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First drafts finished on EIPO bulletin and of cereal productivity paper. The former is still lacking several sections but can now see where it is going. The cereal paper still needs to have the figures done professionally and the tables reduced but have a draft.

Purchase orders finally received by Technicon and Lepel (as of March 9) for Auto-Analyzer II and Furnace Induction. Vivian Rider and Ana Paula Rodrigues were a tremendous help. Now the Soil Lab will have the potential to be first class. The principle requirement now will be to develop a service attitude towards farmers and to respond to field research problems.

Three MEU meetings were held during February in Lisbon to review the contract and to discuss new projects and more PL 480 money. The general program review by Secretary of State Ralha on Feb. 3 was excellent.

Collom spent two days here and Buchanan one. Visited farm, experiments, and various professors. Useful dialogue on problems and strategy. Everyone coming back to the basic theory of agricultural development especially speeding up the process. Conventional wisdom that agricultural technology exists and just needs to be extended does not appear to be true for the Alentejo. Agricultural development requires a research base, well trained human capital, and time.