

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 31 Dec 52		2. LOCATION RAMEY AFB, PUERTO RICA		3. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
4. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 21/0145 GMT 31/0845		5. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
6. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		7. SOURCE AF Pilots			
8. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		9. NUMBER OF OBJECTS		10. COURSE	
11. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Spherical shaped, reddish-orange ball of fire was sighted on the horizon by 2 pilots and left scanner of an RB-36 a/c. Object approached a/c to the left passing over the left wing approx 300' away, then disappeared climbing at a high rate of speed.				12. COMMENTS METEOR	

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REPORT NO.

IR-178-53

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COUNTRY

Puerto Rico

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

Unidentified Object

AREA REPORTED ON

Puerto Rico

FROM (Agency)

Wing Intelligence, 72nd SRW, Ramey AFB, PR

DATE OF REPORT

3 Jan 53

DATE OF INFORMATION

31 Dec 52

EVALUATION

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PREPARED BY (Officer)

BRADFORD P SHUMAN, MAJOR, USAF

SOURCE

Air Crew of RB-36 #2007

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

A certified true copy of the report rendered by each of the three aircraft personnel
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Dismissal of report on AF Form 112-Part 11.)

On the morning of 31 Dec 52, at approximately 0445 hrs., an Aircraft Commander, First Pilot, and left scanner of an RB-36 #2007 sighted and closely observed an unidentified object until the time of its disappearance, at approximately 0450 hrs.. During the time of sighting the object, it was noticed by the Aircraft Commander and the First Pilot that they were flying an outbound heading of 073 degrees from the radio beacon at Ramey and were at an altitude of 8,000 feet. As verified by the above mentioned personnel it was a clear, moonlit night and, for the time of night the sighting was made, visibility was excellent.

Both aircraft Officers concur that the object was spherical in shape. The left scanner corroborates the statement of the Aircraft Commander and First Pilot that the object appeared as a reddish-orange ball of flame. The object appeared on the horizon, was seen to approach the aircraft to the left, pass over the left wing at a distance of approximately three hundred (300) feet or greater, travel away from the tail of the aircraft at a high rate of speed, and then commence to climb until out of sight.

Comments of Preparing Officer:

If any information is available regarding the nature or origin of this object it is requested that this office be advised. No programmed missile lanes are scheduled to be in this immediate vicinity. The close proximity of the reported object presents a serious flying hazard. Any knowledge or opinions offering a solution to this sighting will be helpful.

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS:
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.
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BRADFORD P SHUMAN

MAJOR USAF

Wing Intelligence Officer

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21 Dec 1954

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The following information is based on the knowledge and belief of the undersigned:

Approximately 1000 hours on the morning of 21 Dec 1954, the undersigned was flying routine training mission in the vicinity of the described object.

At approximately 1000 hours, the undersigned, Captain James G. ... called my attention to a ... I looked out just ... feet in diameter ...

That ... approximately 75 ...

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Franklin C. Hines
FRANKLIN C. HINES
Major, USAF
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24 December 1957

The following information is being furnished to you for your information:

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1. The first of these is the fact that the United States has a large and growing population of people who are not citizens of the United States. This is a result of the large number of people who have immigrated to the United States in recent years, and the fact that many of these people are not naturalized citizens.

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FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

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16 - 31 DECEMBER 1952 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
16	Ladd AFB, Alaska	Multiple	Balloons
16-17	Newcastle, Indiana	Multiple	Aircraft
17	Ithaca, New York	Military	Astro (METEOR)
17	San Diego, California	Althouse	Insufficient Data
18	Itazuke AFB, Japan	Multiple	Refraction due to Inversion
18	Narsarssuak AFB, Greenland	Multiple	Aircraft
19	Andersen AFB, Guam	Multiple	Astro (METEOR)
21	San Antonio, Texas	Black	Astro (METEOR)
22	Banning, California (CARD MISSING)	Geurmear	Other (SPURIOUS RETURNS)
24	Dallas, Texas	Multiple (RADAR)	Balloon
24	Camp Carson, Colorado	Multiple	Astro (VENUS)
25	Miami, Florida	Multiple (PHOTO)	Other (ROCKET)
27	Canadian, Texas	Bosler	Astro (METEOR)
27	Albuquerque, New Mexico	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
28	Marysville, California CASE MISSING	Civilian	Balloon
30	Terrigal, New South Wales	Alexander	Astro (METEOR)
30	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Jones	Astro (VENUS)
30	Vega, Texas	Lange, Bowley	Astro (METEOR)
31	Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico	Multiple	Astro (VENUS)
29	Hokkaido Island, Japan	Military	

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
10	Kirtland AFB, New Mexico	Newsclipping	
16	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	Rpt, Kirsch	
27	North Atlantic	Newsclipping	