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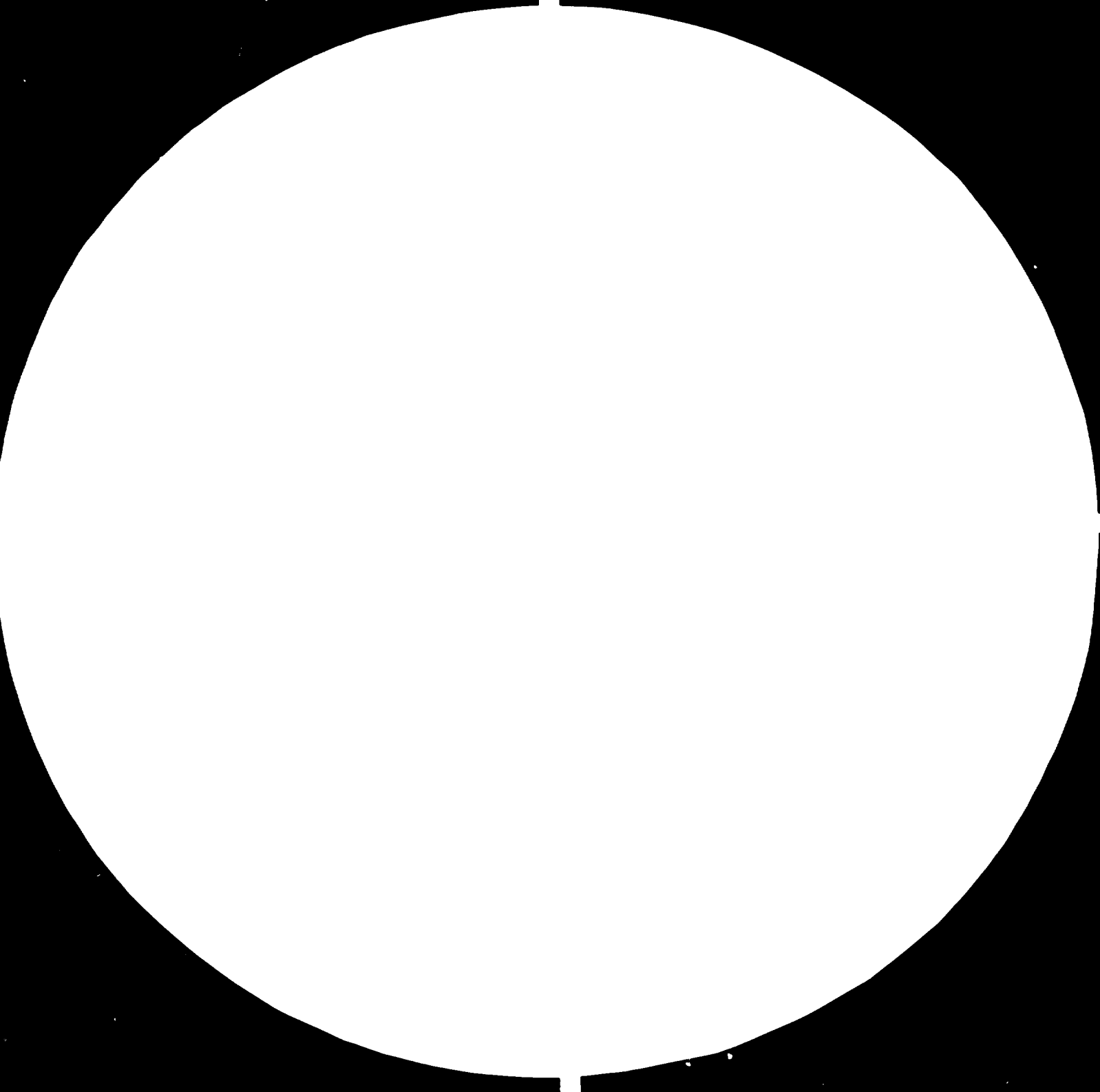
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MEETING ON INDUSTRY-RESEARCH INSTITUTE LINKAGE WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO
INSTRUMENT DESIGN, SOFIA, BULGARIA, 20 - 24 APRIL 1981

I co-chaired the meeting on Industry-Research Institute Linkage with Special Reference to Instrument Design in Sofia from 20 - 24 April 1981. Other staff members assisting from the UNIDO side were Ms I. di Pietro and Mr A. Rafsandjani. The meeting was attended by 17 participants from 12 developing countries.

The draft report of the meeting was prepared by Mr Richard Westergaard, UNIDO consultant. Mr Petrov, the Director of the Institute for Instrument Design, is at present preparing the final version of the report which will be edited and published in Vienna.

Within the framework of the meeting, two other institutes: the Institute for Computing Technics and the Institute for Cybernetics and Robotics were visited.

It is really amazing and encouraging to see how a country like Bulgaria, whose economy, only 35 years ago, was entirely dependent on a backward agriculture without any significant industry, has now reached such a high level of industrial development and full employment of the whole population. This is certainly a model for rapid industrialization which merits further consideration for application in a number of other under-industrialized countries. How to achieve this was obviously one of the major themes of the meeting.

The Institute for Instrument Design and the two other institutes mentioned above are an integral part of their respective holding companies and thus a very strong linkage with industry is automatically assured. This is also an interesting model for IRSI operations which could be implemented in other developing countries.

Furthermore, it is expected that a number of twinning agreements will result from this meeting.

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