

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 8 April 53 08/1530Z	2. LOCATION San Juan, Puerto Rico
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Characteristic of a weather balloon. Inexperienced observer. Sparks could be caused by sun reflecting on instruments attached to the balloon. One radiosonde balloon released at San Juan, PR, at 1500Z. Duration of 10 minutes indicates speeds considerable less than an aircraft.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS One bright white light was seen at a high altitude, higher than B-36 a/c in the area at the time. It moved from N to S and disappeared upward. Moved at high speed. Sparks could be seen leaving the object. It had a spinning or waving motion. Object lost in close proximity to sun.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE East and South	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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COUNTRY Puerto Rico	REPORT NO. IR-22-53	(LEAVE BLANK)
SUBJECT Multiple AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
Unidentified flying object		
AREA REPORTED ON San Juan, Puerto Rico	FROM (Agency) Wing Intelligence Office	
DATE OF REPORT 17 April 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 8 April 1953	EVALUATION B-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) BRADFORD P. SHUMAN, Major, USAF	SOURCE Statements from witnesses.	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

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.)

At 1130Q on 8 April 1953, several persons stationed at Fort Buchanan, San Juan Puerto Rico observed an unidentified flying object variously described as a "bright star", "bright ball", "bright ball of fire", at a great height.

Attached hereto are the statements of the various witnesses to the sighting.

An investigation at Ramey revealed that two RB-36 aircraft were in the area at the time of this sighting. The RB-36 were flying at altitudes of 12,00 and 21,000 feet.

Bradford P. Shuman
BRADFORD P. SHUMAN
Major, USAF
Approving Officer

1130 Q
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1500 Z Possibly a balloon - check P.R. launches

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INCLS.

1. Capt Van F. Dittberner (Statement)
2. Capt Eddie Fraticelli (Statement)
3. Capt Thomas P. Noble (Statement)
4. M/Sgt Emilio Quinones (Statement)
5. [REDACTED] (Statement)

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755TH AIRCRAFT DIVISION
FORD BUSHAW REPORT
FORD BUSHAW 7-1-58

8 April 1958

On or about 1100 hours 8 April 1958 I found the position
indicated by E-36 pointing to. I stopped and at once to
look into the sky. As the E-36 pointed by light looking into the
sky when I looked at very high in the sky. About the size of the
Yankee. I got on the attention on this point to be first to follow
Columbus, Bob Allison, Charles and the others. I did not know where
they all were. The E-36 was at 1100. The E-36 was at 1100. I
was the Yankee. I did not know where it was. I was looking south. It
disappeared at that time. The E-36 was at 1100. I did not know
where it was. I was looking south. I did not know where it was.
contact the E-36. I did not know where it was. I was looking south.
E-36 and E-37 spotted the E-36 on the horizon. I did not
know it was a E-36. It was flying very high and at a tremendous
speed. It remained stationary for a while and started to move
westward and northward. I was quite surprised to see it. The
last person who saw it was when I last saw the bright object
was at 1100.

1/ E-36
2/ E-37
3/ E-38

IN ANY REPORTS OF THE E-36

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1. The first step in the process of the investigation is the identification of the problem. This is done by the investigator who is assigned to the case. The investigator will then gather information about the problem and the people involved. This information will be used to determine the cause of the problem and to develop a plan to solve it.

It was impossible to estimate altitude, since I was not
aware of this object. It appeared to be higher than a light plane
was flying in the area and also seemed to be moving very rapidly.
The object appeared to be round but at that height I cannot say for certain.
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Б. А. Давыдов

In our about 1120 hours I saw, while checking the stream
line of the Dispenser, a small object, called by attention to
it. I looked in the sky to see the airplane. In that same moment Capt
14th Fighter Group stepped out of the East Ocean, the Dispenser
and he also looked upwards to see the airplane. This is calling the
airplane. Capt. Fredrickson invited me to look for a strange object
round in shape, at a short distance from the airplane. When I first
saw this strange object, it appeared to my right and was moving
southwards and apparently upwards. This object, according to my
opinion, is an object in a spinning or waving motion. I looked for
said object for few minutes until it was lost behind a cloud. I
know that Capt. Fredrickson continued to see it for minutes as well
as other officers and enlisted men. For instance, I saw the
major part of the crew coming from the mentioned object.

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HEADQUARTERS
FORT BUCHANAN DISTRICT
FORT BUCHANAN, PUERTO RICO

8 April 1953

On or about 11:30 hours, 8 April 1953, I went out down the
main boulevard to see what a number of military and
civilian personnel were pointing out in the sky. They
told me that they could see a very bright object
appearing and disappearing, moving from East to West.
It appeared to be travelling very rapidly and looked as
high as a star at night. It continued going up until I
lost it from sight. I don't remember having seen any-
thing like this before.

Clark Starn
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