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(54) **MASKING TAPE APPLICATOR**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a masking tape applicator, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a masking tape applicator showing the new design;

FIG. 2 is a left side view thereof;

FIG. 3 is a bottom view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a top view thereof;

FIG. 5 is a right view thereof;

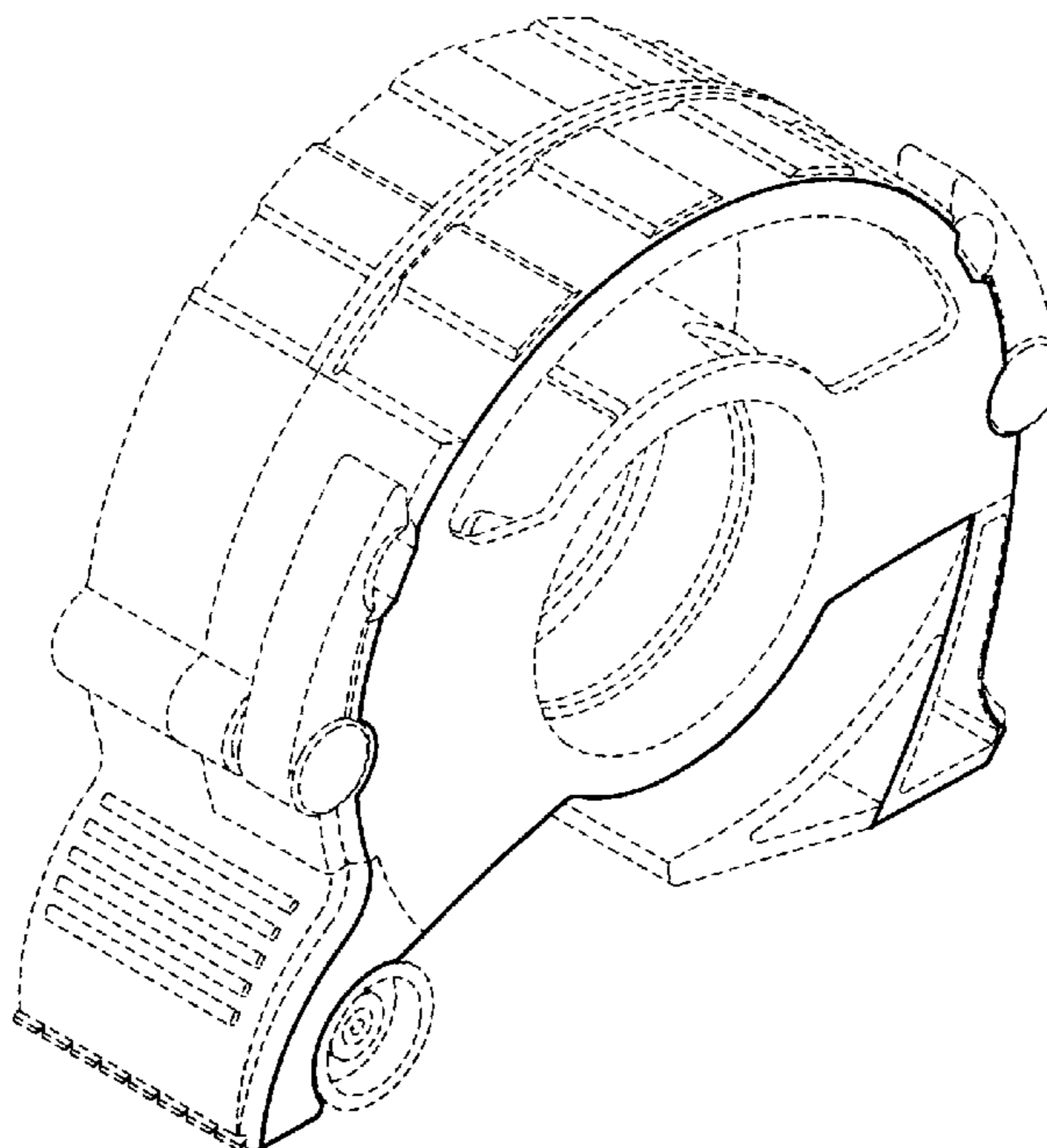
FIG. 6 is a front view thereof; and,

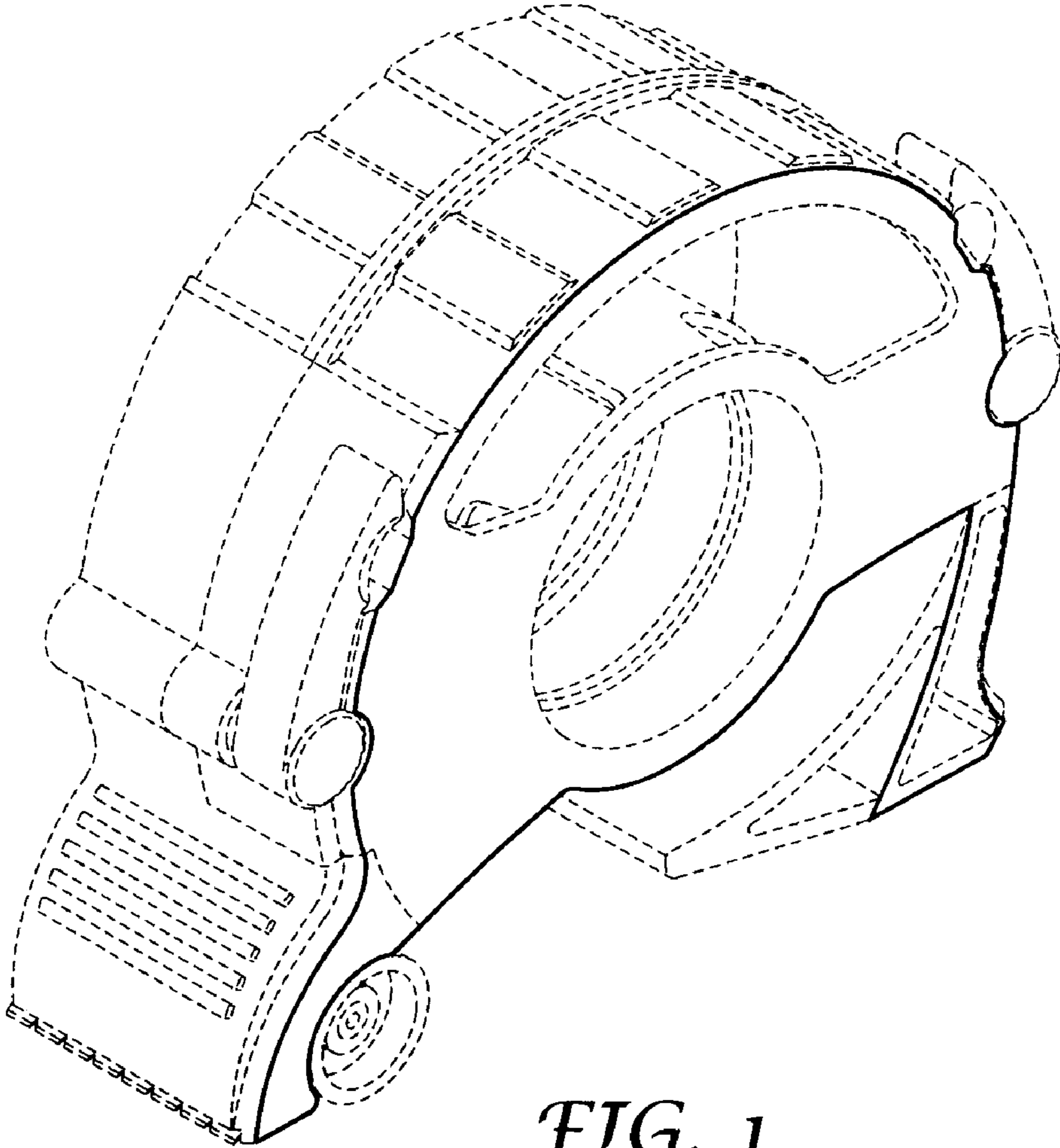
FIG. 7 is a rear view thereof.

The broken lines in the drawings are shown for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

The claim is directed to just the edge shown in solid lines on one face of the applicator in FIGS. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7, and no surface on either side of that edge forms any part of the claimed design.

**1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets**





*FIG. 1*

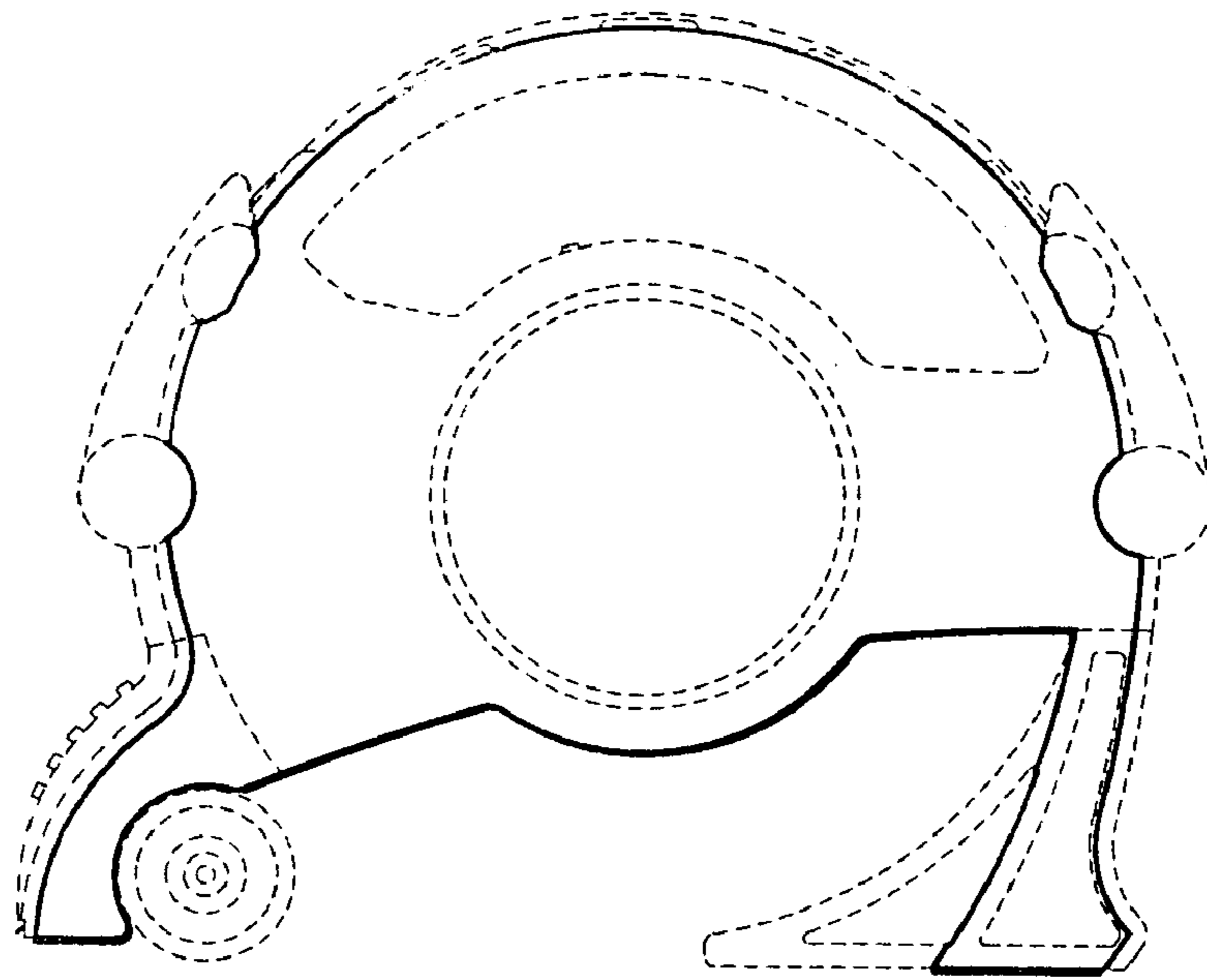


FIG. 2

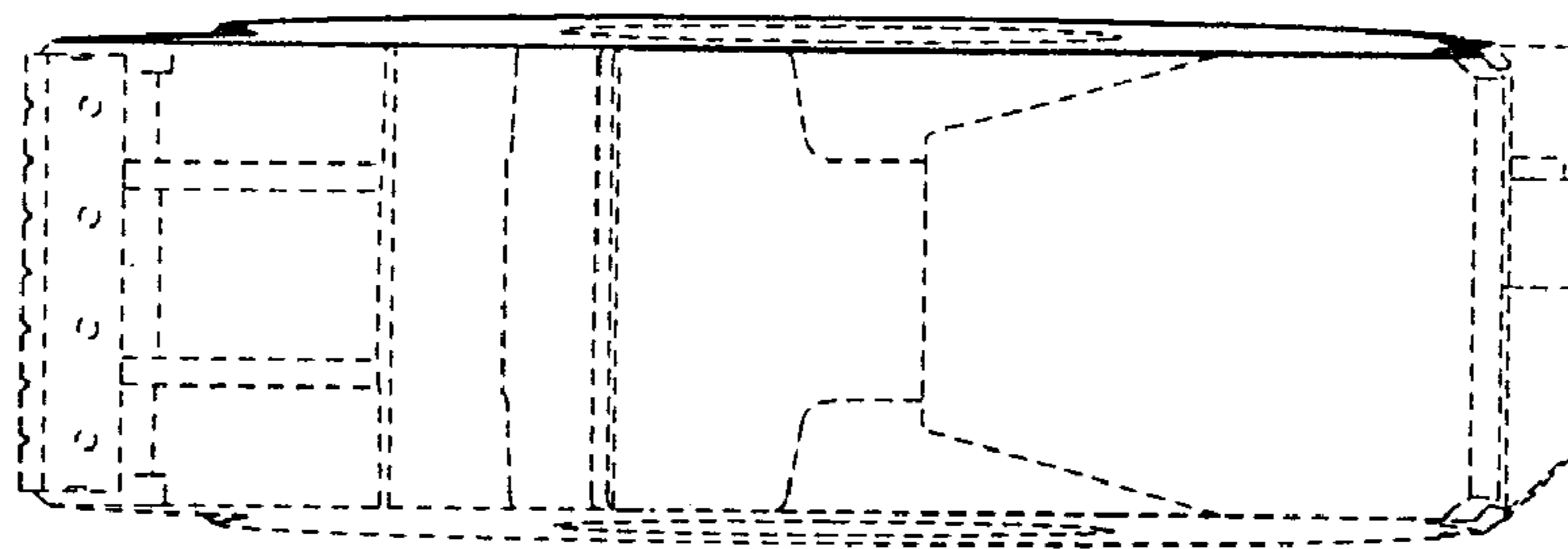


FIG. 3

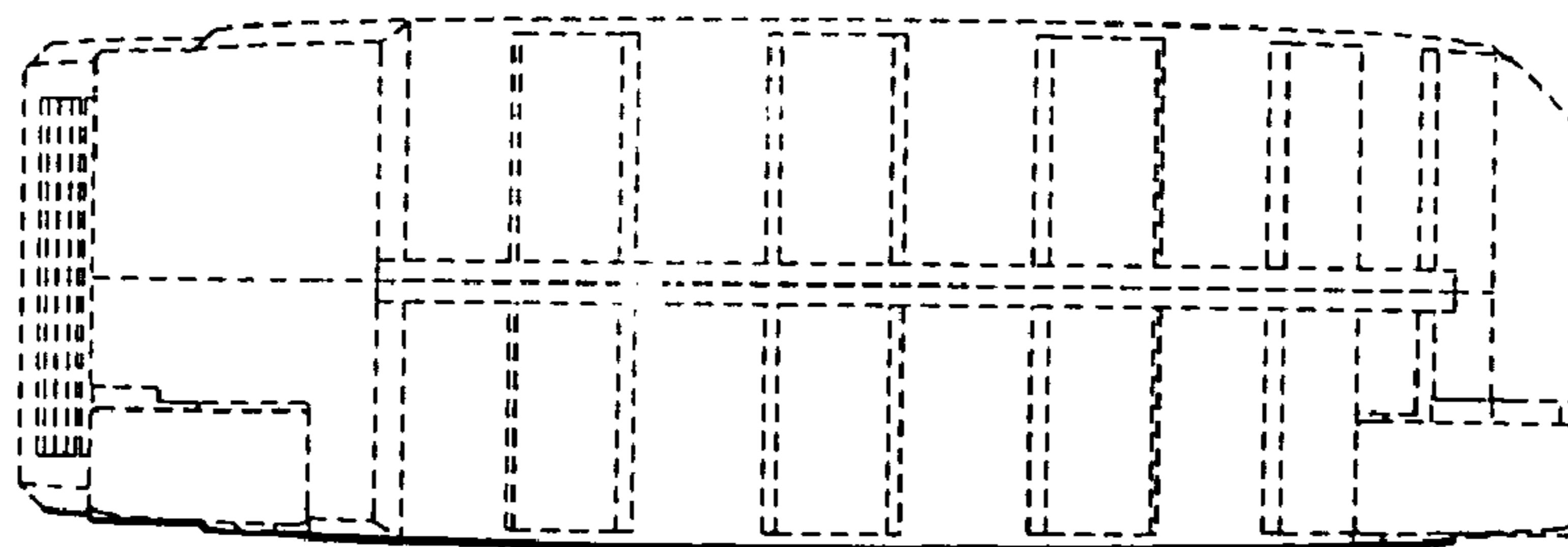
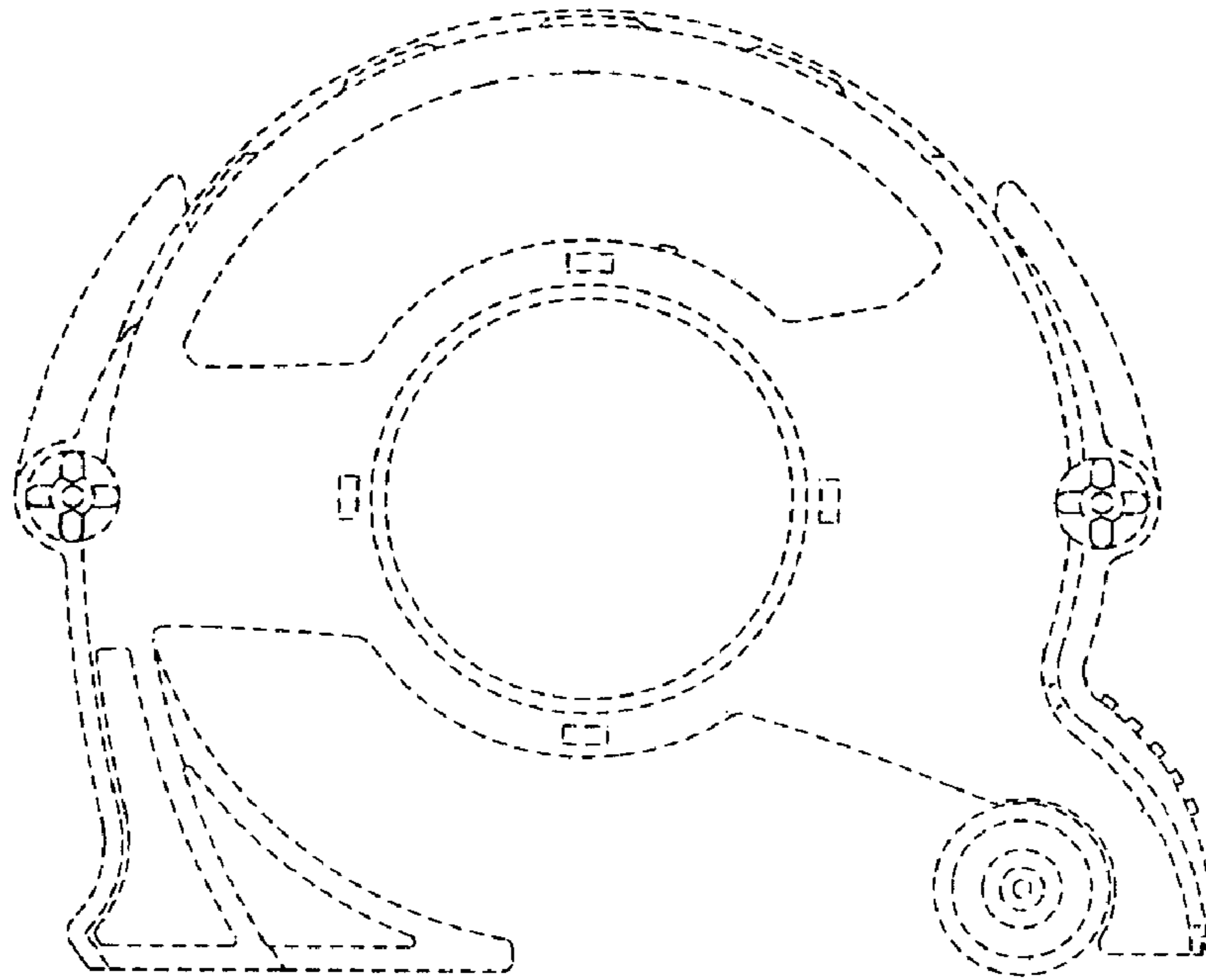
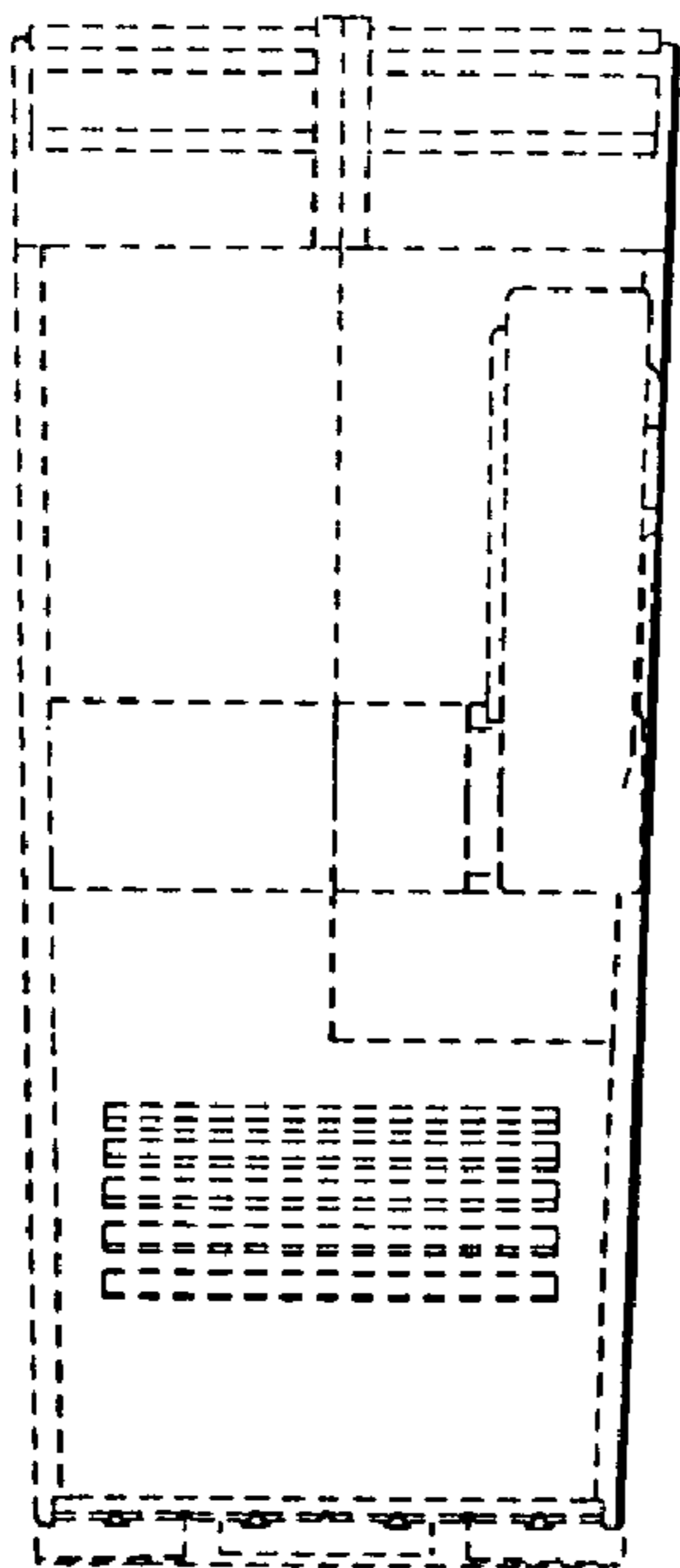


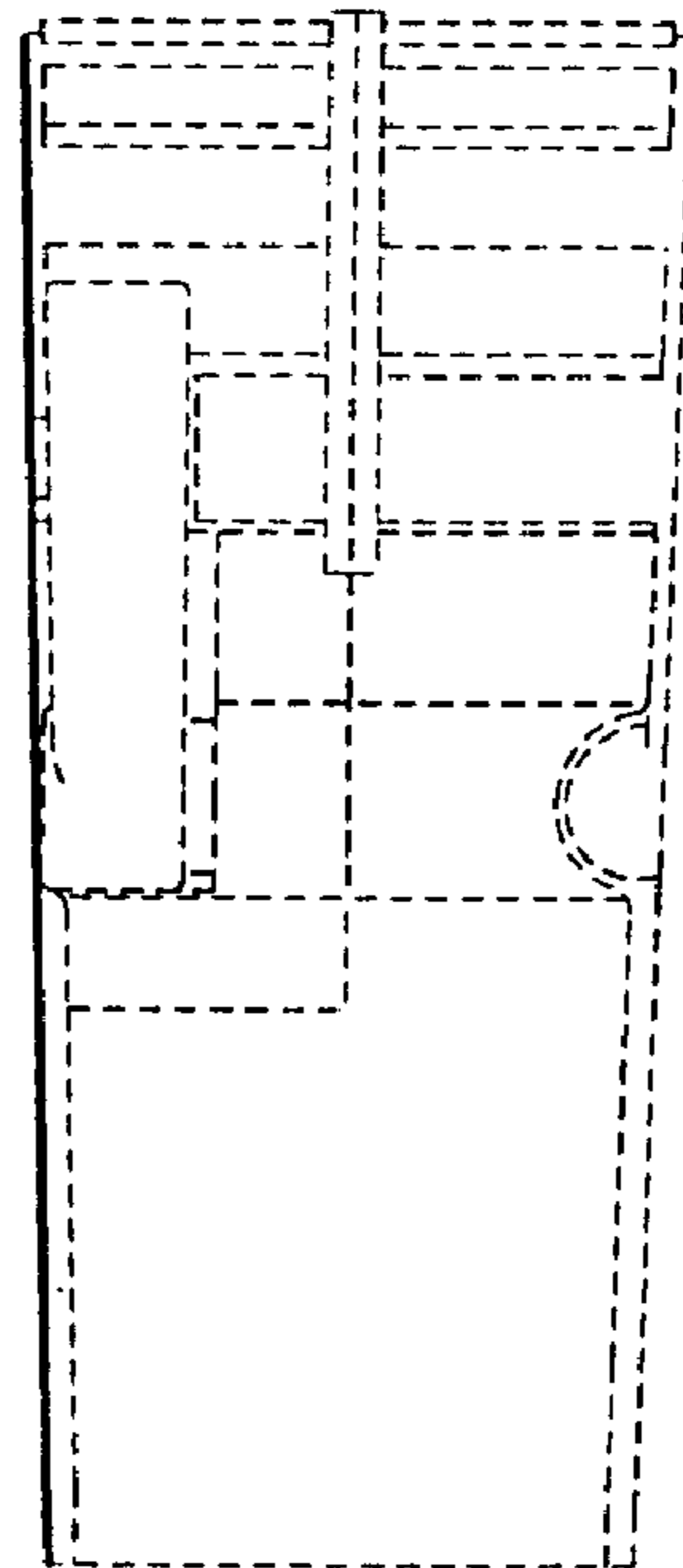
FIG. 4



*FIG. 5*



*FIG. 6*



*FIG. 7*