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Maryland Gov. William Donald Schaefer, winding up a 12-day overseas tour, expressed optimism today about the changes he has seen in the Soviet Union and called on Secretary of State James A. Baker III to help states and U.S. business to become more deeply involved in this part of the world.

Schaefer, who led a 50-member Maryland mission to Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, said he was encouraged by the opportunities he saw for Maryland institutions to participate in the dramatic changes which have been taking place in recent months.

"I saw almost a 100 percent change in attitude in the Soviet Union from when I was here three years ago. I see people go to a church, light a candle, walk in off the street and stand before the religious articles and pray. I see people smiling in Moscow, which I never saw when I was here before. I see a much better attitude toward Americans," Schaefer said.

While in Moscow, Schaefer signed an agreement of mutual cooperation with the Russian republic, the largest constituent republic of the far-flung Soviet Union, authorizing cooperative arrangements with Maryland institutions in trade, economics, science, agriculture, technology and cultural affairs.

An arrangement was also signed for cooperation between the University of Maryland, College Park, and the Soviet Academy of Sciences for cooperative research in semi-conductors, nuclear fusion technologies, the commercialization of high technology and verification of arms control agreements.

In his meeting with Baker, who is here to have intensive talks with Soviet leaders, Schaefer asked the federal government to set up a clearinghouse so states, localities and businesses could find out what various U.S. groups are

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doing in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. He also asked the United States to provide \$ 500,000 to \$ 750,000 to help the University of Maryland's English Language Institute set up English language teaching programs in this area.

Baker asked Schaefer to extend Maryland's activities beyond Poland and Hungary, which the governor also visited on this trip, to Czechoslovakia. Schaefer said he would consider that after discussing the idea in Washington next week with Undersecretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, who is the State Department's Eastern Europe coordinator.

In Poland, the Maryland delegation met Solidarity leader Lech Walesa as well as Solidarity leaders of the Polish parliament. The delegation witnessed the signing of a contract between Poland Ports Authority and the Westinghouse Airspace Management Systems Division for development of a modern air traffic control system for Poland.

"We owe a moral obligation, a real obligation to help these people," Schaefer said of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. "They've got to be successful in what they're doing . . . I really believe America should do everything it can to see that the new system, the democratic system they are embarking on is successful."

After meeting Baker, Schaefer planned to leave Moscow tonight for Baltimore, where he is to arrive Thursday.