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Before going to Florida from August 6 to September 7 with four days work in Purdue, moved ahead on the EIPO bulletin summarizing the results of four years of sheep feeding trials from the experiment station at the Mitra. Agronomy, animal science, and economics are collaborating on this. At Purdue discussed project with various Department heads, the international program staff, and potential short term advisers.

On return in September met Janicks in Lisbon. Janick agreed to consult with various UE professors and give his research priority recommendations for the Alentejo. Went with Janicks and Evora personnel to Heinz factory and Coruche Cooperative. Janick made a country tour with Cala do and in final report will give recommendations on horticulture research from a national perspective. Janick was the first of the three short term advisers to do a final report. In future all short term advisers should do this before leaving country as the World Bank requires from their consultants.

Have begun working with four of the professors in Economics and Management on research on technological change in cereal production, wheat policy, and L.P. analysis.

Developed a shopping list of potential short term advisers based upon suggestions of Reitor, Portas, Rhykerd, Janick, and Philip (Agronomy Department Head at Purdue). Asked Dr. Collom to get their vitae so that Evora people can see them and make suggestions while Dr. Woods Thomas is here.



Visited the Badajoz irrigation project with a Spanish extension agent and the Janicks. 150,000 hectares irrigated in this region of Spain in early 1950s as compared with approximately 62,000 in all of Alentejo today. Corn yields of 9 t/ha. and tomatoes of 40 t/ha on small farms (4 to 5 ha.). Also produce alfalfa and dairy cattle. Excellent demonstration of the potential of small farmer activities in labor intensive activities when there is water. Need to take more ideas from the Spanish experience. Will visit southern Spain to see corn and sorghum production with Axtell and Ermelinda Pinheiro next June.

Visited the Experiment Station in Vila Real with Ahlrichs and had a pleasant visit with the Foleys. On next trip want to see some farms with their agronomy people.

Went with Pinheiro, Serrão and MAP people to two farms near Sines to see about getting farm accounting data as the RICA accounts are done. Gestão de Empresa can become much more involved in farm accounting and simple L.P. studies. Main thing now is to get the young professors in touch with farmers and identifying relevant problems for their future research.

Worked on two professional papers.