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I was also present in those last few months in Vrindavan with Srila Prabhupada. We were spending 3 or 4 hours a day in his room doing kirtan. For me it is unimaginable that anyone of Srila Prabhupada's personal servants could have even once entertained the thought of poisoning Srila Prabhupada. Absolutely unimaginable!

To suggest, as Nityananda has done that there was not just one who had this thought, but a conspiracy of a number of his servants, who not only thought about it but actually carried it out, is so far beyond the pale of believability, that I like Bhakti Caru Maharaj, have not thought it necessary to involve myself in defending against this absurd allegation. I those days I was not acting in the capacity of a personal servant, perhaps that is why my name is not been raised in this allegation. I was however speaking personally, with Srila Prabhupada on many occasions. He knew very well that I was independent minded. Once he told me, "I know that you can't work with your GBC man, so you can work directly for me."

There were many other independently thoughtful devotees also present who Srila Prabhupada could have called if he really thought that some of his servants were conspiring to poison him. I do remember one incident that might help shed light on this affair. Satsvarupa Maharaj had just arrived, perhaps a few weeks before Srila Prabhupada left. He was mentioning how he had invited all the leading devotees in his zone to come to be with Srila Prabhupada in those, what turned out to be, final days. He told us how when he had suggested that Nityananda might also visit Vrindavan to be with his spiritual master, as Srila Prabhupada was requesting all his disciples to come.

Nityananda responded by saying, "What do I want to go there for!" in on off handed way. Satsvarupa explained that he was surprised, and offended, that Nityananda was so callous to Srila Prabhupada's plea.

Your servant,
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