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WASHINGTON D.C. 20506

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November 8, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: JACK MATLOCK

SUBJECT: President's Briefing Book for Geneva Meetings

Attached is the briefing book which we received from State today, to which I have added an "Overview" paper for your signature at Tab I.1. The Defense Group has vetted the talking points dealing with arms control, and the regional senior directors those dealing with their areas.

I believe that the organization of the points in several sections could be improved, and also think we will need a more summary treatment of the main points to be covered before we get to Geneva. However, I believe that we have time next week to work this out, and the book as it stands should be useful preliminary reading for the President.

If you can obtain from the President a copy of the talking points he has already drafted, this will be of considerable assistance as we put the talking points in final form.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the Memorandum to the President at Tab I.1 of the Briefing Book and forward the book to the President for his weekend reading.

Approve Disapprove

Attachment:

Tab I.1 Memorandum to the President

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

SUBJECT: Your Meetings with Gorbachev in Geneva

Your object in meeting Gorbachev will be to have a thorough and frank substantive discussion of the key issues in the U.S.-Soviet relationship and to use the occasion to initiate a process of dialogue which can be used, over time, to manage the relationship in a more stable and predictable manner than has been the case in the past.

Essentially, this means that you will be laying out for Gorbachev your views on the state of the current relationship and the formative influences in the past, then making clear what direction the relationship could take if the Gorbachev is willing to modify Soviet policy in the areas we find most threatening and destabilizing. Through your interchanges, you should be able to get a feel for Gorbachev's intentions. Specifically, you will be looking for indications as to whether Gorbachev is willing to adjust Soviet policies on concrete issues sufficiently to permit a lowering in overall tension. If he is, it might be possible to give specific impetus to some of the questions under negotiation. But in any event, the meeting should enable you to establish a framework for a continuing process of dialogue and negotiation in the future.

You can expect Gorbachev to defend Soviet policies vigorously and to place great stress on the necessity of dealing as equals (while complaining that the U.S. refuses to recognize the Soviet Union as an equal). In doing so, he will be probing to determine your overall intentions and to test possible soft spots in our current positions. He is likely to try to gain psychological advantage by making vigorous charges against American actions, statements and policies, though he will probably go about this in a more respectful manner than that he employed with George Shultz and me last Tuesday.

Basically, however, Gorbachev wants a "successful" summit. It is important to his political position and his image as an

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follow-up meetings, and these can provide the high points in the sustained dialogue we are seeking in the future.

It is typical of Soviet negotiating behavior that they withhold most of their concessions until the last minute. The run-up to your meeting has fit this pattern, with Soviet negotiators moving very slowly on the various negotiations. The result is that we cannot be sure whether we can agree on enough of substance to justify a joint communique. I would recommend that we agree to joint statements or a communique only if the substance of agreements reached justifies treatment in this form. Otherwise, we could just announce separately our own assessment of the meeting. Given the usual Soviet desire to end high-level meetings with signed pieces of paper, this stance may give us some leverage in pressing for closure on several of the bilateral matters still under negotiation. It would not surprise me if we see rapid movement on some of them by the Soviets next week.

Secretary Shultz's memorandum under Tab 2 sets forth a number of considerations which I consider valid. The talking points which follow are of a preliminary nature and should be read for the stimulation they provide as you think about the points to be covered in the various meetings. I will be providing further thoughts on the tack you might best take in each of the meetings as we go through the preparatory process next week.

Prepared by:
Jack F. Matlock

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November 9, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: JACK F. MATLOCK *JFM*

SUBJECT: Papers on the Soviet Union: Gorbachev

Attached is the next group of background papers for the President on the Soviet Union. It deals with Gorbachev the man and his Geneva agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I forwarding the papers to the President.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

That you approve Bill Martin's sending copies of the papers to Secretary Shultz and Don Regan.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President

Tab A "Mikhail Gorbachev: The Man"

Tab B "Gorbachev's Personal Agenda for the November Meeting"

Tab II Memorandum - Martin to Platt

Tab III Memorandum - Martin to Chew

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

SUBJECT: Papers on the Soviet Union: Gorbachev and his
Geneva Agenda

You have previously read seven groups of papers on the Soviet Union. They dealt with the sources of Soviet behavior, the problems of Soviet society, the instruments of control, Gorbachev's domestic agenda, the USSR's international position, the Soviet view of national security, and the Soviet view of the United States. The attached group looks at Gorbachev himself and his likely agenda for your meeting in Geneva.

The paper at Tab A concerns Gorbachev the man - the youngest member of the ruling Politburo and the first man to hold the office of General Secretary who did not rise through the party ranks during the Stalin era. Unlike his colleagues he appears relaxed and self-confident in public and has so far projected a charismatic leadership style.

As a negotiator Gorbachev never reads from a prepared text and presents his views clearly, using vivid, down-to-earth language. He appears to weigh his words for maximum dramatic effect, and turns his personal charm on or off at will to suit the occasion. In public encounters with the Western press he usually does well, but he showed anger and frustration in London and Paris when barraged with tough questions on human rights and religious freedom.

As discussed in the paper at Tab B, Gorbachev's central objective for Geneva is likely to be to promote the kind of positive atmosphere necessary for increased trade with the United States and our allies. At the same time he will be exploring your personal views on the possibility of improved relations and, of course, arms control. He is not likely to approach the meeting expecting major substantive breakthroughs on either arms control or regional issues, and he does not need agreement on a general arms control framework for domestic economic reasons.

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On arms control questions Gorbahcev is likely, among other things, to push for an extension of SALT II and continuation of the SALT I Interim Agreement. He should offer a strong defense of the Soviet compliance record and argue for a joint reaffirmation of the ABM treaty and limits to ASAT systems. He will no doubt stress the Soviet position that a reduction in strategic offensive arms must be linked to some limits on SDI research.

Perhaps most importantly for Gorbachev, he will consider the meeting a success if he can project a strong leadership image, effectively articulate Soviet goals, and appear forthcoming and approachable in public. All of this would serve to strengthen the image of Soviet equality with the United States in the world arena. If substantive gains can be achieved as well, so much the better.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506~~SECRET~~MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NICHOLAS PLATT
Executive Secretary
Department of StateSUBJECT: Background Papers for the President's Meeting with
GorbachevAttached for Secretary Shultz is a copy of the latest group of
background papers for the President on the Soviet Union. It
deals with Gorbachev the man and his Geneva agenda.William F. Martin
Executive Secretary

Attachments

Tab A "Mikhail Gorbachev: The Man"
Tab B "Gorbachev's Personal Agenda for the November Meeting"~~SECRET~~

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DAVID L. CHEW

SUBJECT: Background Papers for the President's Meeting with Gorbachev

Attached for Mr. Regan is a copy of the latest group of background papers for the President on the Soviet Union. It deals with Gorbachev the man and his Geneva agenda.

William F. Martin
Executive Secretary

Attachments

- Tab A "Mikhail Gorbachev: The Man"
- Tab B "Gorbachev's Personal Agenda for the November Meeting"

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

November 10, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. MARTIN

FROM: JACK F. MATLOCK SUBJECT: Response to Presidential Letter from International
Society for Krishna Consciousness

I have reviewed and concur in the proposed draft letter (Tab A) prepared by the Department of State to David J. Jakupto, Director of Soviet Affairs, International Society for Krishna Consciousness, regarding the human rights violations against Soviet-born members of the Hare Krishna Movement. Attached at Tab I is a memorandum to Sally Kelley for your signature.

Judy Mandel concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments:

Tab I Memorandum to Sally Kelley
Tab A Letter to David Jakupto
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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MEMORANDUM TO SALLY KELLEY

FROM: WILLIAM F. MARTIN

SUBJECT: Letter to David V. Jakupto, Director of
International Society for Krishna Consciousness

We have reviewed and concur in the proposed draft letter (Tab A) to David V. Jakupto, Director of International Society for Krishna Consciousness, regarding the human rights violations to Soviet-born members of the Hare Krishna Movement.

Attachments:

Tab A Letter to David V. Jakupto
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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DATE December 6, 1985

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan FROM: David V. Jakupko

DATE: November 12, 1985 SUBJECT: Reagan-Gorbachev Meeting:
Human Rights

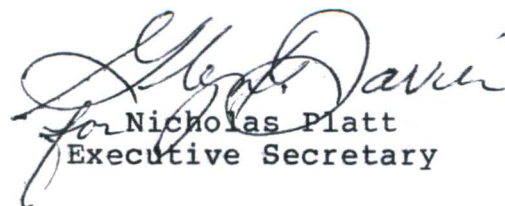
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THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

- A draft reply is attached
 A draft reply will be forwarded
 A translation is attached
 An information copy of a direct reply is attached
 We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below
 Other

REMARKS:


for Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
SUGGESTED RESPONSE

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Dear Mr. Jakupko:

I am replying to your November 12 letter to President Reagan requesting that he raise the issue of Soviet violations of human rights of Soviet-born members of the Hare Krishna Movement during his discussions with Soviet General Secretary Gorbachev.

The U.S. Government has consistently condemned Soviet unwillingness to respect basic human rights. These measures are contrary to the human rights provisions of the Helsinki Final Act. We have strongly called for the Soviets to comply with their commitments in that agreement. We have made it unequivocally clear in virtually every high-level meeting with Soviet officials that their human rights violations are a serious obstacle to improved U.S.-Soviet relations. We will continue to insist the Soviets live up to their international commitments, including the Helsinki accords.

Mr. David V. Jakupko,
Director of Soviet Affairs,
International Society for Krishna Consciousness,
10109 Green Holly Terrace,
Silver Spring, Maryland.

In raising the subject of human rights at the Geneva meeting, President Reagan stressed to Soviet General Secretary Gorbachev that respect for the individual and the rule of law is as fundamental to peace as arms control. In this regard, the President pressed for greater Soviet adherence to international agreements such as the Helsinki Accord. The Soviets agreed in the Joint Statement to the importance of resolving humanitarian cases in a cooperative spirit.

Sincerely,

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NOVEMBER 20, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED NOVEMBER 12, 1985

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. DAVID V. JAKUPKO
DIRECTOR OF SOVIET AFFAIRS
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA
CONSCIOUSNESS
10109 GREEN HOLLY TERRACE
SILVER SPRING MD 20902

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF
SOVIET JEWRY DURING SUMMIT MEETING WITH
MR. GORBACHEV

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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DATE RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 14, 1985

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. DAVID V. JAKUPKO

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF ~~SOVIET JEWRY~~ HARE KRISHNA
DURING SUMMIT MEETING WITH
MR. GORBACHEV

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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS

NATIONAL OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS / ~~109 SECOND ST., N.E.~~ / WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002 / (202) 544-3377

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10109 Green Holly Terrace  
Silver Spring, Md. 20902  
November 12, 1985

The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Please accept my best wishes. Enclosed you will find some material that seriously challenges the Soviet General Secretary, Mr. Gorbachev's recent statement in France, wherein he stated that there are no human rights violations in the Soviet Union.

Through the efforts of the Hindu Alliance of America, we held a press conference on October 24th at the National Press Building and then a follow-up conference at the Senate Dirksen Office Building, at which Mr. Valentin Yurov, a Russian dissident addressed the audience, detailing some of the injustices that are being committed there. Mr. Yurov was recently released from the Soviet Union after his Swedish fiancée performed a 21-day hunger strike outside the Soviet Embassy in Stockholm.

Mr. President, we presently have documented accounts of more than twenty Soviet-born members of the Hare Krishna Movement who are confined and tortured in Soviet prisons, mental hospitals and labor camps. There are thousands more who have to worship God in great fear. We want to get these persons released and we are asking for your help to bring this issue to light.

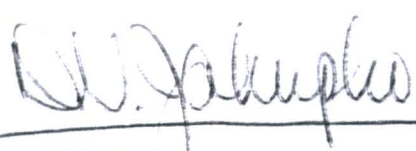
We feel strongly, that not only will your intervention greatly help our members, but it will help the situation of all those persecuted for their beliefs in the Soviet Union.

We are sure, Mr. President, that the one and a half million Indian and Western-born Hindus living in America, will greatly appreciate your speaking out for the right of their brothers and sisters to freely worship God in the U.S.S.R. Needless to say, those followers in the Soviet Union will be eternally indebted to you for your help.

Mr. President, it is a tragic situation and we need your help to correct it. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss this in detail with your staff.

May God bless you and your family. I remain,

Sincerely yours,



David V. Jakupko  
Director of Soviet Affairs

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# HINDU ALLIANCE OF AMERICA



National Headquarters P.O. Box 75207, Washington, D.C. 20013 ~~(703) 442-8474~~

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October 23, 1985

Mr. Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev,  
General Secretary of the Communist Party of the U.S.S.R.  
The Kremlin  
Moscow  
U.S.S.R.

Dear Mr. Gorbachev,

In a few weeks, the leaders of the two most powerful nations of the world will meet. This summit meeting has enormous implications for the future of this planet. As the General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, you, Mr. Gorbachev, obviously have a deep, abiding responsibility to the people of your nation and the rest of the world.

We, the undersigned, represent a deep concern for the basic human rights, the hopes and the aspirations of more than four million practicing Hindus in Europe and North America.

It has been brought to our attention that many members of the Hindu faith living and working in the Soviet Union are being severely persecuted for practicing the faith of their choice in your country.

This letter specifically concerns the fate of 20 Soviet citizens, members of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, (ISKCON), more popularly known as the Hare Krishna Movement. The Hare Krishna Movement is a bonafide, orthodox, and essential branch of the world Hindu faith. The condition of these Soviet citizens is currently both desperate and tragic. Their names are as follows:

1. Musatov, Alexei Arturovich - mental hospital
2. Pinyayev, Anatoli Fedorovich - mental hospital
3. Lerner, Yevgeni Emmanuilovich - labour camp
4. Eisurovich, Boris Aleksandrovich - labour camp

5. Levin, Alexander Victorovich - labour camp
6. Zuev, Sergei Vasilievich - labour camp
7. Kiseleva, Olga Hamidovna - labour camp
8. Kritski, Vladimir Georgevich - labour camp
9. Kustrya, Vladimir Alekseevich - labour camp
10. Samoilova, Valentina Petrovna - labour camp
11. Baida, Aleksei Mikhailovich - labour camp
12. Priborov, Sergei Aleksandrovich - labour camp
13. Fedchenko, Yuri Alekseiovich - labour camp
14. Sukhova, Valeriya Alexandrovna - labour camp
15. Koltashev, Mikhail Matveyevich - labour camp
16. Didzhevadze, Jakov Emelyanovich - prison
17. Janashvili, Rafael - prison
18. Kasyan, Sergei Martinovich - mental hospital
19. Daxis, Saulyus Lenginovich - mental hospital
20. Akopyan, Arik - 1-1/2 years of probation with engagement in forced labour.

These 20 individuals are being punished by your government simply for practicing the religion of their choice. We have studied the whole situation very carefully for a long period of time and are convinced that the Soviet government's treatment of these individuals is a flagrant violation of the Soviet government's Constitutional guarantees of freedom of religion. These rights, are encompassed by articles 50,52 and 56 of the Soviet Constitution as well as in Articles 18 and 19 of the United Nations International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, ratified by the U.S.S.R. in 1973, and in Section 1 (a)VII of the Helsinki Accords on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

For years, the Hindu people from all over the world have been sending letters of protest about this to the former General Secretaries of the U.S.S.R. and to the Soviet Ambassadors in their countries. But not a single reply has been forth coming.

It is our firm conviction therefore, that your government has severely abused article #227 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic, by persecuting and harassing these innocent citizens beyond the limits of common human decency. Some of these citizens have been beaten, coerced into giving false testimony against one another, heavily drugged, and denied proper nutrition. They have been unfairly, unjustly, immorally, and illegally incarcerated in prisons, mental

hospitals and labour camps throughout your nation. Often they are confined in a region far from their home making it difficult, if not impossible, for friends and relatives to visit them. One among them, Olga H. Kiseleva, a pregnant mother with two young daughters, was arrested and sentenced to four-and-a-half years in a labour camp in spite of her pregnancy. Her child was born in the prison and she was allowed to see the infant for only one hour a day. In its eleventh month of life, Olga's baby daughter, Marika, died in the labour camp.

Another Hare Krishna devotee, Mr. Anatoli Pinyayev was, on more than one occasion, taken away without any court sentence, to psychiatric clinics. He had previously been treated at Moscow's Psychiatric Hospital No. 5 with the drug Galoperidol. Now, he is imprisoned at the Special Psychiatric Hospital in Smolensk where the conditions and food are very bad and he is regularly administered heavy and prolonged doses of neuroleptiks such as galoperidol, which causes him great suffering. He is not treated for the side-effects of these drugs and as a result his whole body is swelling up and his normal' alert mental condition is deteriorating. During his confinement last year, his wife asked the clinic doctor when he would be freed. The doctor replied that "Anatoli's view of the world would not be easy to cure quickly."

A third devotee, Mr. Vladimir Kritski, was re-sentenced to an additional four-and-a-half-year prison term while serving his original five-year sentence. The official reason given for his second sentence was "preaching his religious beliefs to his fellow detainees."

The Hare Krishna devotees follow four regulative principles: they refrain from liquor and drugs; they do not gamble; they do not indulge in illicit sex; and they do not eat meat, fish or eggs (they follow a vegetarian diet). It seems then, most ironic and hypocritical, that such severe punishments (as are listed here) be meted out to such morally and well-adjusted persons as these Hare Krishna devotees, especially at a time when alcoholism and illicit sex are recognized as serious social perils within the Soviet Union.

Other important principles followed by these devotees are: praying to the Supreme Lord, Krishna through the recitation of His names, and discussions of the philosophical tenets found in the world's oldest book the Bhagavad-gita. The Bhagavad-gita, the book of truth for these Krishna devotees, is also the Holy Scripture for over 650 million Hindus in India and worldwide.

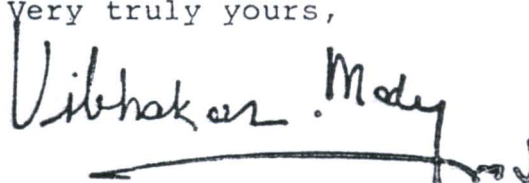
The Soviet Union, as the neighbor of our motherland, is well aware that the principles for which the Hare Krishna devotees in the Soviet Union are being persecuted and punished today are actually the teachings of one of the world's oldest religious

traditions. The growth and purity of the Hare Krishna Movement in India and throughout the world, has given Hindus all over the world, renewed inspiration to follow their faith more enthusiastically. The Late Prime Minister of India, Lal Bahadur Shastri, had this to say about the founder-acarya of the Hare Krishna Movement: "His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada is doing very valuable work and his books are significant contributions to the salvation of mankind."

We, therefore, respectfully demand that all 20 individuals mentioned above be immediately released from confinement in prisons, mental hospitals and labour camps. We further demand that these individuals be allowed to leave the Soviet Union with their families so that they may freely practice the religion of their choice as is their constitutional right.

Your immediate attention to this matter would be appreciated. We trust that this letter, unlike those mentioned above, (that were sent to Soviet Embassies and to the Kremlin previously), will be responded to. We eagerly await your reply and hope to hear from you by the 31st (thirty-first) of November, 1985.

Very truly yours,



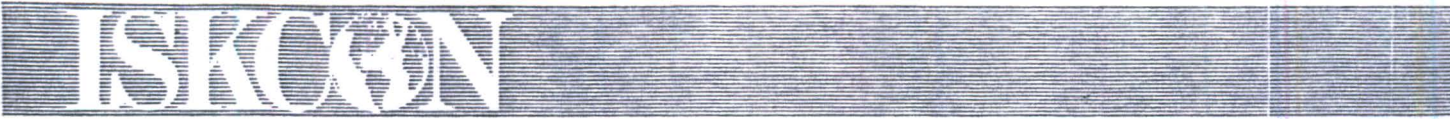
Dr. Vibhakar Mody  
Executive Director  
Hindu Alliance of America

P.S. I have taken the liberty to enclose a packet of information about all those above mentioned individuals who are presently imprisoned.

cc: Mr. Eduard Shevarnadze  
Foreign Ministry  
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Mrs. Nancy Reagan  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
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Dear Mrs. Reagan,

I know that you are preparing for your upcoming meeting with Mrs. Gorbachev and it is for this reason I implore you to read over the material in this package.

Through our missionary work in the Soviet Union, many people are regaining faith in God, and those caught by the KGB are being tortured and punished. Mrs. Reagan, yourself and the President could put a stop to this torture if you would kindly take up this issue.

I have greatly applauded your efforts to stop drug abuse. Our organization is also working on a worldwide scale to do the same. We feel that drug abuse greatly inhibits ones relationship with God.

Mrs. Reagan, the Hare Krishna devotees whose names are included in this package are suffering and need your help. Please request Mrs. Gorbachev to find it in her heart to release them from her country. I am quite confident that the one and a half million Hindus living in America will never forget your efforts on behalf of their fellow believers in the U.S.S.R.

Thank you and may God bless you, the President and your family in your most important work.

Sincerely yours,

David V. Jakupko  
Director of Soviet Affairs

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12 November 1985

His Excellency  
Rajiv Gandhi  
Prime Minister of India  
New Delhi  
India

Dear Prime Minister Gandhi,

Namaste. The attached letter is a dramatic testimony to the ongoing abuse of Soviet citizens practicing Hinduism within the U.S.S.R. today. Please note that simply for practicing their religion, these Soviet Hindus have had to suffer grievously. I would like to call your attention to the attached letter. Here you will read at the bottom of page 4 and the top of page 5 that an infant born to a Hindu mother died in a Soviet prison camp.

Since you are the Prime Minister of the country with the world's largest Hindu population, I wish to humbly beg you, on behalf of the Hindu Alliance of America, to fulfill the request contained in the attached letter by asking General Secretary Gorbachev to extend proper rights of religious freedom, as guaranteed in the Soviet Constitution, to these devotees of the Hindu faith. We request the enclosed list of members of the Hare Krishna Movement be released from their imprisonment and that they, and their families, be allowed to leave the Soviet Union to freely practice the religion of their choice.

I have also enclosed extensive information about each of those imprisoned members of the Hare Krishna Movement and a brief history of the Movement in the U.S.S.R.

Please contact us as soon as possible regarding your decision and all future developments in this matter. We hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience. Thanking you, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Dr. Vibhakar Mody  
Executive Director  
Hindu Alliance of America

Encl.

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THIS LETTER HAS BEEN RETYPED FOR CLARITY

Moscow  
12 February 1985

Dear Prime Minister Gandhi:

This letter to you is being written by a group of devotees of the Supreme Lord Shri Krishna, who live in the U.S.S.R.

Perhaps it will be a surprise for you to learn, that there are devotees of Krishna in Russia. Indeed, who could think some ten years ago, that the name of Krishna, the sublime philosophy Krishna taught in the Bhagavad-gita and the entire Vedic spiritual tradition would become dear to a rapidly increasing number of people in the Soviet Union. In big and small Russian cities beginning with Moscow and Leningrad, industrial centres like Siberia, the Ukraine, Armenia and Georgia, in the Baltic Republics and in republics of Soviet Asia, as well as in other republics, men and women of different nationalities and occupations are taking to the ancient spiritual practice of Vaishnavism. We consider this philosophy and practices to be the most valuable gift we have ever received during our lives.

Here in the Soviet Union, we feel eternally indebted to a great representative of Indian spiritual culture, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, a man whose life, works, and devotion to Lord Krishna became the source of an ever-increasing, remarkable influence upon the Western civilization. In the long run, the present spreading of Vedic spiritual tradition, that is widely known now as the philosophy and practice of Krishna Consciousness, will contribute to a deeper mutual understanding between the peoples of our countries, giving a powerful new impulse to the development of the cultural ties between India and the U.S.S.R.

Unfortunately however, the followers of the Vedic spiritual tradition, known as the Hare Krishna devotees, are, to say the least, having a difficult time in the Soviet Union. While Soviet scholars continue their studies in the field of Indian culture and philosophy, discussing from a merely academic point of view, to actually accept this invaluable heritage, or to follow the teachings of the great Vaisnavas in everyday life, is declared an outlaw, criminal activity, subject to severe punishments. In the last few years, quite a large number of people practicing Krishna Consciousness were put on trial on the grounds of organizing an unlawful religious group that endangered the physical and mental health of their followers. To prove that accusation, the authorities use the practice of forcibly putting devotees into mental hospitals, where they are given psychopharmacological drugs, that actually endanger one's health as a result of prolonged intoxication. The story of persecuting Krishna's

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devotees in violation of their rights guaranteed by the Soviet Constitution is rich with examples of the most brutal treatment, apparently aimed at intimidating the Vaishnavas and all of those people who are interested in Krishna in our country. This practice of intimidation begins when authorities attempt to get suitable testimonies from devotees against each other. It continues during the trials where devotees have been given sentences varying from 1 to 4-1/2 years of labor or forcible treatment in mental hospitals. Nothing is rejected in order to make devotees fearful, to force them to abandon their spiritual life.

One of the most abominable examples of such behavior is the story of how a young woman, Olga Kiseleva, was punished. She was arrested during her pregnancy. Neither this fact, nor the fact that she already had two little children, were taken into consideration. On the eve of the delivery of her baby, she was severely beaten by her cellmates. They struck her head against the wall paying no attention to the possible consequences for her and her future child. Shortly after that, she was put on trial. The court sentenced her to 4 years in a labor camp, the maximum term of punishment in such cases. The farm where Olga Kiseleva lived, together with her husband and two children, was confiscated; so the children were punished together with their mother. Olga's third child, a girl, was born in jail, and she was allowed to see the infant for only one hour a day.

The list of those already serving their sentences along with Olga Kiseleva are as follows: Sergi Kurkin and Vladimir Kritski were arrested in 1981. Yevgeni Lerner, Sergei Zuev, Aleksander Levin and Boris Eisurovich also received sentences varying from 1-1/2 to 4-1/2 years in labor camps; Aleksei Musatov and Anatoli Pinyayev who were put into mental hospitals with authorities not saying when they will be released (these last five devotees and Olga Kiseleva were arrested in 1983.)

Recently the devotees of Krishna here have had new trouble. In the south of our country, where a large group of devotees live, several searches and arrests were made. They moved there from the large towns in hopes of having less conflicts with the authorities. During October 1984, the following devotees were arrested: Yuri Fedchenko, Vladimir Kustrya, Aleksei Baida, Sergei Priborov and Valentina Samoiloa. Sergei Priborov was reported to be hiding after he learned that the authorities wanted to arrest him also. The latest news that we learned about him was that the authorities managed to find him and put him in a mental hospital. We also learned that Yuri Fedchenko was beaten by the police officers after he had refused to let them make a search of his home because they had no official documents to permit them to do so. Aleksei Baida was also beaten by police representatives. No one can expect a trial for these devotees in the near future, and we do not know what sentences are prepared for them.



We must add that those devotees who are not incarcerated are still deprived of their freedom. They cannot worship together and they cannot lead a normal devotional life, a right that the Constitution of the U.S.S.R. officially guarantees to the citizens of our country. Even the participation of children in the religion of their parents is considered unlawful and the parents may be punished for teaching their children spiritual philosophy and instructing them in the practice of the spiritual life that they lead themselves.

Never before have we asked the leader of another nation to try to help us with the difficulties we have here. We continued to hope that the authorities would understand that members of our religion must be given the right to religious freedom which is officially guaranteed to all Soviet citizens by the Soviet Constitution. Our aims and desires are concerned with spiritual life, not with politics. So there is no reason to regard the devotees of Lord Krishna as political enemies. Our patient behavior and the fact that we have never made public protests were used against us to persecute us in the most brutal and uncivilized manner. The latest arrests have shown that the authorities are not going to change their attitude towards the Vaishnavas in this country. Accusations put forward against the devotees at trials are so unjustified and artificial that they forced one of the lawyers to make remarks rarely heard in Soviet courts.

At a trial that took place last year, the lawyer began her speech with the following words, "Let me remind the court that we are not living in the times of Stalin now." With this phrase, she meant that false accusations and ungrounded sentences were common in the Soviet courts during that time. Arrest and searches in the homes of devotees, the practice of intimidating them during the interrogations are common and are violations of our human rights. Our spiritual master, His Divine Grace Harikesa Swami Visnupada was forced to leave the Soviet Union within 24 hours when he was here the last time in March of 1980. An article in the Soviet weekly magazine, "Nedelya," tried to defame him by saying that he is a C.I.A. agent, an accusation so absurd that it is even ridiculous to discuss it. The Soviet Press also published many articles trying to defame the devotees in this country and the accusations that were always completely absurd and unjustified.

Further, the devotees are not allowed to present their views in the press to complain about the way they are treated. No one will learn from the press about the fate of Olga Kiseleva or about the beating of Yuri Fedchenko just because he didn't want to let the police officers make an illegal search of his home.

That's why we decided to write this letter to you and humbly ask you to help us. Of course we understand that a problem like this is a delicate one because the U.S.S.R. is a country friendly to India. But, on the other hand, one may hope that for this very reason, your voice, your opinion, cannot be just ignored by the

Soviet leaders. If you can address the Soviet head of State, Mikhail Gorbachev, this could change the fate of those awaiting trial, as well as the whole situation of the Hare Krishna devotees (Vaishnavas) in the U.S.S.R. It is only the extremely unjust treatment enacted by the State's representatives upon us and their cold determination to deprive us of the very essence of our lives--devotional service to Lord Krishna--that we are compelled to take such an unprecedented step, as to address you.

Prime Minister Gandhi, if there is anything you can do for us, please, please try to do that.

We are grateful to you for any kind of help you can provide to stop this improper treatment. We confidently believe that if you attempt to help us in this way, you will surely succeed. Please accept our most humble obeisances and respects. Hare Krishna.

Yours in the service of Lord Krishna,

A group of Soviet Vaishnavas

N.B. Prime Minister Gandhi,

Just as this letter was completed, we received grave news. Olga's third daughter, Marika, born in prison, died at the age of eleven months in a labor camp in Mordovia. Please try to help Olga join the surviving members of her family, her two little daughters and her husband, Rein Metaniin.

We also learned that Vladimir Kritski was put on trial for a second time. After two years in the labour camp, he was allowed to serve the remaining two years of his sentence in exile in a small Siberian town. There he continued to preach and some new friends appeared, eager to hear about the Vedic culture and philosophy. But, the authorities there learned about that. He was arrested again and was sentenced to another five years of labour camp. After that he will have to serve the remaining two years of exile from his previous sentence. The complete term of his punishment will be nine years simply for being a devotee of Lord Krishna and teaching the message of Lord Krishna to others. When he heard the court's decision at the end of the trial, he said that he had nothing to lose by continuing to preach to people in the labour camp.

And finally, we have just heard that Anatoli Pinyayev is in a Special Psychiatric Hospital in Smolensk and is being administered drugs to alter his consciousness to force him to give up his belief in Lord Krishna. The drugs are taking their toll on him. His whole body is swelling up and his mental condition is

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deteriorating.

Please, Prime Minister Gandhi, help these suffering devotees of Lord Krishna. We desperately need your help.

A Group of Soviet Vaishnavas

THE PERSECUTION OF THE HARE KRISHNA MOVEMENT  
IN THE U.S.S.R.

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