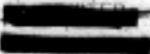
  
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\*Correio das Avencas, Avanca Newspaper;  
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*Tuesday was 13 May*

The Director of Security, AESS, states that the following information was reported in the daily Avanca newspaper, "Correio das Avencas" on 17 May 1952:

"Last Tuesday at 11 o'clock strange things took place in the sky over Antares, Alconaco, Galde de Balcha and Torres. The description transmitted to the "Correio das Avencas" vary in nature, but from which we transcribe the most probable: "TY WAS AN ANOMALY", they said in Coracao. At about 11 o'clock on this day, an airplane appeared in the sky from the OEA 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, splitting smoke that formed various designs such as circles, squares, unknown lines and known lines, sometimes horizontally and sometimes vertically like the trail of a rocket. The airplane sometimes travelled slowly and sometimes with undetectable speed and at a certain time started making extraordinary acrobatics, entering and leaving in a circular course from OEA 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 OEA, leaving clouds of smoke suspended in the air which remained there for more than an hour and a half. After the strange craft disappeared, the fighter aircraft appeared from the direction of Torres, which after flying under the smoke clouds went in the direction of OEA also. The happening brought on the most varied comments imaginable. While some stated that the smoke were signals from "Mavros", others stated that they were just another case of the "Flying Discs." Among the witnesses, a correspondent of the "Correio das Avencas", 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 Comments: The towns of Antares, Alconaco, Galde de Balcha, Torres and Coracao are all located northeast of Lisbon in the vicinity of OEA Airfield, which is twenty (20) miles NE of Lisbon. It is a possibility that the craft observed could be one of the new jet aircraft, which has been delivered to Portugal under the provisions of NATO, however, no reference was made in such in the local newspapers.

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