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**Four Buddhist Sanskrit Manuscripts  
Presented to Nikolai II from the 13th Dalai Lama**

Nearly 25 years ago, from 1991 and 1993, I was a visiting scholar at Leiden University under the supervision of Professor Timan E. Vetter. The Buddhist Sanskrit manuscript I read with Professor Vetter during that time was a part of the set of Sanskrit manuscripts presented to the Russian Emperor Nikolai II from the 13th Dalai Lama at the turn of the last century. This set of manuscripts currently preserved in St. Petersburg comprises four different paper manuscripts. In this paper, I will present an outline of the whole set of manuscripts, especially focusing on the *Buddhāvataṃsakasūtra* fragment and introducing the collected Sanskrit text thence.