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OVERVIEW:

This report includes both months due to the unusual circumstances involved in the move to Portugal and the annual inspection tour with the A.I.D. team.

Arrived in Covilhã 18 Jan and began settling in. An initial meeting with the Rector and the Chairmen resulted in scheduling introductory meetings with Textile and later the Management and Economics faculties during early February.

January was interrupted by an earthquake, minor in nature.

February involved travel to Évora and Vila Real as part of the visitation team. This trip introduced me to the progress being made at each institution.

A second series of meetings with the faculty in late February resulted in a initial schedule of Short-Term Advisors for IUBI during 1983-84.

SPECIFIC RESULTS:

I The Rector and the IUBI faculty agree to proceed with the following contract areas:

1. General Program Development
2. Curriculum study
3. Development of research competence in Management and Economics.
4. Research design and quantitative training.
5. Training in accounting and Budget Techniques.
6. Expansion of Extension efforts at IUBI with a series of seminars for industry and government leaders.

II To accomplish these goals each Short Term Advisor will have a Scope of Work which will include three basic functions.

1. Teach a formal course applicable to one or more of the contract areas.
2. Conduct one or more seminars for the faculty, industry, and interested

government officials.

3. Advise IUBI faculty on research in their *field* of specialization.

Dean Effland and Prof. Behary are investigating the curricula at Clemson to locate specific courses that meet the needs of the AID/PURDUE contract and fulfil M.S. requirements at Clemson. Only one faculty (João Lisboa) completed the course taught by Dr. La Roche. Perhaps the offer of graduate credit will prove to be a sufficiently strong motivator to induce several other faculty to pursue graduate training at U.S. Universities. It will definitely aid my own efforts to improve the linguistic competency of potential trainees.

PENDING ACTIONS:

1. One faculty member (Baía) scheduled take ALIGU test in March.
2. Announcement sent to faculty requesting an expression of interest in basic and intermediate courses in English.
3. Scopes of work drawn up for 3 Short Term Advisors Awaiting confirmation of dates.

PLANS FOR MARCH:

1. Confirm STA's for IUBI.
2. Meet with LT trainee group and confirm their progress.
3. Visit AID office and continue training with Ms Caupers to insure STT's have necessary times.
4. Contact Vila Real and Évora to offer assistance as needed.
5. Coach two faculty for TOEFL test.
6. Visit local industries.
7. Complete plan for STA and LTT for Textile area.