The route of the illfated B-52G which crashed off Thule Air Base on 21 January 1968. In contrast with Danish and U.S. government accounts of the flight, the bomber was not diverted to Thule because of an emergency, but was on a secret monitor mission over the base designed to maintain visual contact with the radar 24 hours a day. Like most of the hundreds of other aircraft on Thule Monitor missions throughout the 1960s, the bomber carried four B28 thermonuclear bombs.