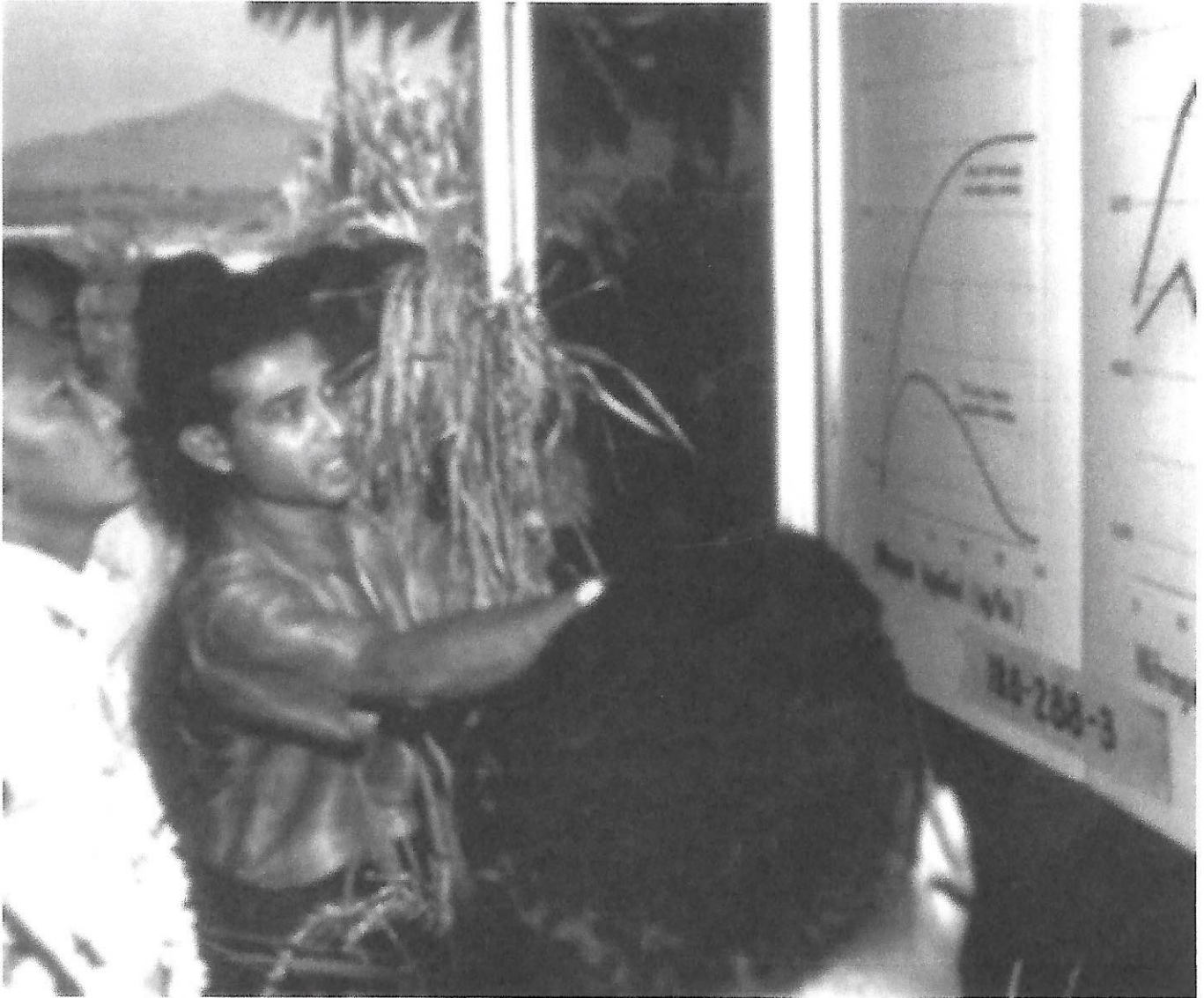


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You can call me a Eureka journalist, in science always looking for an eye-opener, insight, or other astonishments. In a Eureka moment, when you have forgotten about it, that's exactly when you remember and suddenly have the answer to your unasked question. The story of an IRRI agronomist with Miracle Rice is the missing of many such moments. I can tell you right away that with his unasked question, this agronomist missed history on this one. In fact, to this date, he doesn't know it but he missed history not only once, not only twice, but thrice! Let me tell you that story.

This is 1966. The image above is from the photo files of IRRI. We see Ferdinand E Marcos, FM, Ilocano and President of the Philippines, all ears and all eyes paying attention to what Surajit Kumar de Datta, SK, Indian and Agronomist of IRRI, is telling him about the new rice, technically tagged *IR8-288-3*, and how it super out-yielded the others – look at the