

Sensational space ship claim

NEW YORK, Tues (AAP) : A sensational claim that so-called "flying saucers" are space vehicles from another planet is made today by the magazine "True."

The claim is made in an article signed by Donald Keyhoe, former information chief for the aeronautics branch of US Commerce Department.

The magazine says the conclusions are based on eight months' investigation.

The article says: "For the last 175 years the earth has been under systematic close-range examination by living, intelligent observers of another planet.

"The intensity of this observation and the frequency of visits to the earth's atmosphere, whereby it is being conducted, have increased markedly in the last two years.

"Flying discs vary in no important particular from well-

portant particular from well-developed American plans for exploration of space expected to come to fruition within the next 50 years.

"There are reasons to believe, however, that some other race of thinking beings is a matter of two and a quarter centuries ahead of us."

The US Air Force promptly discounted the magazine's claim. It said: "Air Force studies of flying saucers lend no support to the view that they come from another planet."