

"Foundry waste" provided a ready label for writing the subject off but it did not bear much scrutiny as there are no mills near Les Ecureils where the metal was found. CARDE suggested the two pieces may have been carried into the area by an ice floe but failed to explain how they appeared there in the balmy month of June.

As the tireless Topside remarked, "How the metal arrived at Les Ecureils remains the biggest mystery of all. The maximum depth of water at high tide and the closely-spaced

boulders along the shipping channel would seem to rule out any possibility of arrival by boat or raft . . . The material is not a common foundry product, and even if it had been, one wonders why the foundry would waste 3,000 pounds of metal!"

So the riddle is no closer to an answer than it was at the start. And it is likely to remain there until the federal government concedes that the whole UFO question is not a joke but a serious subject that raises the challenge of open and decisive discussion.