

REPORT ON A STUDY VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

April - August 1950.

During the months of April to August 1950 Mr. F. C. Darcel and the writer visited the United States and spent that period with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service and the Soil Survey of the Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils and Agricultural Engineering (both agencies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture) in Washington D.C., Mississippi and Tennessee in order to study their organization, methods and techniques of field work, and the effects of their work on agricultural units and communities. A timetable of this visit is appended to this report (see Appendix I.)

This study was undertaken for three main reasons: firstly as personal training and experience, secondly to observe American methods and techniques in soil surveying with a view to using some of such techniques (perhaps in a modified form) in the British West Indies Soil Survey, and thirdly to study the Land Use Programme advocated and assisted by the Soil Conservation Service.