

No radioactivity

"At this point it should also be mentioned that, alarmed by a certain queer prickling feeling that they experienced after taking their soil samples from the site, the Gendarmerie sent to the Dijon Air Force Base for a Geiger counter. The Geiger counter revealed no radioactivity at the site. Nevertheless there is still the prickling to be accounted for, and to be remembered, for 'pricklings', 'tinglings' and many odd skin conditions are encountered frequently enough in UFO phenomena, as every student of this subject knows . . ."

Analysis called for

M. Perrinjaquet had a suggestion to make:

"A friend of mine visited Marliens and brought back specimens of the soil and the mauve-violet powder, and a private laboratory in Switzerland has made a rapid analysis, more particularly of the earth. This analysis was done by gas chromatography, and the results show that the essential elements in the powder had not been destroyed. Traces were found in it of sulphur, carbon-

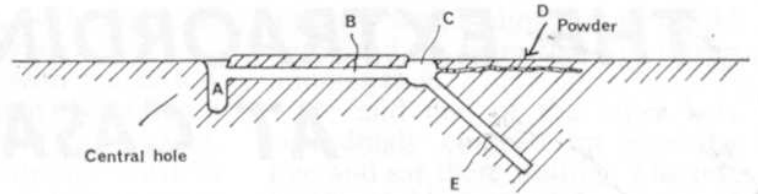


Fig. 3. Showing one of the finer threadlike tunnels containing the violet-mauve coloured powder (grey on discovery.)

ates and metals. The presence of the carbonates is thought to indicate clearly enough that at any rate no fusion or calcination could have taken place, so that the theory of an explosion of some device—perhaps dropped from an aircraft—would seem to be eliminated.

"I myself have made an analysis, with special papers, to detect the gamma rays of Cobalt 60, and the result was negative.

"If FLYING SAUCER REVIEW has access to the services of a laboratory able to make an analysis of the powder, I can send you some."

STRATFORD-ON-AVON LANDING WITH OCCUPANTS: JANUARY 1959

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THIS is a report of a personal investigation of statements by Mr. Leonard Hewins of Tredington, Nr. Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire, conducted on July 12, 1967. The witness is employed as a general labourer with Stratford-on-Avon Corporation.

Here verbatim is his statement:—

"I had finished work at 5.15 p.m. one night in January 1959 and had gone to collect my bike from the rear of refuse tip near car park in Arden Street—close by is a tennis court seen in the direction of North West—when my attention was attracted to a fiery round red object, size of the setting sun, coming from the East. I watched it travelling slowly and falling, coming to rest approximately 100 yards away. As it stopped the glowing light went out. I then noticed a blue haze forming, approximately 12ft high, which seemed to hover just above the ground where the object was. The bottom of it could not be seen as it was quite dark, but there were some lights from the town. I then saw three figures, human-like in appearance, moving in the blue haze. If these were inside whatever it was, it must have been transparent. They were quite tall relating their height to the depth of the haze and height of the wire of tennis court, perhaps 10ft. One of them faced towards me and I could see heads and arms which they raised up, and they then appeared to step up, lifting themselves as if sitting on something. This, they did with a clumsy bulky movement. At this point, to my surprise, I saw a fourth figure of similar appearance, and they had seated themselves two in the front and two in the rear. During this time I was quite frightened and was staring, feeling unable

to move. The blue haze rose slightly then faded gradually. The object then began to glow and brighten to the same brilliance it had been before; the bottom of this red colour was seen to touch the ground. Then it changed to an extremely bright light, rising swiftly. A trail of multi-coloured, very beautiful stars shot out from the rear. I then heard a sound like rushing water, the same that you hear when pressing your ears in and out with your fingers when at a waterfall. The object then disappeared towards the west."

Elaborating on his sighting report statement, Mr. Hewins then told of seeing the same type of object when a boy of 14 in 1930, with the same description and noise, approximately 50ft up, travelling from east to west. This occurred at the same time of the year, sky dark but very clear. The object did not stop.

In 1953, with another witness, he had observed three star-like objects travelling very fast—thought to be meteors—and watched them descend to the horizon, "getting larger as they came down".

In the opinion of this investigator, Mr. Hewins is considered to be a reliable witness of the above sightings. He was subjected to the usual ridicule when relating the above facts, which he states firmly to be true. He has no desire for publicity in any form, this investigator being given brief details indirectly. Impression of witness as being a man of simple philosophy, uncluttered by a too formal education. Of interest therefore, is his reply to the question: "In your opinion what was the object?"

"Something that do not belong to this Earth just yet."