

Incident: 189

While acting as co-pilot on a C-47 aircraft enroute from Eglin Auxiliary Field #2 to Turner AF Base at approximately 1530 hours EST 22 Sept 45, Lt Martin G. Rubisch observed an object approaching at an angle of about 25°. The C-47 at the time was approaching Turner Field from the Southwest at an altitude of about 2,000 ft. The object appeared to be about 500 feet lower and about 2,000 to 1500 feet away and traveling at an estimated speed of 250 MPH. Lt Rubisch stated that the object appeared about the size of a radio controlled model airplane (5 to 10 ft). He could not determine the shape but said he could not observe wings or rudder. He could give no other description other than it was a metallic shiny object. No one else aboard the C-47 observed the object.

Ability to determine color, speed of moving objects and size at distance was determined excellent, however the observer's Squadron Commander was interviewed and he stated that Lt Rubisch is inclined to exaggerate and is a person whose opinion is not highly regarded by associate officers.

Observer was able to closely corroborate information given by him at first interrogation, though the interrogating officer was inclined to think that Lt Rubisch was given to exaggeration. It was the opinion of the interrogating officer that the observer was of normal intelligence and sound character.