

Among the numerous reminiscences I have, I recall here only two. They both refer to 1979 when Boris was allowed to visit US and could spend some period at Georgia Tech with Joe Ford.

-One late evening he was in the phys dept at Georgia Tech. He wanted to have a coca cola from a vending machine there. The cost was 30c. He put a quarter into the machine and , for some reason, the coca cola came down. Then he took the coca cola but also took an additional 5 cents from his pocket and put inside the machine. He did not want to cheat the coca cola company!

-In Atlanta we shared the same flat. When he arrived, he entered the apartment and the first thing he did was to open the luggage, and take out two pictures inside some simple frame. The first picture was of his wife, Olga and the second picture was of Budker who has just passed away. He put Olga picture near his bed and Budker picture in the living room. Only after this he took care of other items!

I think the two simple episodes above give an idea of Boris personality. We do not have many such great men.