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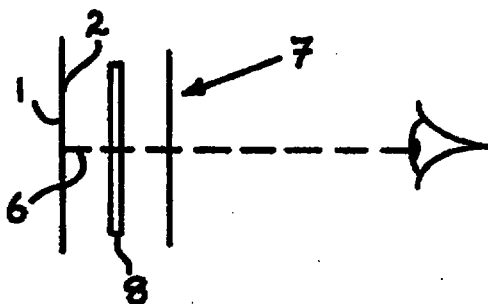
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A method and apparatus for monitoring a body having a reflective surface (1), a coating layer (2) of material transparent to visible light present on the surface (1) and producing a covert optical discontinuity in an imagewise distribution on the layer (2); the imagewise distribution is such that it is visible via polarised light (7) and viewing through a polarised filter (8).