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Miss Lynn Catoe's Magnum Opus

AS these pages were due to go to the printer, we received copies of *UFOs & Related Subjects: An annotated bibliography*, by Lynn E. Catoe, of the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., U.S.A. The survey was commissioned by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research; Office of Aerospace Research—USAF, to quote the legend at the foot of the front cover. The sizeable soft-cover volume may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, U.S.A., price \$3.50.

The books' arrival called to mind a very pleasant evening that Gordon Creighton and I spent with Miss Catoe in November, 1967, on the occasion of a fleeting trip she made to Europe. We quickly found that this charming young lady, an erudite graduate of Wellesley, that finest of women's University Colleges in the United States, and of the Sorbonne, in Paris, was extremely knowledgeable on the subject of UFOs and trends of UFO research.

In the extensive bibliography there is ample evidence of the reason for this knowledge, for Miss Catoe must have read a vast number of books, magazines and random articles on the subject. She says, in an introduction, that she has "sought to include items of scholarly interest and intent, and to make the bibliography as useful as possible for both scholars and general readers interested in the subject." To this end she has sifted the books, articles and other records, giving a succinct résumé of

every item, and allocating each to its respective category. The first, and main category, is *Unidentified Flying Objects*, and this is divided into 39 sub-sections from "Abductions" through "C.I.A.", "Contact Claims", "Landings", "Occupants", "Psychic Aspects" and "Seductions" to "Sightings". Other main categories (and there are 16 of these) include *Extraterrestrial Life*, *Fortean Phenomena*, *UFOs and Religion* and *UFOs and Time*.

What I find particularly gratifying is the revelation, from the evidence of the 390-odd pages, of the very large part that has been played by FLYING SAUCER REVIEW in the literature of the subject. Indeed, so large that it is quite obvious to anyone turning the pages. In all, Miss Catoe cites more than 330 items from FSR covering just about every aspect of the subject, and several of the peripheral topics as well.

The absence of a fanfare announcing the appearance of this important work does not surprise me. The intention was that the work should support the Condon Report, but that document being what it was, the Library of Congress Bibliography is somewhat out on a limb. The very existence of the many hundreds of listed items of "scholarly interest and intent" suggest that something somewhere—in this instance, Colorado—was not quite right.

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PUERTO RICO

UFO sighted from airfield

Another brief item, which could be followed up, has been reported to us by M. H-J. Besset. The report (May 1, 1969. France-Inter, 6.30 a.m.) stated: "An unidentified flying object was seen at Puerto Rico by numerous witnesses including the personnel of the control-tower of the airfield who said that the object was at 21,000 metres."

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The report also said that this present group* of investigators had likewise questioned Maria Cintra, the woman who had been involved in the hospital landing, and were completely satisfied with her story too, and satisfied that a flying saucer did indeed land at Lins on September 5. The investigators were of the opinion that certain specific features

mentioned by the Gallos in their testimony, namely the circular shape, the rocking movement, the colours, the sound, and so on, were clearly in agreement with similar features reported from all over the world.

* Mr. Rimes comments that these people are from the São Paulo investigation group run by Professor Flavio Pereira.

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and experienced considerable difficulty in getting up in the mornings. This was confirmed by his brother-in-law, Mr. Bess Taylor.³ Extensive inquiries in Awanui revealed an interesting contemporary UFO report. A local resident claimed to have seen a white, spinning object above the road while driving in the same area a night after Brown's encounter. The object reportedly affected his car radio. Although further investigation into this claim is continuing, certain inquiries indicate that it is probably spurious.

On the basis of a much more detailed investigation than can be outlined here, the three Group members personally concluded that Mr. Brown was telling the

truth. However they do not discount the possibility that the incident could have been psychic in nature, as he is apparently quite psychic.

NOTES

¹ The Auckland UFO Research Group is an affiliated society of the Auckland University Students' Association. Mr. Brunt is chairman of the Group which, in February this year, sent letters to the Editors of 32 provincial newspapers appealing to the public for field helpers. Almost all the letters were published, and more than sixty volunteers came forward, among them pilots, ex-servicemen, policemen, amateur astronomers and school teachers. These helpers will investigate cases in their areas, working along lines suggested by the University Group.—EDITOR.

² Note the close resemblance of the figure's suit to many worn by the reported UFO occupants in THE HUMANOIDs, especially the Latin American section, Nos. 17, 19, 22, 43, 44.

³ This unusual weariness has been reported after other encounters with UFO occupants where the observer has been repelled or immobilised in some way. Valensole is perhaps the most notable example.