



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