Acknowledgments

Let me now express my deepest sense of gratitude to Mr. S. Engupta for his constant insistence, encouragement and useful criticism.

The author acknowledges his indebtedness and remembers with gratitude the inspiration, encouragement and invaluable help received from Professor D. K. Basu, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Government of West Bengal.

The author also wishes to convey his special sincere thanks to Mr. Bhaskar Nag and Mr. Jitendranath Bera for their assistance and constant help.

The author acknowledges his indebtedness to all his friends and all the family members who encouraged him during this study.

Finally, I must acknowledge the financial support of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Government of India awarded to the author for performing the research work.

Place: Calcutta
Date: December 23, 1995.

(Arbinda Das)
CSIR Senior Research Fellow
Department of Applied Physics
University of Calcutta