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Helped Benedita and Ana Vasconcelos with planning for travel to States in January. Finished a revision of Trip Notes from a week in the Alentejo and the first draft of the Research Priorities paper. Also revised the operating plan for UE for the meeting of MEU/AID/Institutes/Purdue to review the program.

The Reitor got me on the program at Instituto Superior de Agronomia of Lisboa to give a talk on the land grant model's applicability in the Portuguese institutional situation. Explained that the first Morrill Act creating the Land Grant Universities was in 1862 and the Smith-Lever Act creating the Extension service was in 1912. It takes time to produce research so that there is something to extend. Some outside UE have difficulty in understanding this concept believing that there are short cuts to agricultural development. The application of science to agriculture requires well trained people, time, and research funds. It will not be done over night nor without substantial investment in human capital.

Spent two days with Dr. Woods Thomas, Director of International Programs at Purdue, in meetings with people in UE and in outside institutions including the Regional Planning Commission. Was very useful as obtained substantial information for Research Priorities paper and some practical suggestions. Then left him at Covilhã. Meetings to review contract in Lisbon.

Went to Daroeira with professors working on L.P. plus Mariano Feio and António Pinheiro. Useful for comparison of the various types of Beja farms since the three "herdades" are very different.