

CNN Ignores Evidence of Possible Alternate Sources For the “Pings” Detected in the Flight 370 Investigation

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Over the past several days I have tried to relay information to CNN regarding possible alternate sources for the “pings” allegedly detected in the Flight 370 Investigation.

“Experts” employed by CNN as analysts such as **David Soucie** - *Author of "WHY PLANES CRASH" An Accident Investigator's Fight for Safe Skies a memoir of crashes and near-misses, pain and redemption by a former aviation executive and FAA inspector* - and **Mary Schiavo** - *Former Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Transportation*, have generally poo-hooed the idea that the detected pings could be emanating from anything other than the black boxes of the aircraft MH370.

Soucie, for his part has made several mistakes in his reporting. First it took until Friday, April 11 for **Soucie** to even acknowledge the possibility of the pings coming from those used in the fishing industry or for fishery research. **Soucie** indicated he had looked into the idea and had concluded the ping-rate (number of transmitted impulses) would be greater than the approximately 1 per second emitted from the black boxes.

On several occasions I have personally sent information to CNN indicating **Soucie** is incorrect which they have steadfastly ignored.

As of this writing it has been announced by most parties to the investigation that they are “optimistic” that the signals detected came from one or both of Flight 370's recorders.

Australia's Prime Minister, Tony Abbott has gone a bit farther proclaiming; "We are confident that we know the position of the black box flight recorder to within some kilometers (miles)," Abbott made these comments in a speech in the Chinese commercial capital Shanghai.

Abbott's comments are at odds with those of Angus Houston, Australia's former Defense Chief who is leading the investigation. Houston has been very cautious in his comments indicating the need for physical evidence such as wreckage to be found before making any firm pronouncements.

So far, there have been 5 impulse detections, 4 have come from a specially equipped ship named *Ocean Shield* and 1 detection from a Sonobuoy deployed in the area. The 5th impulse from the Sonobuoy has been ruled out by authorities as having come from the black boxes. This development means that there have been no further detections since Tuesday, April 8th.

The ocean is full of noise which can obscure legitimate signals and even create its own. As of 1pm EST on April 12 the ships *East Bangkok*, a cargo carrier and the *British Holly* an Oil Tanker were steaming within 30kms of the *Ocean Shield* as it searches for additional impulses under the sea. These huge ships generate much unwanted noise.

Is it possible the “pings” are coming from MH370? Yes, but it's also just as possible they are not.

It is noteworthy I should think that after more than a month not a scintilla of wreckage has been recovered.

In an investigation racked by missteps and incompetence, most particularly by the Malaysian government, it would behoove CNN to clean up its reporting of this event. The passenger families, and perhaps still the passengers themselves deserve no less.

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