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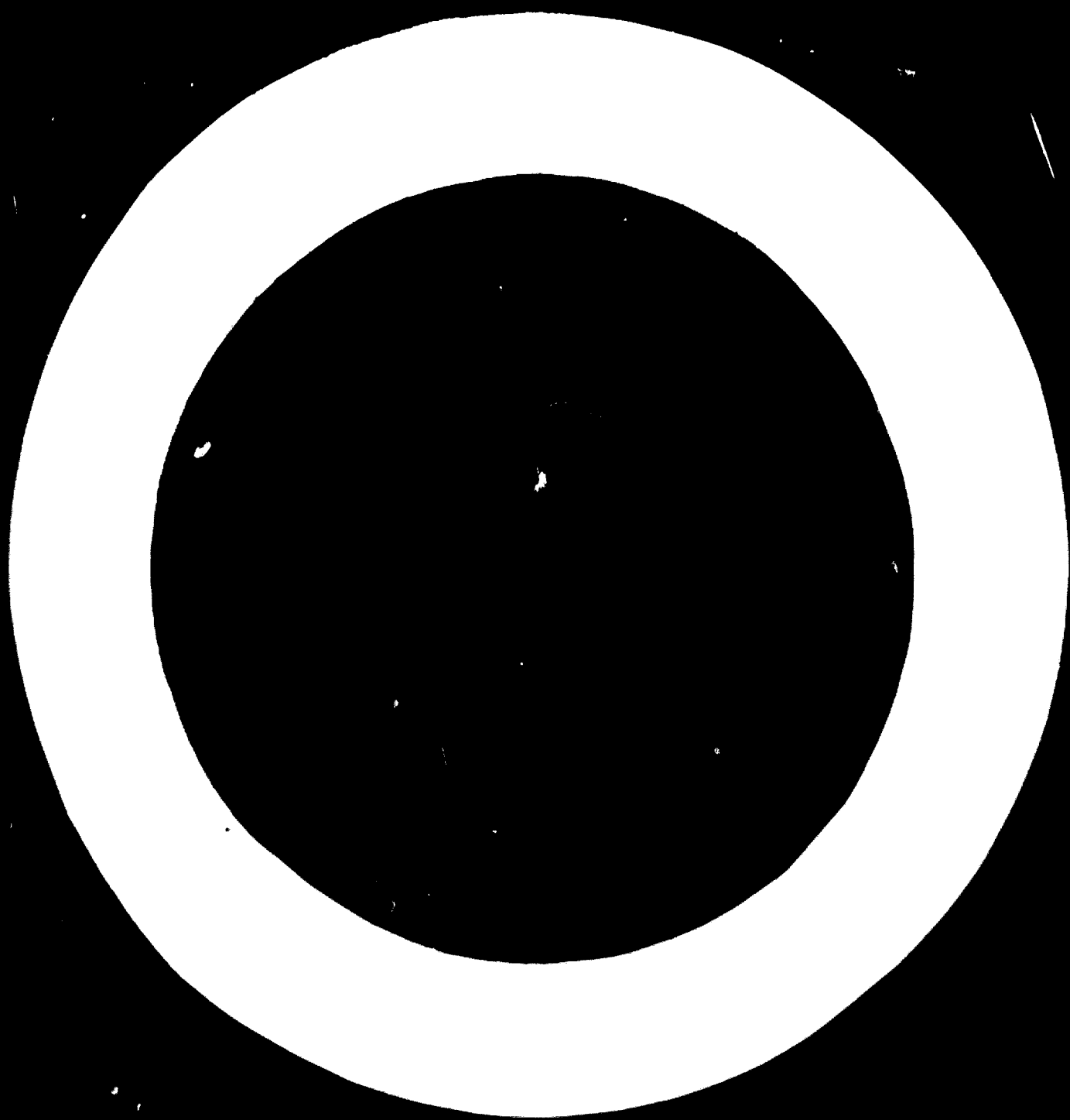
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In recent years, the amount of research work carried out in Turkey has increased in order to keep pace with the advances made in science and technology. As a result, there is a corresponding increase in the demand for current technical and scientific literature and information from research workers and from industry. The following organizations and concerns are working towards meeting this demand.

1. Turkish Scientific and Technical Documentation Centre (TURDOC) - established in 1967 as a service of the Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey with the assistance and advice of UNESCO. The Centre is expected to come into full operation in 1972. The following services are provided:

- Document procurement. Both Turkish and foreign sources are used to meet requests for documentation. Documents are either given on loan or copies are supplied;
- Reproduction. The Centre uses the reproduction unit of the Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey, which has facilities for microfilm and microfiche, and for photocopying and offset printing;
- Bibliography compilation and literature searches. These are carried out on request in the fields of chemistry, engineering, veterinary and animal sciences. On occasion, the co-operation of foreign and international organizations such as UNIDO is sought. Selected bibliographies are published;

- **Translations.** The Centre has no internal translation services, but has a panel of outside translators who perform this work as required. The translation for industry of books on documentation and information services is also undertaken;
- **Publications.** The "Key to Turkish Science" Series is the abstract bulletin of TURDOC. It contains Turkish research results and abstracts of reports, articles, dissertations, conference reports, etc., in the fields of agriculture, applied economics, biology, chemistry, electrical engineering and electronics, general engineering, geology, physical sciences, and veterinary and animal sciences. This series, which appears twice yearly, has a local circulation of 4,000 and a foreign circulation of 3,000. Plans are under way for the expansion of the publications programme to include:
  - abstracts from foreign periodicals, in co-operation with the universities; titles pages of domestic scientific periodicals;
  - and an internal news bulletin publicising the activities of the Centre;
- **Training.** Personnel are trained on-the-job and at information and documentation institutes abroad. Assistance in training is also received from international experts. To encourage and assist other institutions to establish documentation units, the Centre plans to introduce courses in documentation and information services at the Ankara University;
- **Library.** The holdings of the Centre's library consist mainly of secondary documentation, as it prefers, where possible, to secure primary documentation from other sources. An exception

is made in the case of local scientific and technical periodicals, where the collection is kept as complete as possible. To determine the publications available from other sources, the Union Catalogue of the periodical holdings of libraries in Ankara has been compiled, and it is planned that similar catalogues will also be compiled for Istanbul and Izmir. The Library is responsible for the organization and control of all reports received and for the collection of available reprints of symposia papers. The documents held by the Library are now being indexed and it is planned that a thesaurus of descriptors for the indexing and retrieval of the documents will be established. The use of mechanized documentation processing is foreseen for a later date. Plans are also under way for the operation of a Current Awareness Service.

The Centre has established liaison with Turkish universities, and governmental and non-governmental research bodies. On an international basis, in addition to membership of the International Federation of Documentation, contact is maintained with universities, technical organizations and libraries. In this connexion, the publication "Key to Turkish Science" is used as an exchange document.

2. Turkish Technical Information Centre - which is an autonomous organization attached to the Technical University of Istanbul. The Centre provides technical information services to industrial organizations and concerns and to the public in general, drawing from its own store of information and from universities, institutions and other sources in Turkey and abroad. Translations from English, French and German are supplied on request and the translation of technical text books is undertaken. Reproductions of material from the Centre's holdings can be obtained.

3. SMMBANK - a State Economic Enterprise founded in 1928 within the framework of the first five-year industrialization plan. The main interests of

SUMERBANK lie in the textile industry, and it also operates various chemical plants besides having a number of branch offices in the banking field.

At present, SUMERBANK does not have an organized information service, and can provide only limited library facilities. Research results, reports, plans, operating instructions, conference records and seminar proceedings published by the General Directorate or by subsidiary establishments are not consolidated or generally disseminated and thus duplication of research and other work occurs. In view of the unnecessary cost resulting from such duplication, the executives of SUMERBANK have decided to establish a documentation and information centre, specializing in the textile industry, which will collect information from internal and external sources. Close co-operation is planned with TERKOC, whose services to date have been little utilized by SUMERBANK personnel and which does not itself have a section dealing with the textile industry.

4. The Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey.

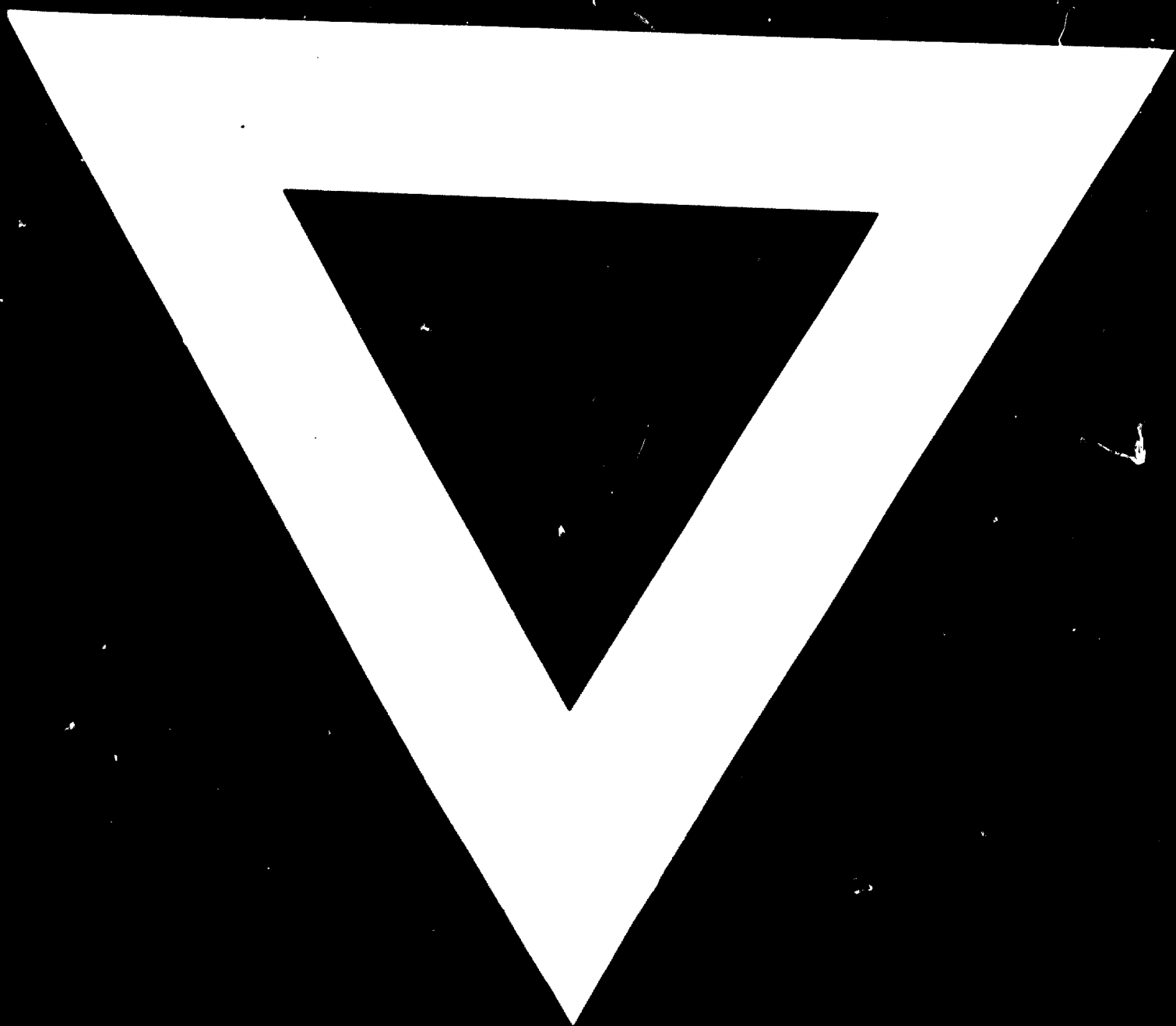
5. The National Research Council.

C. Libraries. The National Library, Ankara, operates a Bibliographical Institute and the following also offer bibliographical services: State Archives; Archives of the Ministry of National Education; Archives of Rural and Survey Registers; and Archives of the Waqf's.

### Conclusion

Turkey has just begun to organize industrial information services designed ultimately to meet the growing needs of the country's industry. Further expansion of the scope of the existing services and development of new services in fields as yet uncovered must be effected before the full range of requirements can be met. Consideration must also be given to the consolidation of international links already established and to the exploitation of other available international information sources.





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