

# US TV firm interested in UFO report

**PERTH:** You've seen *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. Now brace yourself for *Invasion of the Car Snatchers*.

This could be the scenario if the story of the Knowles family's encounter with an alleged UFO on the Nullarbor hits the television screen.

A US television production company, Aaron Spelling Productions, best known for its glossy soaps *Dynasty* and *Hotel*, was negotiating with Adelaide's Channel 7 for the rights to the story, a Channel 7 spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said the negotiations were in the preliminary stages and the station's executives were meeting yesterday to discuss the situation. No firm offer had been made.

Mrs Fay Knowles, of the Perth suburb of Midland, and her sons, Patrick, Wayne and Sean, told last week of their bizarre encounter with an unidentified flying object on the Nullarbor Plain.

In an exclusive interview on Channel 7 in Adelaide, they described how a bright light hovered above their car, then lifted it off the road before slamming it back down, bursting a tyre.

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The car filled with smoke and there was a foul smell.

After the light disappeared, the family found the car covered in soot, with dents in the roof.

The Knowles' story was given wide news coverage in the United States, and did not escape the attention of Aaron Spelling's "story scouts", ever on the lookout for new story lines.

A spokesman for Aaron Spelling Productions in Los Angeles, Mr Howard Golden, said yesterday he had been unable to contact the Knowles' because they were holidaying in Melbourne.

He stressed he was only interested in making a preliminary check but would not explain the nature of his interest.