

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 instrument's attached to the balloon. One radiosonde balloon released at San Juan, P.R., at 1500Z. Duration of 10 minutes indicates speeds considerable than an aircraft.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	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.
7. COURSE East and South	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

COUNTRY Puerto Rico	REPORT NO. IR-22-53	(LEAVE BLANK)
SUBJECT <i>Multiples</i> AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
AREA REPORTED ON Unidentified flying object		
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

$$\begin{array}{r} 1130 Q \\ + V \\ \hline 1500 Z \end{array}$$
 Possibly a balloon - check P.R. launches

5 INCL. *w/5 incl (A-E)
AT 1501B
AT 30 Apr 53*

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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US ARMY DISPENSARY FORT BUCKNAN
FORT BUCKNAN, PUEBLO DIST

FROM:

5 April 1953

In an about 21:20 hours today, while checking the surround-
ings of the Dispensary Army a noise overhead (called by attention and
I looked to the sky to see an airplane. In that same moment Capt
Edie Fritschell stopped out of the Main Office, with Dispensary
and he also looked upwards to see the airplane. While looking the
airplane, Capt Fritschell 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
approximation used in a pointing or waving motion, I looked for
said object for few minutes until it was lost behind a cloud. I
know that Capt Fritschell continued seen it for a while as well
as other officers and enlisted men. For instance, I saw the
light ball of fire coming from the mentioned object.

1/ Edie Fritschell
2/ Capt Edie Fritschell
3/ Technology Section
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