

The most incredible close encounter in history!

WHY DID SPACE ALIENS KIDNAP TOP SCIENTISTS?

Ghostly humanoids in a stadium-sized spaceship plucked a team of scientists off the face of Mount Everest, subjected them to a series of eerie medical tests and then vanished — with two of them still aboard!

The incredible encounter and kidnapping has rocked the investigative establishment throughout Europe and Asia as researchers try to make sense of the astonishing abduction.

So far, the only clues to be found are in the graphic reports and recollections of the four Bulgarian scientists and seven Sherpa guides who were inexplicably left behind.

"This is without a doubt the most astounding alien encounter the world has ever seen," declared Stanko Zhivkov, a leading Bulgarian UFO researcher now based in Nepal.

"The most incredible thing about it is the way the aliens behaved. Seven members of the expedition were taken aboard the spacecraft. Each was thoroughly tested and examined. But only two were spirited away.

"This is what's so puzzling — how deliberately they

went about providing witnesses. Such documentation is without precedent."

Zhivkov learned of the incident through sources in the Bulgarian scientific community, and managed to interview five of the climbers who boarded the UFO before authorities stamped the case file: **Top Secret.**

"The expedition was setting camp 22,000 feet up the face of the mountain when a high-pitched whine ripped the air," he said.

At first, they believed it was caused by the wind. But as it increased in intensity, the men had to cover their ears. They were terrified that it would start an avalanche and, in fact, they said snow began to roll,

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but only in spots. "They looked around frantically, just as a brilliant white light lit the entire sky."

Suddenly, they saw it, said Zhivkov — a shimmering, pulsing saucer of light as big as a football stadium!

"They were too horrified to do anything but stare," said the researcher.

"But it didn't matter, because they were instantly hit with a cylinder of thick green light and sucked into the belly of the ship.

"There, standing in a vast room walled with strange instruments, they were confronted by four aliens with heads the size of basketballs, arms as slender as broomsticks and skin you could actually see through."

They should have been terrified, he added, but insisted they weren't the least bit frightened or intimidated.

"They felt a strong sense of contentment come over them," said Zhivkov. "The aliens kept stretching their hand toward



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them, palms up, as if to communicate. And for some reason, they felt more at ease each time the gesture was made. They said the creatures led them to a massive glowing table and strapped them to it with thin bands of red, green and yellow light.

"The next thing they knew they were standing with the rest of the team on the side of the mountain, watching two of the scientists disappear in the same green light that had taken them."

Zhivkov said the spaceship made a low humming noise . . . and vanished!

What remained of the horrified expedition broke camp

and returned to the base of the mountain, said Zhivkov. The native guides were jetted to Bulgaria, interrogated and sworn to secrecy before authorities allowed them to return to Nepal.

The scientists who escaped cannot be reached for comment, and both Bulgarian and Nepalese authorities refuse to discuss the incident or investigation, Zhivkov said. "It happened," he added. "And no amount of government secrecy can convince me otherwise. The only questions in my mind are where did the aliens come from, why did they want those scientists — and when will they return?"

Monkey bite kills lab worker

Lab worker Thomas McGeorge died after being bitten by a research monkey who was infected with usually deadly herpes B virus.

McGeorge, 23, died of infection after being bitten at the International Research and Development Corp., near Kalamazoo, Mich.

The rare disease, also

known as monkey herpes, affects the brain and nervous system and kills more than 70 percent of people who contract it, scientists say.

McGeorge had a reputation of being "always careful" about wearing protective gear, said a fellow worker. "Now everyone's really scared."