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Had several meetings on new AID research-extension project. Dr. James Ahlrichs came here for a week (Jan. 9 - 14) to give lectures and a workshop to the Education Department and to discuss research with various people in the Agronomy Department.

Figueira left with family to Wisconsin for two years to study extension. Have substantial interest here now in longer term "bolsas" in the U.S. for graduate work in the PROCALFER areas of interest. Now need to integrate some of our research - extension activities more with Eng^o Rente and the Direcção Regional. Eng^o Rente has shown substantial interest recently in this collaboration. Spent most of day with Pinheiro at PROCALFER meeting in Direcção Regional.

Began interviews with sheep producers to update EIPO paper. From Jan. 20 - Feb. 4 interviewed 10 farmers, developed field notes, new cost and price data, appendix on treatment of costs, and presented all this to the Farm Accounts - Farm Management work group. Had a reasonably good discussion of combining farm and experimental data to make economic recommendations. Farmers only planting small areas in sub. clover and not utilizing fencing, just the shepherd and

his assistant. Sub. clover is generally planted on the "montado"; the poorer soil with azinheira and sobreiro rather than the campa, due to the flooding problem. Many interested in earlier lambing in late summer to take advantage of the high price at Christmas. Need irrigation or special supplementation to do this but illustrates how quickly farmers respond to prices.

Corrected proofs on first EIPO paper and returned them. Hope to get two more publications from this research. Casquinha has done a lot of work on this and deserves to be the senior author.

Fairly regular workshop every two weeks of Farm Accounts - Farm Management group. They are getting interested in developing a research project and doing more farm work. Chico Silva, the director of the RICA project in the Direcção Regional, gave a seminar to this group. There was good interaction and substantial interest. A short term advisor could help keep something going with this work but need to make some more research initiatives first.

Program review here and in Lisbon. Took a week off to go skiing at Sierra Nevada outside Granada.