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AT THE REQUEST OF THE WEST INDIES GOVERNMENT AND UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE, A CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT SURVEY TEAM IS TO MAKE A STUDY OF WEST INDIES HARBOURS AS A PRELIMINARY TO AN ENGINEERING SURVEY. THE LEADER OF THE TEAM, MR. H. J. DARLING, M.A., B.COM., AND MR. R. YUILL, M.B.E., LL.D., B.SC., M.E.I.C., P.ENG., LEAVE FOR THE WEST INDIES ON JULY 11.

THE TEAM WILL ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING WHICH PORTS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED AND WILL GIVE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPROVEMENT REQUIRED IN EACH UNIT TERRITORY WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON PRESENT AND POTENTIAL TRADE PATTERNS AND TRAFFIC OF GOODS BETWEEN THE ISLANDS. IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A LARGER TEAM THAT WILL MAKE A STUDY AND REPORT ON THE TECHNICAL AND ENGINEERING ASPECTS OF HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF SPECIFIC FACILITIES IN THE TERRITORIES. MR. DARLING AND MR. YUILL WILL MAKE A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THESE SUBJECTS, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO (A) THE OVERALL TRAFFIC PATTERN AND STATISTICS WHICH EXIST ON THE VARIOUS TERRITORIES AND THE GAPS WHERE NO INFORMATION EXISTS AND (B) WHICH PORTS MIGHT PROBABLY BE