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One of the world's foremost space scientists says he has proof that UFOs exist.

"By application of universally accepted scientific laws, my computerized statistics prove beyond all possible doubt that UFOs exist and that thousands of them have landed," claims Dr. Claude Poher, who heads the exploratory rockets division for the French equivalent of America's NASA.

Working with a vast array of 35,000 UFO reports from many countries, Dr. Poher meticulously analyzed 1,000 cases, using "some of the most sophisticated electronic and computer equipment in the world." He told *The ENQUIRER* that his computer data reveals:

- UFOs are usually reddish-orange at night and during the day appear as polished metal that reflects sunlight.
  - UFOs are shaped like either discs, spheres or cigars.
  - 70 percent of all UFO sightings occur at night.
  - 10 percent — or 3,500 — of the UFO reports describe landings or attempted landings.
  - 5 percent of the reports involve persons seeing space aliens.
- "It's highly significant that I've gotten similar descriptions in every set of reports no matter where in the world

## I Have Proved UFOs Exist, Claims Top Space Scientist

they originated," Dr. Poher remarked.

Dr. Poher said the reports cover "a perfect cross-section of the population," including such reputable witnesses as pilots, radar operators, military men and police officers.

"I've found evidence of extremely powerful magnetic forces associated with UFOs. Military and civilian pilots around the world have reported that while flying on automatic pilot, they veered wildly off course at the exact time they saw a bright, unidentified object in the sky.

"Then there is the automobile phenomena.

"When motorists approach a UFO, their car lights go off, the car stops and the engine cuts out.

"These reports from all over the world are identical — even in the order of events."

He said reports have confirmed that UFOs can travel up to 15,000 m.p.h. and more and weave intricate patterns in the sky.

Dr. Poher, director of the Sounding Rockets Division at the National Center for Space Studies near Toulouse, France, said:

"I've been able to prove the reality of UFOs by eliminating all other possibilities. For ex-

ample, our computers know the flight paths of aircraft and the positions of weather balloons, planets and comets," said Dr. Poher.

"All known natural and physical phenomena like meteors and planes are visible from the ground for periods ranging from a split second to a minute . . . or, in the case of planets, for hours or days. There are no known phenomena — other than UFOs — which last in between these times, from several minutes to an hour."

Regarding his method of analysis, Dr. Poher said: "Although any other scientific study would settle for a computer readout founded on six or eight basic factors, I have based mine on 80. It is hardly possible to invent a more acid test."

Dr. Poher discounted the idea that UFO sightings are the result of an international hoax, mass hypnotism or auto-suggestion.

"UFO reports involve people who have no contact with each other and who come from vastly different social, cultural and national backgrounds," he noted.

What makes the respected scientist even more convinced of the existence of UFOs is his



**SPACE EXPERT** Prof. Claude Poher works on rocket at the National Center for Space Studies — the French equivalent of America's NASA.

investigations of 11 different reported UFO landings in France.

"I've found traces of deep grooves cut by what appears to be a kind of triple-ski landing gear.

"The grooves indicate the UFOs weighed 50 to 100 tons and were 200 to 300 yards long and 30 yards wide.

"Magnetic readings are much higher at the landing sites than the surrounding areas. And absolutely nothing

will grow on the actual landing spots.

"It's as if the soil had been burned up."

Dr. Poher believes that "it's of the greatest importance to mankind" to undertake a detailed international study of UFOs.

"The most troubling question of all is: exactly what are UFOs?"

"For me, there will be no rest until the mystery has been solved."