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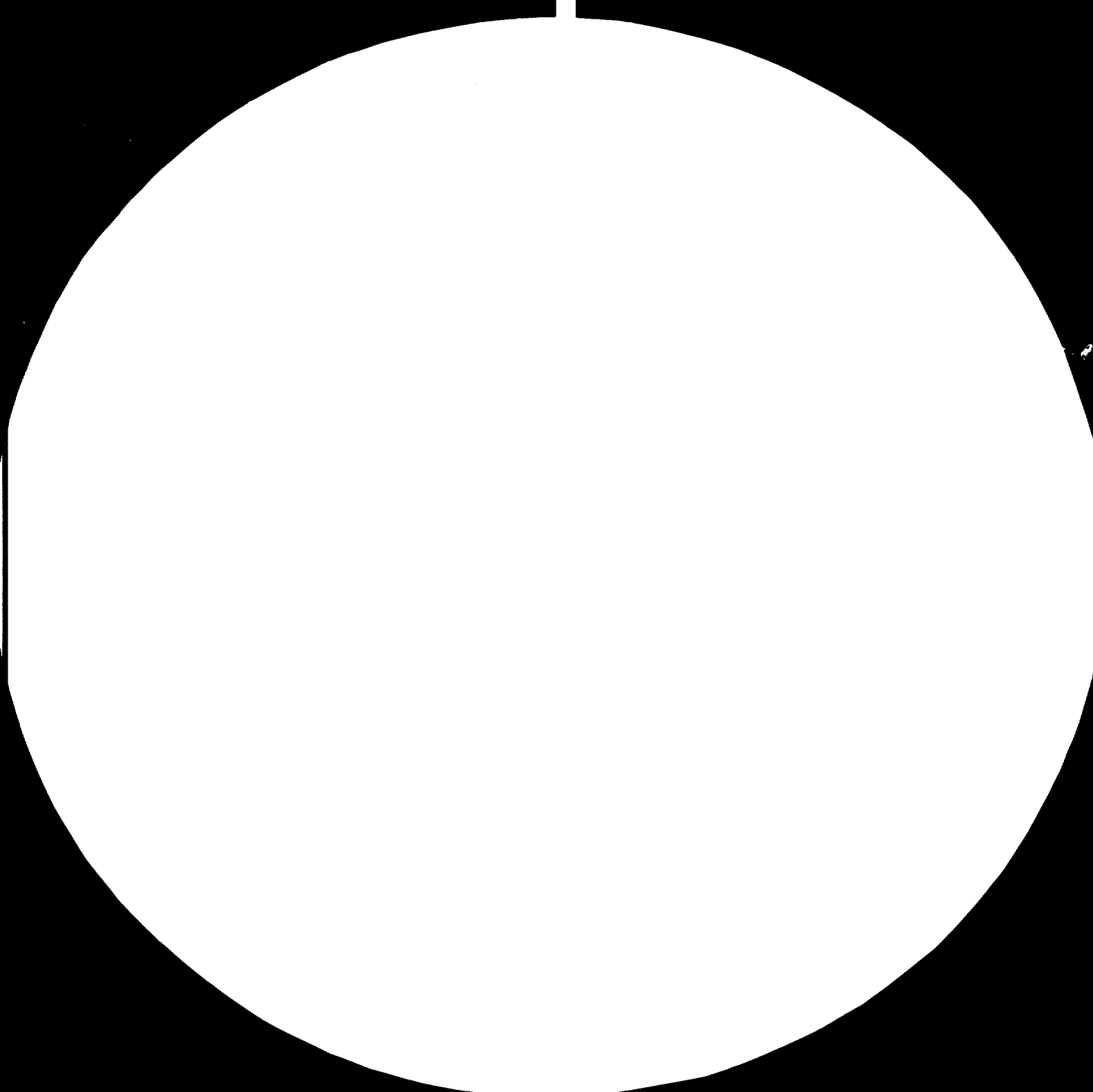
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DP/EGY/78/001 - NATIONAL REGISTRY FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

After "stocktaking" by the expert, Mr V.R. Arni, in January-March 1980, a study tour of three GOFI officials to Technology Registries in Spain, Mexico, Philippines and South Korea (report only available in Arabic at present), the expert, Mr Peter O'Brien, was fielded six weeks ago mainly with the objective of keeping the dialogue going.

A week before my arrival, Mr O'Brien led a very successful Seminar on Technology Transfer in which there was very high-level and broad representation. His debriefing on Friday night (22 May 1981) was not very encouraging. GOFI has lost a lot of its influence in industrialization since the implementation of the "open-door policy". Staff are leaving at an alarming rate. Mr O'Brien feels that of the eight staff members still employed with the Transfer of Technology Department (TTD), in a short time only two will be left. This was contrary to what GOFI promised during the TRM: a manning table of 29 within about six months. This situation is highly unsatisfactory and controversial, and due to the usual rivalries with projects of this nature, there is little hope for a smoothly functioning National Registry covering all branches (public, private and joint ventures) of industry in the near future.

Therefore, a new approach has been developed which will cover a nationwide Technology Transfer Awareness and 'Learning-by-Doing' programme through which 200-300 Egyptians will pass and which, hopefully, will produce a nucleus of 20-30 persons to man the future National Technology Transfer office. This programme may require 1-2 years for implementation with Egyptian co-ordination (budget line 17) and

international inputs. This new direction of the project was discussed and approved by the Resident Representative and Dr Ibrahim Helmy Abdel-Rahman, the former Executive Director of UNIDO and now Adviser to the President. It seems that GOFI will co-operate with this programme. Mr O'Brien will draft a new Project Document which will be annexed to his final report.

IO/INFR and the Technology Group, with the help of consultants, should develop the required number of awareness and learning modules, while the national co-ordinator, in co-operation with GOFI, GAFI, the Academy of Science, and others, has to prepare the Egyptian case-studies. It is recommended to invite Mr El-Kholy to become the national co-ordinator of the project.

It is believed that this approach will not only be helpful for Egypt and, indirectly, to the Filipino, the Nigerian and Sudanese UNIDO/TT projects, but will also be conducive in building UNIDO's reputation as a "doer" rather than a "talker" and "writer" in the field of Technology Transfer. It may also give us an entrée in assisting National Technology Transfer Centres in some of the embryonic UNCTAD projects such as those in Ethiopia and Iraq.

Ms Sarwar Sultana, UNDP Programme Officer, will prepare the minutes of the TRM which was chaired by GOFI's Acting Chairman, Mr El-Mehelmy.

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