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Startled pearl divers discover wreckage of

Pearl divers off the coast of Indonesia have discovered what could be the greatest archeological find in history — the wreckage of an ancient starship piloted by aliens 4,000 years ago.

A highly unusual salvage operation is underway where the underwater wreckage was sighted.

Teams of frogmen from a maritime salvage company in Jakarta, Indonesia, are at the site of the bizarre find near the remote island of Buru in the Banda Sea.

According to sketchy reports from the Indonesian island, pearl divers discovered the coral-encrusted wreck six weeks ago while harvesting oys-

ters near the town of Leksula, Buru. A typhoon had

passed near the island a week before, churning the ocean bottom and revealing the wreckage.

"Apparently, the divers discovered a place where the coral had been dislodged, uncovering a cylinder-shaped object about 40 feet long with wing-like structures on one end," said Dr. Kenjiro Watanabe, a Japanese archeologist doing field work in Indonesia. "They reported that the object was made of a black metal-like substance and had what appeared to be portholes or windows at the end opposite the wings.

"We have very little information about the wreck because the Buru natives are frightened of it. None of them has been down there since it was discovered."

According to Dr. Watanabe, archeological interest in the strange wreckage was intensi-

fied by a relic found near a gaping tear in the craft's right side and brought to the surface by one of the divers.

Watanabe said he has learned through telephone conversations with officials in Lek-

sulu that the relic is an alabaster lion inlaid with gold.

"From the description they gave me, I would say this object is almost certainly of Egyptian workmanship and dates back to about 2600 B.C."

Ancient UFO found



THE CALM of this Indonesian island paradise was broken by the underwater discovery of an alien spacecraft.

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