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This has been a most interesting month. We were to have a training session with the Extension staff of this region, but there was a problem with an urgent meeting and some special reports to get out in the Extension group so the training was rescheduled to the last week of January 1982.

Our first two short term training participants returned this month. Artur Cristávao went to Purdue and Wisconsin. He had a very profitable experience and plans to return in June 1982 for seven months to take some course work. He should earn 15-18 credits. Francisco Rego went to the Univ. of Idaho and had a very rewarding experience there. While there he earned three credit hours and monitored several other courses. He would like to bring his advisor over here in early 1982. He will probably go back to Idaho in 1983 to take more credit courses.

On Sunday, December 6, Dr. Robin Comfort was here in Vila Real on the PROCALFER Program, and I spent the afternoon showing him around the University and some of the local farming practices.

We started early in the month to line up our schedule for short term training and short term advisors for 1982. A good share of December was spent in conference with trainees and in working out the schedule. We ended up with a complete write-up for each trainee and each advisor (that we could identify). Our plan will now be submitted all around to see if it meets with general approval.

On December 8-9 I went to Covalã to see if Dr. Atkinson had any last minute details to give me before he left the country. We are sorry to see him go.

On December 10 we rushed off to Lisbon to attend a meeting with the Minister of Education staff and AID officials held on the 11th. We discussed progress of the project, future plans, and a long term replacement for Atkinson at Covalã.

On December 14 I met with Dr. Rob. Werge and Dr. William Doorn of the PROCALFER program and gave them a quick tour and some philosophy of our project and IUTAD. We then went to the Extension office for a conference with the staff there.

On December 17 I left for Porto to greet Dr. Hyung-Ki Kim of the World Bank. I met his plane on the morning of the 18th and brought him back to Vila Real. We had a very good discussion on our way back. We went immediately to a conference with Director Fernando Real, Vice Director Lima Pereira, and Prof. Torres Pereira. We then had a quick tour of IUTAD and a very nice lunch. I believe that he left Vila Real with a very good impression of our University and what we are trying to accomplish in serving the region of Tras-os-Montes.

On Friday the 18th I received a call from one of my sons in the U. S. telling me that my father was having difficulties and that I must return for a few days to get details worked out for his care. I will use this trip also to co-ordinate our project affairs and discuss details of our IUTAD plans for 1982. I plan to leave Portugal on Dec. 30 and return around Jan.10. I am making this trip at my own expense.

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