1. DATE - TIME GROUP 8 April 53 08/1530Z	**2. LOCATION** San Juan, Puerto Rico
3. SOURCE Military	**10. CONCLUSION** BALLOON 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, P.R. at 1500Z. Lost sight of it 10 minutes indicates speeds considerable less than an aircraft.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
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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Puerto Rico	IR-22-53	

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified flying object

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
San Juan, Puerto Rico ← 08/1130Q	Wing Intelligence Office

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
17 April 1953	8 April 1953	B-3

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
BRADFORD P. SHUMAN, Major, USAF	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

1130Q
+4
1500Z

Possibly a balloon - check P.R. launches

5 INCLS. w/5 incl (A-E) AT 150 13 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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FORT BUCHANAN, PUERTO RICO

8 April 1953

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