



MALTA MARITIME AUTHORITY

Ports Directorate

MMA/PD 160/96

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Mr D Aquilina
Oakridge / 2
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Dear Mr Aquilina

Piper Lance Disappearance, 1995

Thank you for your letter dated 15 May 2000.

Please excuse me for replying late to your letter.

Although I would be pleased to provide my services, I regret to inform you that the equipment used (side scan sonar) has broken down.

Attempts to repair this instrument have been futile. As this is an old instrument, spare parts are no longer available.

We have no other means to do the search so unless a similar instrument is obtained from abroad we cannot conduct any searches.

Whilst apologizing once again for not answering your letter sooner, I remain

Yours sincerely
MALTA MARITIME AUTHORITY

J Bianco
Hydrographer