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This site report covers the first six weeks of my time in Portugal from my arrival on March 12.

My principal activities were arranging for Bob Thompson's arrival and getting to know the University staff and the agriculture of the Alentejo.

For Thompson visits were made to Gulbenkian Foundation and to the Planning Office of MAP to obtain materials and establish contacts with the researchers presently working on the impact of entry into the EEC on Portuguese agriculture. These contacts made in late March were then utilized for a series of meetings with Thompson, A. Pinheiro (head of Economics Department at Évora) and myself, April 20-22.

During March and April I visited with all eight departments involved in the contract to meet their personnel and discuss their research projects and plans. I am presently preparing a report based upon these and follow-up visits on the research priorities of the University. As another input into this project I spent a week visiting farms and research stations in the Alentejo. Included on this visit were the irrigation research center at Coruche, the cereals breeding program (which collaborates with CIMMYT) at Elvas, and the three University "herdades" near Beja.

Also at the end of March three faculty members passed their English exams and with the aid of June Lang at Purdue and AID-Lisbon the paper work and placement of two of them was speedily completed for this summer. The third will go in the fall.

That's all folks.