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There was a lot of activity around here in October. We had a visit from the American Ambassador. There was a flurry of preparation and we were all ready when he got here.

The most exciting thing about the Ambassador's visit was the content of his speech. He left the door open for requests for 480 funds for University improvement. This message has stimulated action here to follow up on this lead, and hopefully this will finance some of the plans already made for University growth.

The cultural attache had arranged for an art exhibit to coincide with the Ambassador's visit. This was well organized and was a big hit. The trouble was that we did not have the exhibit long enough for enough people to see it. We need to get it back up here for at least a week. We have had two cultural exchanges now and we should do much more of this sort of thing. This is probably one of the fastest ways for us to achieve genuine Portugal - U.S. understanding.

Several days this month were spent in writing letters, reports, and getting a paper ready for a December extension training session. The improvement in the translation of which was skillfully done by Maria Manuela Ribeiro. Since Artur Cristavao was in the U.S. for two months she graciously agreed to help on the final preparation. She spent a lot of time on it and did a fine job.

Quite a bit of time is devoted each month to the requests for publications from the U.S. These requests usually come to us hand written. We type them and keep a copy so we will know who the article belongs to when it comes back. These articles do not all come back at the same time as some of the requests are for material from other institutions and some are obsolete and require a specialist in that area to indicate more recent material and perhaps render some comments.

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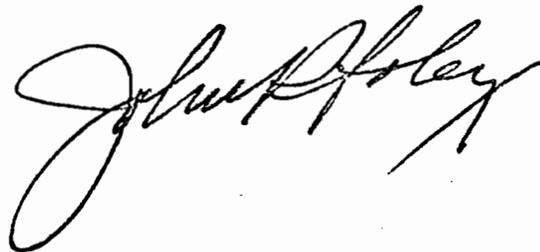
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of a helpful nature. When the articles come in they must pass through the library to be cataloged and then taken to the person who ordered them. We are trying to streamline this process so that the articles can be delivered straight from the library to the recipient.

We have received dozens of articles and bulletins to date and I wish to point out that the support and back-up from Purdue and particularly from Mrs. Vivian Rider has been excellent. She also does an excellent job of keeping us informed in project and University matters.

Several meetings were attended during the month regarding the Ambassador's visit, reports, and various other operational details. Also quite a bit of time was spent in conferences with potential trainees to the U.S. A total of five days were spent with visitors to the campus this month. Travel time took one day and there was one holiday.

Our project local funds are now available and we are in business again. As soon as we get a project vehicle we hope to get a secretary here in our office and get our accountant here too. We also need to get a copy machine of some kind here in the office to facilitate our work.

The last week of the month was taken as vacation time and we started out on a three week trip as a family vacation.

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