

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 13 May 52	2. LOCATION <del>London</del> PORTUGAL		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1100 GMT 13/1300Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Newspaper		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1/2 hour	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Aluminum color    Shape - a/c. Many and varied.			11. COMMENTS a/c It is possible that the ME was one of the new jet a/c delivered to Portugal under NATO since the incident area is approx 20 MI NE of Lisbon.

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Unidentified Object

Portugal

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"Correio dos Acores, Azores Newspaper;  
Dir of Security, AATS, ATLD-MATS

*Tuesday was 13 May*

The Director of Security, AATS, states that the following information was reported in the daily Azores newspaper, "Correio dos Acores" on 17 May 1952:

"Last Tuesday at 11 o'clock strange things took place in the sky over Santarem, Alconaca, Caldas da Rainha and Torres. The description transmitted to the "Diario de Noticias" vary in nature, but from which we transcribe the most probable: "IT WAS AN AIRPLANE", they said in Cartaxo. At about 11 o'clock on this day, an airplane appeared in the sky from the OTA side at great altitude. It was made of aluminum or was painted in that color, and had an intense reflection. During a half hour period, it made maneuvers near this village, making strange movements, spitting smoke that formed various designs; such as circles, squares, unbroken lines and broken lines, sometimes horizontally and sometimes vertically like the trail of a rocket. The airplane sometimes travelled slowly and sometimes with unimaginable speed and at a certain time started making extraordinary acrobatics, spinning and always in a circular course from OTA towards the West. Finally, after it had been seen by hundreds of persons during the half hour period, the airplane departed almost abruptly in the direction of OTA, leaving clouds of smoke suspended in the air which remained there for more than an hour and a half. After the strange craft disappeared, two fighter aircraft appeared from the direction of Fatima, which after flying under the smoke clouds went in the direction of OTA also. The happening brought on the most varied comments imaginable. While some stated that the smokes were "Signals from Heaven", others stated that they were just another case of the "Flying Discs." Among the witnesses, a correspondent of the "Diario de Noticias", stated that it was an airplane, which he distinguished clearly in spite of the altitude at which the maneuvers took place, and the only things strange were the incredible movements, the speed and the smoke jets."

Security Officer's Comment: The towns of Santarem, Alconaca, Caldas da Rainha, Torres and Cartaxo are all located northeast of Lisbon in the vicinity of OTA Airfield, which is twenty (20) miles NE of Lisbon. It is a possibility that the craft observed could be one of the new jet aircraft, which has been delivered to Portugal under the provisions of NATO, however, no reference was made as such in the local newspapers.

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