

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 Nov 60		2. LOCATION Maracibo, Venezuela		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Satellite Echo I</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1900 GMT 12/2330Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE N-NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright object in sky traveling N-NE. Its elevation could not be determined, however it was fairly close to earth in comparison to the moon or stars.				11. COMMENTS It has been definitely established that Echo I was over Venezuela at 1900 on 12 Nov 60. The relative direction of motion was the same as reported for the UFO. The UFO was probably the satellite Echo I.	



HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AMERICAN AIR DEFENSE COMMAND
ENT AIR FORCE BASE
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

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EXT: 2246

IN REPLY REFER

TO: NINT

13 DEC 60

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object

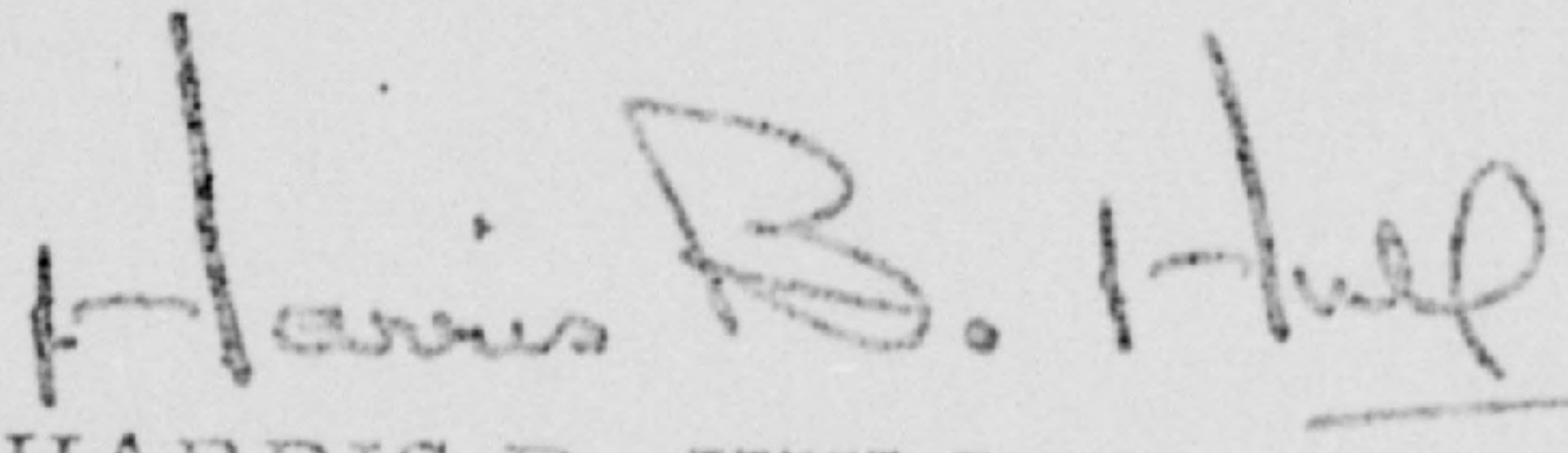
TO: Commander
Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

1. Attached is a letter describing what is apparently an unidentified flying object.

2. Our Command Information Office has sent a letter to the writer thanking him for his report and advising that it will be passed on to the appropriate Air Force Agency.

FOR THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:

1 Atch
Ltr, 13 Nov 60,
[REDACTED] Maracaibo,
Venezuela


HARRIS B. HULL
Brigadier General, USAF
Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence

November 13, 1960

Dear Sir:

I don't know if we are sending
this letter to the right party or not.
if not would you please send it
on for us.

A few of the U.S. families here
got together for a fish bake last night
and observed a bright object
in the sky traveling N-NE
its elevation could not be
determined however it was
fairly close to earth in comparison to
the moon or stars. The time we first
saw this object was 7:00 PM and
by 10:00 PM

by 7:05 pm it was out of sight.
This is local time. Our location
is Maricao Venezuela.

The date was November 12, 1960

Our question is what was it?

Thanking you in advance.

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Report of Unidentified Flying Object (Venezuela, Mr [REDACTED])

SAFOI-3d (L/Col Tacker)

1. Mr [REDACTED], Maracibo, Venezuela, wrote a letter to the North American Air Defense Command reporting an unidentified flying object sighting. Mr [REDACTED] reported that he and several friends witnessed the object in Maracibo, Venezuela at 1900 on 12 November 1960.
2. Mr [REDACTED] described the object as bright and moving NNE at a height relatively close to the earth when compared to astronomical objects.
3. It has been definitely established that the United States satellite Echo was over Venezuela at 1900 on 12 November 1960. The relative direction of motion of the satellite was the same as reported for the UFO.
4. Suggest you forward a letter to Mr [REDACTED] informing him that the object he observed on 12 November 1960 was very probably the satellite.
5. Mr [REDACTED]'s complete address:

Mr [REDACTED]
San Jacinto Venezolana
[REDACTED]
Venezuela

FOR THE COMMANDER:

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science and Components

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Report of Unidentified Flying Object (Venezuela)

Hq., North American Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
(Attn: NENT/B/Gen Harris B. Hull)
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. Reference your letter NENT, Subject: "Report of Unidentified Flying Object," dated 13 December 1960, the information contained in the letter from Mr. [REDACTED], Maracalbo, Venezuela, which you forwarded to this Center, has been evaluated. The object sighted by Mr. [REDACTED] and his friends was very probably the United States satellite Echo.
2. It has been definitely established that the passage of Echo over Venezuela on 12 November 1960 occurred at the same time as the reported unidentified object sighting.
3. Mr. [REDACTED]'s description of the object, though sketchy, is similar to descriptions of Echo received at this Center from lay witnesses. The reported direction of travel of the unidentified object matches the direction of motion of the satellite, as seen from Venezuela, at the time of the sighting.
4. Mr. [REDACTED] has been informed that the object sighted by him on 12 November 1960 was probably Echo.