



Figure 4-13. Wreckage Distribution Diagram.

lite phone system, was somewhat more secure and proved to be very valuable but expensive to use.

### 4.3 Finance

The search and recovery operation following the loss of Flight 800 was one of the most extensive, and hence expensive, operations of its type ever conducted. Out-of-pocket costs for the Navy for the salvage operation were approximately \$13.4 million. From the start of Navy participation on 18 July 1996 until the dissolution of JTF 40.50 on 2 November 1996, some \$2.7 million was spent to cover the costs — particularly the cost of fuel and expendables for ships and craft — that the Atlantic Fleet incurred in supporting the search and recovery operations. During the same period, SUPSALV obligated approximately \$5 million. Much of this went to pay for the commercial ships, crews, and services provided by contractors. From 4 November through 30 April 1997, the