

<b>1. DATE - TIME GROUP</b> 18 November 53 19/0100Z	<b>2. LOCATION</b> Azores
<b>3. SOURCE</b> Military	<b>10. CONCLUSION</b> Astronomical (UNIDED)
<b>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> One	
<b>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> 2 Seconds	<b>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS</b> Round red object resembling an explosion. Stationary did not move. Total sighting lasted about two seconds. Estimated at 8,000 ft altitude from a/c at 9,000 ft.
<b>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> Air-Visual	
<b>7. COURSE</b> Stationary	
<b>8. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	



1 Witness  
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(Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Object

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Chief Pilot

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Attached herewith is an unidentified flying object report, submitted by the Intelligence Officer, Azores Air Transport Station. The information submitted follows the format outlined in par. 6b, AFR 200-2, subject: "(Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: UFOB)", dated 26 August 1953.

APPROVED:

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1. a. round  
b. quarter  
c. red  
d. one  
e. N/A  
f. negative  
g. negative  
h. negative  
i. resembled an explosion
2. a. brightness of object  
b. object estimated to be at 8,000 feet, did not move.  
c. object estimated to be at 8,000 feet, did not move.  
d. N/A  
e. just vanished  
f. two (2) seconds
3. a. air-visual  
b. N/A  
c. C-54, No. 2665, 9,000 feet, 113 degrees magnetic, 220 knots, Azores Air Transport Station
4. a. 0100Z, 19 Nov 53  
b. night
5. Estimated to be 25 to 30 miles NE of 3943N-3815W
6. a. N/A  
b. [REDACTED] Captain 1605th Air Base Wing (MATS), APO 406, chief pilot, usually reliable.
7. a. clear  
b. 260 degrees, 20 knots at surface  
c. 9,000 feet (at nearest recorded point, island of Corvo, approximately 300 nautical miles east of sighting)  
d. 5 miles (at island of Corvo)

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7. e. 2/10 stratus at 1,000 feet; 10/10 alto stratus at 9,000 feet (at island of Corvo)  
f. none
8. N/A
9. N/A
10. N/A
11. N/A
12. Intelligence Officer's Comment: The sighting lasted only two seconds and therefore was not verified by other crew members. The weather report for 0100Z on 19 Nov 53 indicated no storms were known to be in the area of the sighting. The winds at the Azores Air Transport Station and vicinity on 18 Nov 53 were such that all weather balloons released by this station would have been carried in the opposite direction of the above sighting. The weather people at this station state it would be possible for a weather balloon from Bermuda to reach the position of the sighting and much more probable than a balloon from this station reaching that position. However, the weather reports indicate and the pilot confirms that there were no thunderstorms or lightning in the area at the time of the sighting. The brightness of the object sighted by Capt Coolaby (in his words it resembled an explosion) and the short duration of the sighting (in clear skies from 9,000' to 1,000') would tend to indicate the object was not a light from a ship at sea or another conventional aircraft. The pilot who reported the sighting is a senior pilot with more than 3,500 hours and was chief pilot for this station prior to his return to the zone of interior the first part of December 1953. The pilot stated he had never observed a similar sighting.

The reporting officer finds no explanation for the reported sighting and in the absence of further information, believes it would be very difficult to determine the nature of the object.

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