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Dear Bob:

Included are several pieces of information on Nepal and the region around the Thyangboche Monastery. As I mentioned to you earlier, I recently had a little get together with Sir Edmund Hillary and had a update on the water situation at Thyangboche. Two years ago there was plans to bring water from a glacier that was at least 5 km away. The plan was to provide some sort of glacier inlet, to a pipe system that was to be buried several feet underground to help prevent freezing and to blend in with the environment. Two years ago I was at the monastery and had a talk with a German engineer who was proposing this idea. I was glad to see that this idea was not pursued. The financial logistics of this type of project would of been enormous as there are no easy means to bring any type of heavy equipment into the area. The second solution was to pump water from a glacial feed river over 300 meters below. After thousands of dollars and months of labor this system was recently completed and as of several weeks ago has been shut down permanently due to problems with silt and particle damage to the pump impellers. I am hoping to find out more information on this system within the next couple months. David Breashears who is a cinematographer and who recently climbed Mt. Everest for the 3rd time, will be heading out to that area shortly and I'll have him check into the water situation for us at Thyangboche. By the way, It might be interesting to get David involved at some point to do a documentary on the project. His film credits and knowledge of Nepal are intensive. His has produced many documentaries for Nova as well as his own.

If this fog collection project for Nepal ever gets the go ahead, you really only two time windows to work in due to the heavy rain and snow conditions brought on by the monsoon season. Typically the best times to be in the Everest region is from the beginning of March to the end of May , and from the beginning of October to the end of December.

## **Tengboche Monastery Nepal 1996 Observations**

### **Notes for the Photos That Follow**

Photo 1 Tengboche/ Thyangboche/Tyangboche Monastery. Photo by Kevin Kowalchuk.

Photo 2 Tengboche/ Thyangboche/Tyangboche Monastery. Photo by Kevin Kowalchuk.

Photo 3 Tengboche/ Thyangboche/Tyangboche Monastery. Photo by Kevin Kowalchuk.

Photo 4 Possible ridge location above the monastery for fog water collectors. Photo by Kevin Kowalchuk.

Photo 5 Possible ridge location, further up the trail, above the monastery, for fog water collectors. Photo by Kevin Kowalchuk.



