Shyamasundara Prabhu:

Srila Prabhupada wanted a Russian visa. I was successful in getting one, but we had to leave within 48 hours and could stay but five days. Within three days, we completed our mission of discussing with our contact Professor Kotovsky.

I saw two boys in Moscow, one Indian and one Russian. They both knew English, and we began talking. They wondered if we had jeans or Beatles records. I replied, no, but we are friends with the Beatles, and our guru is the guru of the Beatles. They were amazed and were eager to see Srila Prabhupada. That Russian boy ended up staying with us for two days. Srila Prabhupada had him offering prayers and learning how to offer *prasadam.* The boy asked the right questions to get the answers he needed. Malati had snuck a *Bhagavad-gita* in my bag, and Srila Prabhupada asked if we could give it to the boy. The last day the boy brought us to the home of Alexander Solzhenitsyn. I was able to give an *Easy Journey to Other Planets* to his apartment-mate, a famous cellist married to a famous ballerina, to give to him. Prabhupada initiated the interested Russian boy as Ananta Shanti, and gave him my beads to chant on, and thus he planted a seed of Krishna consciousness in Russia.