IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

INTRADEPARIMENTAL COMMUNICATION

MAQUOKETA WILDLIFE UNIT

TO: Daryl Howell- Natural Areas Inventory-IDNR DATE: 8-25-94 Jim Dinsmore- Animal Ecology- ISU

FROM: Bob Sheets- Maquoketa Wildlife Unit

SUBJECT:

Sandhill Cranes

Forrest Fromm, Maquoketa Wildlife Unit technician, observed a single Sandhill Crane at the Muskrat Slough State Wildlife Area on 3-16-94. No subsequent observations have been made. I thought it may be worthwhile reporting this initial "scout" in case he returns with others in the future.

We continue to have regular sightings at Green Island and Goose Lake. No nesting effort this yr at Green Island to our knowledge.

The USFWLS- Upper Miss refuge- Savannah District has inquired to learn what non game projects could use \$\$ assistance in our river reach. I have advised Laura Jackson of the offer. I am thinking of several nesting transect surveys at Green Island and Goose Lake next spring.

As ever,

PS: <u>Muskrat Slough location</u> Sections 16, 17 & 21 T83N R3W(Rome twnshp) Jones county, Iowa

Bob

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