

UFOs based on earth, says top NASA man

By KIM LOCKWOOD

THE flight operations manager for America's National Aeronautics and Space Agency shuttle program, Mr John Schuessler, believes in UFOs.

Mr Schuessler is in Australia for a lecture tour with Mr Stan Deyo, a Perth specialist in flying saucers.

In Melbourne this week for the start of the tour, Mr Schuessler said there was good evidence from reliable people that "something is going on".

"Working in a space program as I do, I can't ignore it.

"I am not out to convince anybody that what I have is the only thing, but my evidence is based on investigation and research since 1965.

"It is not exactly 'soft' evidence, either."

Although 90 per cent of UFO reports had satisfactory answers, 10 per cent had to go into the "unidentified" category, Mr Schuessler said.

He began his research in 1965 with the intention of proving the whole thing silly.

"But I changed my mind because of a number of cases.

"The first involved the crew of an airliner in the US."

The crew was told to divert to investigate reports of an unidentified object over Missouri. They saw no little green men, but there was a big glowing object sitting still several thousand feet above the ground.

As the plane approached, the object started to move away, slowly at first. It then disappeared in seconds.

Mr Schuessler said the re-

ports of the crew and passengers were all the same.

"Unfortunately there is a ridicule curtain which is thrown up," he said. People stopped reporting because they were laughed at, he said. "But attitudes are changing."

And where are they from, these UFOs?

Mr Schuessler: "My basic logic and training says that because of the distances involved in space, they have to be earth-based. But some reports put them outside the technology we have on earth.

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"I keep up with the technology, and I can't find anything in our technological arsenal which can do what these things do.

"I do subscribe to the view — the evidence is very strong — that there are other life forms in the universe."

Mr Deyo, author of *The Cosmic Conspiracy*, said the book tried to explain why the technology for flying saucers, which, he said, did exist on earth, had been withheld from the public.

"We are reasonably certain there is another intelligence co-ordinating this (UFO) research, and (it) has done since about 1958," Mr Deyo said.

"In 1956 the New York Herald-Tribune published a series of articles about work on anti-gravity by more than 100 researchers. But from then on, mysteriously, the research was no longer reported.

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An evening encounter of absurd kind

On Monday night in Perth I attended the much heralded Schuessler Seminar — UFO Myths Exploded — at the Entertainment Centre.

It was a close encounter of the absurd kind. Never has my leg been pulled so seriously.

Cosmic Conspiracy author Stan Deyo promised "shock revelations" hinting that his guest John Schuessler, a top man with NASA's space shuttle program, would lift the lid of government secrecy off the UFO riddle.

Schuessler revealed nothing new.

He gave us well known facts about the space shuttle with a bit of sales pitch, inviting Australian researchers to send whatever material they chose into space to test the affects of micro gravity — for \$2000-\$3000 a go.

Among the "amazing facts" revealed was a film clip of a US-built flying saucer.

This may once have been "secret US film", but the craft is pictured on page 311 of *Into the Unknown*, published last year by Readers Digest.

It was jet powered. And as every schoolboy knows, you can lift a brick wall off the ground with a jet engine of the right size.

A pamphlet given to the audience asked: How much does NASA know about UFO's? We never found out.

Deyo told us that Schuessler would give us only his personal views. They were not impressive.

He quoted a few sightings in the US and the serious physical affects that resulted for women who had close encounters with UFOs — without supporting evidence from medical experts.

Film "never seen in public" suggested we were to see how an American scientist had reproduced the alien's technique of powering their saucers.

In fact we saw models like lampshades in a laboratory being swung about by electricity — as though suspended like puppets on a string.

Throughout the evening Deyo repeatedly referred to the sinister cover-up of the UFO business by governments of the world, hinting that he and Schuessler were risking their lives with their revelations.

But what did they reveal that is not already turning yellow with age in the newspaper libraries of the world?

So many questions were left unanswered and the speakers avoided inviting any from the audience. E.T. was mentioned, of course, but this time it stood for Evening of Tedium — at \$7 a pop.

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