No: 7/84 Ref: EW/G84/05/09

Aircraft type and registration: Piper PA 28 OY-BKB (Light single engined fixed wing

aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1968

Date and time (GMT): 5 May 1984 at about 1114 hrs.

Location: Clacton Aerodrome, Essex

Type of flight: Private

Persons on board: Crew -1 Passengers -2

Injuries: Crew — Nil Passengers — Nil

Nature of damage: Aircraft destroyed

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 36 years

Commander's total flying experience: Reported to be 187 hours (of which 143 hours were on

type)

Information Source: Accident Reports submitted by pilot and police

The aircraft was on a private flight from Goodwood Aerodrome, Sussex, to Clacton aerodrome, Essex, with the pilot and two passengers on board. Prior to departure from Goodwood the pilot had checked the weather forecast and had obtained permission to land at Clacton from the aerodrome operating authority. The aircraft took off from Goodwood at about 1015 hrs and, on arrival over Clacton approximately one hour later, the pilot elected to make an approach and landing on the grass runway 18 at Clacton aerodrome. According to the pilot's report, shortly after touch down on runway 18, he realised that the ground speed was too high and he decided to go around again. Full power was applied and although the aircraft cleared the aerodrome boundary hedge, the pilot reports that he then had to apply bank to try and avoid a lamp-post sited on the Clacton to Jaywick road which crossed the runway 18 overshoot zone, at right angles to the landing direction.

In performing this manoeuvre the aircraft struck both the lamp-post and a motor car which was travelling westwards along the road. The aircraft was crash landed straight ahead and came to rest on the golf course to the south of the road. The aircraft was destroyed; however the occupants escaped without injury. Shortly after the impact, the motor car which had been struck by the aircraft was involved in a head on collision with a vehicle travelling along the same road in the opposite direction. The three occupants of the two vehicles were injured; one seriously so.

The weather conditions at the time were: haze, visibility between 3 and 5 kilometres, and a surface wind from 030° at about 12 knots. For landing on runway 18 this would result in a tail wind component of about 10 knots. The landing distance available was 490 metres. There was no aerodrome Air Traffic advisory service in operation at the time of the accident; however, wind conditions were indicated by a wind-sock sited in the aerodrome signals area.