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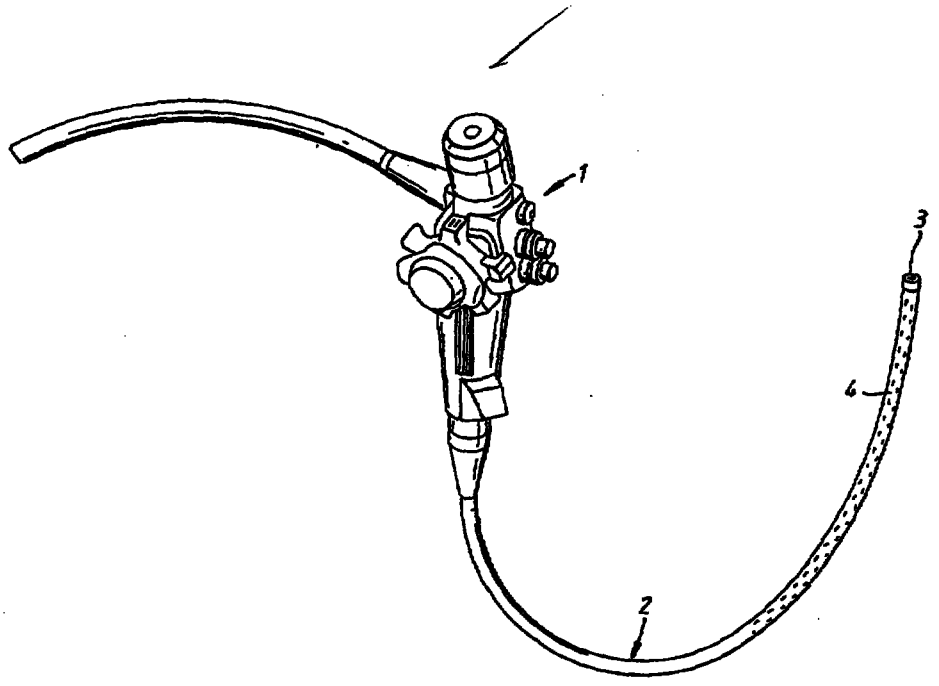
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A removable cover of an endoscope shaft (2) comprises a sleeve (4) of elastic material having a low friction external surface configured so that the frictional resistance to forward displacement of the endoscope shaft is less than the frictional resistance to reverse movement of the endoscope shaft.