PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

i. DATE ()	2. LOCATION PORT	USTAZ	12. CONCLUSIONS Was Balloon Probably Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1100 GMT 13/1300 25 S. PHOTOS C Yes	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATIO Decound-Visual Air-Visual SOURCE Rewspaper		Probably Balloon Was Aircraft Probably Aircraft Possibly Aircraft Was Astronomical Probably Astronomical Possibly Astronomical Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION In how.	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE	Other	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING		11. COMMENTS		
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Fortugal

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Unidentified Object

"Correio dos Acros, 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 Acroes" on 17 May 1952:

The second se "Last Thesday 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 ATRPIANE", 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 imaginuble. 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 MS of Lisbon. It is a possibility that the craft observed could be one of the new jet aircraft, which has been delivered to Fortugal under the provisions of NATO, however, no reference was made as such in the local newspapers.

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