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PRELIMINARY REPORT.

The Cambridge Mount Kenya Afro-Alpine Expedition was established in order to carry out scientific research on the upper slopes of Mount Kenya. This research consisted of three projects that will form the basis for undergraduate dissertations.

The expedition, consisting of five member of Girton College, left England on 13th July 1984. On arrival in Nairobi, we discovered that the food we had freighted to Kenya in the spring had been impounded by customs. Although we eventually got it released without paying customs duty or sales tax we lost nearly two weeks in doing so. Because of the cost and delay we had to cut down on the time we could spend on the mountain.

The expedition left Nairobi on 25th July. After a brief stop at Naro Moru river lodge, to hire porters, we made our way to the Meteorological station, where we camped for the night. The following day we climbed through the mud of the hanging bog to reach our camp just below Mackinderscamp, Teleki Valley, at an altitude of 14,000 ft.

The three projects, although related, concentrated on different aspects of the unusual climatic and physical conditions found in such an unusual environment, but it soon became apparent that none of the projects could be carried out in the form that they were originally conceived. One major problem was that there was no melt water stream on the Lewis Glacier so one project had to be changed to investigate the Teleki River. Other problems, such as extreme temperatures, and the length of darkness, lead us to decide not to conduct fieldwork at night. Three weeks of research were completed, after which an early descent was planned as food reserves were low.

After a brief rest in Nairobi, the whole expedition journeyed to the coast, whilst here the group split, three members of the expedition decided to spend some time on the coast while the other two travelled to Western Kenya and Lake Victoria.

The expedition met up again in Nairobi on 6th September and left for England in the early hours of the 9th September.

Although the expedition is extremely grateful to all our sponsors and advisors, I would like to give special thanks to Professor Celia Nyamweru, Chairman, Department of Geography, Kenyatta University College Nairobi, who's help was invaluable during our stay in Kenya.

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The Cambridge Mount Kenya Afro-Alpine Expedition 1984.

FINANCE Summary

INCOME

Person contributions x 5 x £300.	£1,500. 00
Mount Everest Foundation	400. 00
David Richards Fund 3 x £75.	225. 00
Lonrho	200. 00
Oppenheimer	200. 00
Many Euphrasia Mosley Fund 4 x £50	200. 00
Royal Geographical Society	150. 00
Cambridge Expeditions Fund	150. 00
Bartle Frere Fund	100. 00
Burton Group	40. 00
Swires	25. 00
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TOTAL	£3,190. 00.
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EXPENDITURE

Air fares x 5 x £349.	£1,745. 00
Food, accomodation and travel in Kenya	450. 00
Equipment	237. 00
Administration	200. 00
Food	183. 00
Insurance	117. 00
Film	94. 00
Storage charges	86. 00
Medical kit	58. 00
Sea freight	20. 00
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TOTAL	£3,190. 00
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