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1985 INDO-SCOTTISH HIMALAYAN EXPEDITION

SUMMARY REPORT

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EXPEDITION MEMBERS

Sam Galbraith - Leader,
Calum Smith,
Sandy Reid,
Graham Little,
B.N. Mallick - (Liaison Officer),

Address of Leader:

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OBJECTIVE:

Our mountaineering objective was to climb the previously unclimbed highest peak in Glacier 1 of the South Parbati region. It is situated just off the main Kulu Valley in the Himachel Pradesh region of the Indian Himalaya. We also were studying alterations in body composition secondary to the weight loss which always occurs on expeditions.

DATES OF EXPEDITION;

September - October 1985.

15th September arrived in Delhi. Equipment missing. Time spent recovering it.

25th September leave Delhi for Manali. 28th leave Manali for Manikaren

29th Walk-in started.

2nd October - base camp established.

4th October - advance base camp established.

6th October - high point of climb reached.

7th October - start of storm.

8th October - retreated to base.

9th October - violent storm - continuous.

13th October - break-out by S. Galbraith and B. Mallick to arrange porters.

18th October - leave base camp.

20th October - arrive Manali.

WEATHER CONDITIONS:

Initially extremely good with clear blue sky. It turned bad while on the mountain with heavy snow fall making retreat difficult.

MEDICAL INCIDENTS:

None.

DESCRIPTION OF CLIMB:

Four day walk-in from Manikaren to base camp at 12,000 feet. This was near the entrance to Glacier 1, but still in the Parbati Valley. Base camp was then established well up on Glacier 1 and 14,000 feet and below the peak being attempted. After crossing the Glacier for a short distance the route was taken up crossing icefields on the West face to a Glacier below the South Ridge. This was the high point. It had then been intended to continue up the South Ridge to the summit.

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST:

£7,000.