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Through the Student's (or Physician's) Eyes: "Five Miles From Tomorrow"
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"More people have attempted to climb Mount Everest than have visited here longer than 72 hours-- allowing a unique hybrid of Siberian and Inuit tradition to flourish under the radar of the Western world. The resulting population is genetically and culturally distinct from any other in the world."


When Virtual Mentor linked to this essay in January 2001, we believed it to be a factual account. However, the essay's authenticity has since been challenged by the author's clinical prefect, Dr. Michael D. Swenson. For more information about the disputed case, see Dr. Swenson's August 2001 letter to *JAMA*:


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