X

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

PEREGRINE FALCON - PRAIRIE FALCON,

WE DETERMINED SPECIES OF BIRD BY SIZE,

48" WINGSPAN AND WEIGHT 316.5oz,

BY COLOR - GRAY/BROWN AND FALCON SHAPE.

Behavior of this bird. Other species seen with this one. Any interaction between birds?

RESPONDED IMMEDIATELY AND AGGRESSIVELY TO LURE BIRD.  
BIRD WAS PERCHED ON A TELEGRAPH POLE ON QUIET STREET.

Habitat at this location. Adjacent or near by habitat, if significant.

Describe bird's song or sounds.

Print reporter's name, address, phone number.

ALAN J. HINDE  
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Signature

*Alan Hinde*

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

I HAVE A MASTER BANDING PERMIT - NO 22211 AND HAVE BEEN BANDING AND TRAPPING AND OBSERVING RAPTORS ANNUALLY SINCE 1983, IN NORTH AMERICA, EUROPE AND ISRAEL,

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.

PHILLIP MAGASICH *Phillip Magasich*

Print Name

Signature

BRUCE EWALD *Bruce Ewald*

Print Name

Signature

Print Name

Signature

Print Name

Signature



29 JANUARY 1991

DEAR ELLA,

I'M SORRY - I STRUGGLED WITH THESE PHOTOS, PROJECTED THEM, LOOKED AT THEM EVERY WHICH WAY, AND ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT THEY SEEM TO DEPICT A GOOD-SIZED WHITE BIRD OF PREY. OBVIOUSLY, ANY BIRD CAN BE ALL-WHITE, SO COLOR ALONE MEANS NOTHING. IN ONE OF THESE SHOTS, WHERE WE SEEM TO BE SEEING THE BIRD HEAD-ON (IF IT ISN'T A WHITE MUSHROOM), THE POSTURE DOES SUGGEST A GYRFALCON; BUT IN THE SIDE VIEW, IT ALMOST LOOKS MORE LIKE A BUTEO. DID THE OBSERVERS TAKE GOOD, DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS? AS I MENTIONED ON THE PHONE, THIS LAST FALL HAD A GOOD FLIGHT OF GYRS, SO THIS WOULD BE A LOGICAL SEASON FOR ONE TO SHOW UP; BUT ~~IN~~ IN MY OPINION, THESE TWO PHOTOS BY THEMSELVES AREN'T ENOUGH TO ESTABLISH THE RECORD.

ON ANOTHER TOPIC, I THINK YOUR DRAFT ON IBISES READS WELL, & I CERTAINLY HOPE IT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER. AS FOR MYSELF, FROM NOW ON, ANY TIME I GET CLOSE TO A PLEGADIS I'M GOING TO STARE AT ITS LEGS!

THANKS ALSO FOR SENDING THE COPY OF THE NED JOHNSON LETTER. GLAD TO SEE THAT HE AGREES WITH YOU ON ALL THOSE IDENTIFICATIONS. SMART MAN! HIS COMMENTS ON THE REPEATED OCCURRENCE OF SUCH ♀ SAPSUCKERS, & ON THE NAPE PATTERN OF MUSEUM SKINS, ARE QUITE VALUABLE.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF (FOR A CHANGE), OKAY? AND GIVE MY BEST WISHES TO RICHARD, KRISTI, JEREMY, AND SCOTT. I DON'T KNOW IF I SAID THIS EARLIER, BUT YOU'VE GOT A GREAT FAMILY, & YOU'RE ALL LUCKY TO HAVE EACH OTHER.

WARMEST REGARDS  
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