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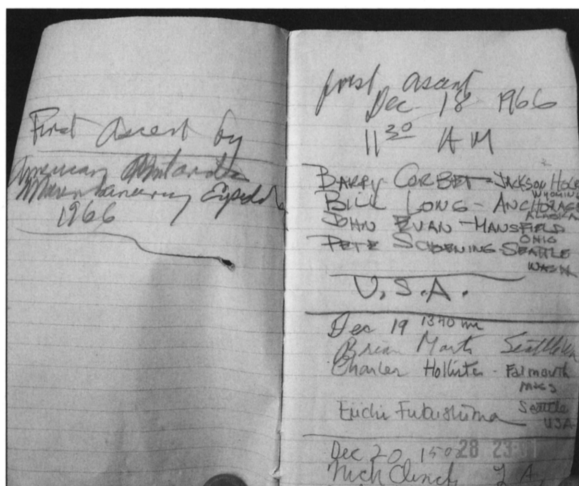
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*Vinson, summit register removed.*

On January 1, 2005 I removed the summit register book from the aluminum cylinder in which it had been housed for decades. The book was full, no longer useable, and I felt it would be too tempting a prize for a thief, given some recent similar problems in Antarctica. I photographed all the pages and passed the book to ALE in Punta Arenas, where it was placed in safekeeping. Subsequent correspondence with Nick Clinch, who led the first ascent in 1966, and John Evans, who summited first with Barry Corbet, indicates that the museum of the American Alpine Club is the best resting place for the book. Given that it was often hidden by snow, or that conditions dictated against stopping to write in it, the book is far from an accurate register of Vinson summiteers, but it is certainly a valuable and historic artifact that needs to be well preserved. A replacement register is being organized and will include a photocopy of the original first and second pages, showing the first signatories from December 1966.

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The original Vinson summit register, now safely removed. Damien Gildea

## THE PENINSULA

### LIVINGSTON ISLAND

*Tangra Mountains, Komini Peak, west slope new rock route.* Komini (774m: 62°39'10.1"S, 60°07'05.7" W) is one of the minor peaks on the side ridge descending northward from Levski Peak in the Tangra Mountains, which are situated on Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands. The peak lies above Huron Glacier to the north and two of its tributaries on the east and west. The western slope of Komini is a rock wall of 212m vertical height and average steepness of 48°. The wall was climbed for the first time by Lyubomir Ivanov during the Bulgarian survey Tangra 2004/05 expedition, exploring remote areas in eastern Livingston Island from November 28, 2004 until January 8, 2005. The ascent started from the survey base camp Academia located on the upper Huron Glacier at the foot of Zograf Peak. The base camp area itself is accessible by an 11-13 km overland route running eastward from the Bulgarian base St. Kliment Ohridski or the Spanish base Juan Carlos Primero via Willan Saddle and Orpheus Gate. The peak was