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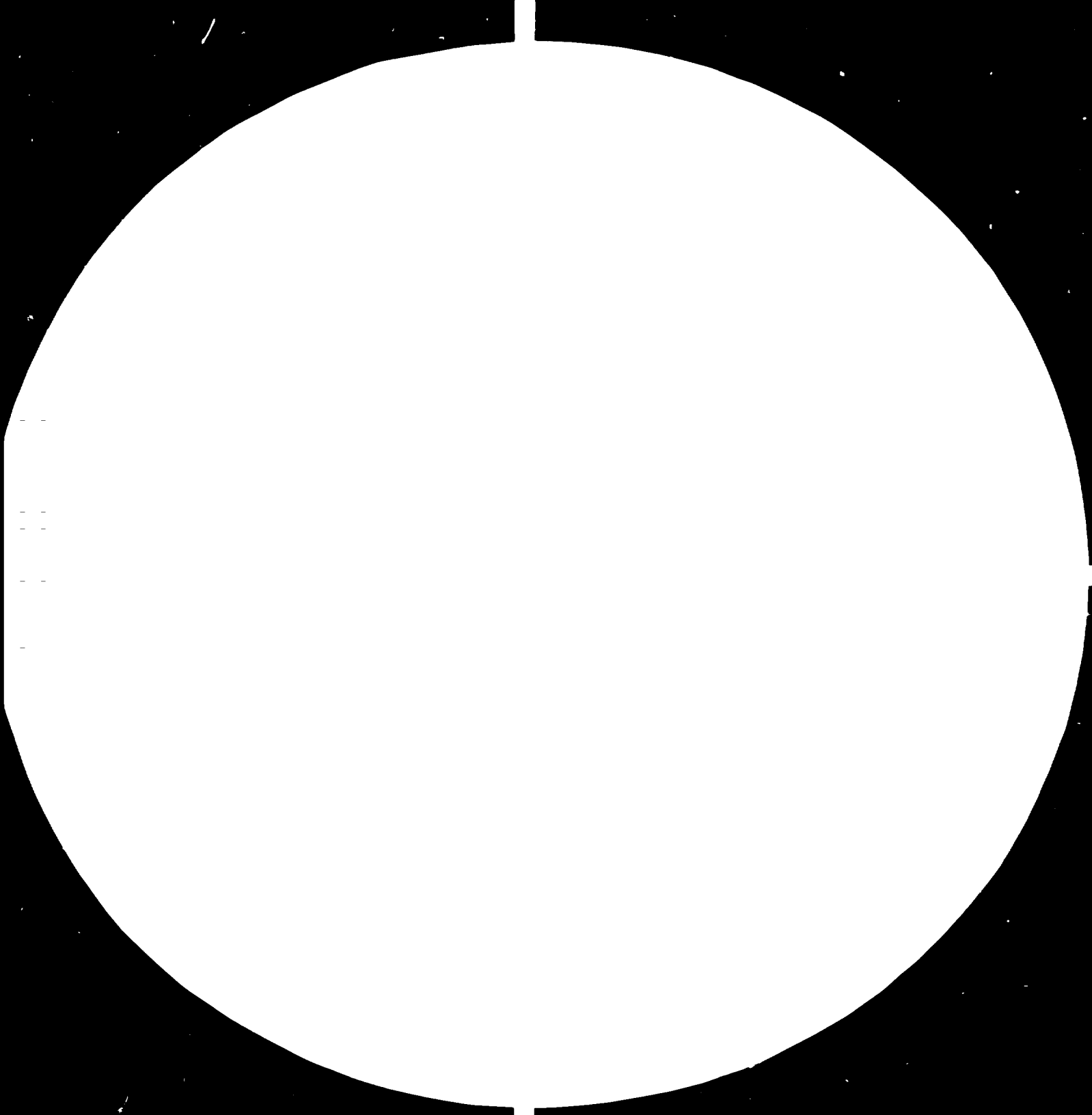
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Figure 1. Resolution test targets used for the study.

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Mission to Seychelles

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MISSION TO THE SEYCHELLES

Sunday 12 October 1980

During a stopover from Kinshasa to Colombo, a meeting was held with Dr Ferrari, the Minister for Economic Development, Planning and Housing, to review common interests.

1. Integrated Energy Project

The Minister has not yet received any news from UNIFSTD. He will instruct his Chargé d'affaires at UN New York to inquire about the progress of the project.

2. Aldabra Atoll Energy Project (tidal energy)

The Government has formally asked for assistance from the Netherlands Government and has expressed its wish to include also the Astove Atoll. The draft for the terms of reference of the Dutch mission was handed to Dr Ferrari.

3. Seychelles Energy Association (SEA)

The creation of this non-governmental organization is imminent and Dr Ferrari will become its President. The objective of the association is to carry out R + D work on new sources of energy.

One of the members of SEA is working on the development of theories related to the detection and extraction of energy from gravitational waves. A project document is under preparation for submission to the UNIFSTD.

4. Industrial Development

Dr Ferrari does not have direct responsibility for industrial development because this is assigned to the Financial Department which is located in the President's office. He attends, however, on a permanent basis with his two Principal Secretaries, the monthly co-ordinating meetings which cover industrial projects. His opinion was asked about the activities of Mr Ryan, the Indian bilateral small-scale industries adviser. He replied that Mr Ryan is taking a lot of initiative and has looked into many opportunities but unfortunately without practical results (operational small-scale enterprises) up to the present.

5. Processing of Agricultural Products

The Minister is very thankful for the SIS mission of our expert, Mr Moretti. A plant for the processing of agricultural products, and, in particular, fruits, on an industrial scale will be installed in the near future.

6. Cinnamon and Patchouli

The processing of these products should be revived on a priority basis starting with cinnamon oil. The Seychelle's patchouli essence had a worldwide reputation in the past but it was processed entirely in Grasse (France).

The urgent matter is to obtain technical information and quotations for stainless steel distilling equipment. It is suggested that IO/PAC try to get this information.

It seems that a TCDC arrangement with the CISIR in Colombo may solve a lot of problems because they had a lot of experience with cinnamon oil processing in the past.

Dr Ferrari was informed about Mr Sandberg's tests of cinnamon oil and patchouli essence which were bought at the Victoria market. These tests have revealed that the quality of both samples was substandard.

#### 7. Shipyard

The Government is still considering its position. It seems that it may opt for steel as raw material for the Victoria shipyard. The Praslin shipyard will continue to function on the basis of wood supplies. There are contacts with shipyards in Sri Lanka, Spain, France, Sweden and Norway.

#### 8. SIDA

Dr Ferrari was informed about the assignment of Mr Cuendet to the sub-region.

#### 9. Sources of Funding

The Minister attempted to obtain more funds from the UNDP/IPF when he was recently in New York but unfortunately without any results. I informed him about the (limited) alternative of UNIDO funding possibilities such as SIS, RP, IDF, etc. He was also informed about the possibilities of the UNIDO inquiry services and INTIB.

#### 10. Conclusion

There are a number of interesting opportunities for co-operation between the Seychelles Government and UNIDO but generally quick action is required because many donor governments and commercial interests are ready to assist. The Government is attempting to continuously monitor and evaluate the pro's and con's of proposals made by these different sources.

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