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21 September 1956

Dr. B.S. Madhava Rao,
Institute for Armament Studies,
K i r k e e.

Dear Dr. Madhava Rao,

Though the undersigned may not be known to you, yet I venture to write this letter to you on the advice of Professor K.B. Madhava of the Madras University. You may perhaps know that our Institute has one electronic digital computer which is working and it is going to get another more powerful computer in near future. We are organising a computation laboratory to serve the computational needs of our Institute as well as of other institutions in India. Actually, we have received many computation problems from the different scientific bodies in India which are now being solved on the computer.

As you know that due to the advent of automatic electronic computers, numerical mathematics, which was previously in the backwaters of mathematics, has got a fillip. Universities in U.S.A. have started courses on Advanced Numerical Analysis. We are interested in fundamental research in numerical mathematics and we have a plan of starting a course on Advanced Numerical Analysis.

We shall be grateful if you can suggest names of persons whom you consider best for such work. At present two posts have been contemplated. The pay scales for these posts are Rs.440-30-800 and Rs. 375-25-650 with the usual dearness allowances. We prefer persons, who have acquired sound knowledge in mathematical analysis, algebra and group theory, theory of functions and theory of functional spaces and have done some research work in these topics. We think that persons who have good grasp of these topics will be able to tackle quickly the problems of numerical analysis and to do some useful work in circuit theory of electronic computers.

I had a talk with Professor Madhava in this connection. He suggested to me to approach you. May I therefore request you to kindly suggest the names of the persons whom you consider to be suitable? There is no particular hurry. The selection of such persons is difficult which, I think, you will agree with me.

Yours sincerely,

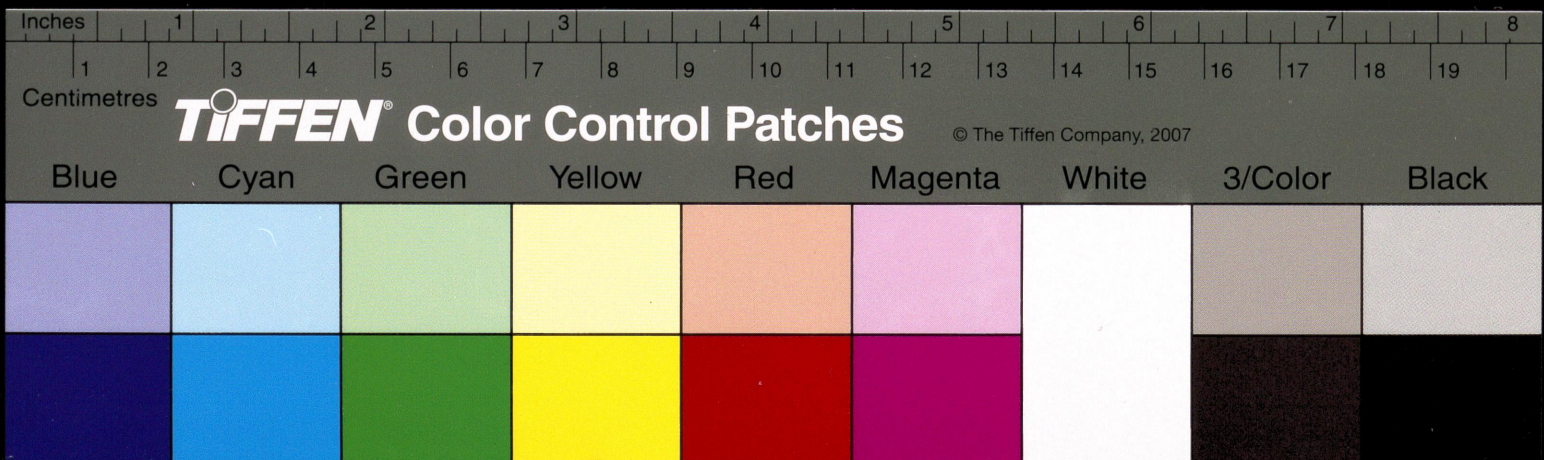
S. K. Mitra

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Head of the Department of Electronic
Computers.

Replied on 26/9/56

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write again on 26/11/56
suggesting names of S.K.K & T.S.B
BSM
27/11/56*



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Dear Dr. Madhava Rao,

I received your letter of 7 December 1956. Your problem appears to be very interesting though I know very little about Number Theory. If you have a chance to come to Calcutta during the Science Congress Session, kindly try to pay a visit to our Institute. We shall help you with the computational facilities available from our electronic computer entirely from the point of view of academic research. I will speak to Professor Mahalanobis about your research problem and I believe he will agree with me that computational assistance in such research problems of academic type may not be charged.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

S. K. Mitra

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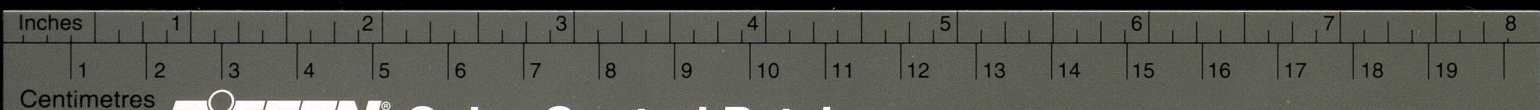
bnm.

no reply needed

BSM
14/12/56

Replied on 20/12
re. visit of V.R.T to
Calcutta for Ind. Sci. Cong
& his problem

BSM
20/12



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