

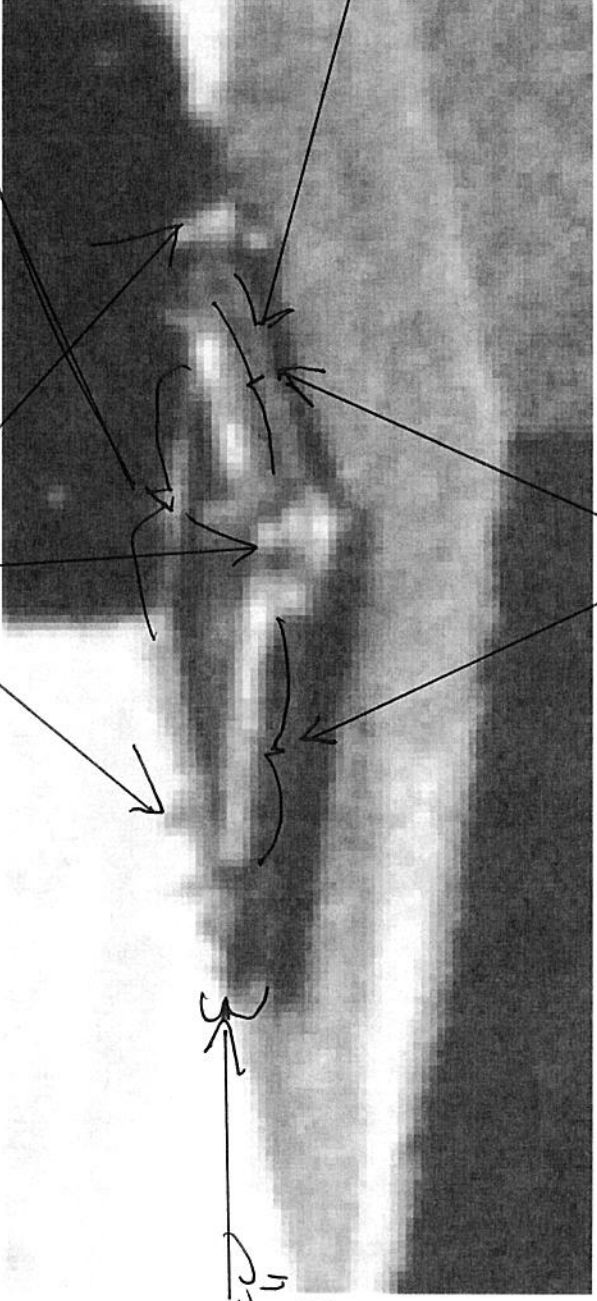
It looks to me like the famous photo of So. Pole sextant shots were done with a mirror, not mercury.

Amundson South Pole Photo:

* Adjusting/leveling screws

* Very large "reflective" surface

* Looks like a plate & no sign of box or tray



* A bit shadowed for a "tray"

* Look like leveling vials are positioned as vials would be

* The man stooping over the A.H. is probably checking the leveling vials. There would be no reason to do this over a tray of mercury. Unless he was just admiring himself,