

Scientists Baffled by . . .

ASTONISHING EVIDENCE OF UFO LANDING

Government scientists are totally baffled by an incredible UFO that mysteriously aged plants at the spot where it landed.

The eerie saucer-shaped craft touched down in the Gard region of southern France, according to an eyewitness, a retired bank clerk in whose garden it landed.

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"This is the first time we have findings that defy explanation," confessed Alain Esterle, former chief of GEPAN, a French government scientific team that investigates UFO sightings.

Tests of plants from the spot where the ship landed revealed that the normally green grass and weeds had mysteriously lost their green color. They had faded to brown, shriveled and turned old as though the aging process had accelerated!

What's more, the amazing UFO made prints in the soil that were still visible 40 days after the landing . . . and it also left bizarre deposits of iron oxide and other minerals not normally found at that site! "After all the tests we can't explain what happened," admitted Esterle, whose agency spent two years studying the Jan. 8, 1981, sighting.

The ENQUIRER has obtained the scientists' report. It includes the following account by the witness, identified only as Mr. Colini: "I

was working in the garden about 5 p.m. when a strange whistling noise caught my attention.

"I turned and saw a craft shaped like two inverted plates, one on top of the other, in the air roughly level with a large pine tree on the edge of my property.

"The machine was descending slowly, but I saw no flames or smoke around it. I took cover behind a hut.

"It was very quiet. It fell, but didn't smash. Then it lifted off the ground and when it reached the height of the trees it zoomed away to the northeast. The craft was about four feet tall."

Where it landed, police said, they found two circular indentations in the ground, about 6 and 6½ feet in diameter.

Colini told a neighbor about the landing and informed the police. The next day, officers took the first of two sets of soil and plant samples. The police also called in the GEPAN scien-

tists. And five laboratories tested the plant samples. They reported that the "only conceivable explanation (for



EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT of incident came from retired bank clerk.

their sudden aging) was exposure to a powerful electromagnetic field."

The official report con-

cluded: "The least we can say is that an event of great significance occurred at this place and time."