

WAIVER OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

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EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to communicate to Your Excellency my understanding of the agreement reached through recent conversations held at the Secretariat of Foreign Relations at San José, Costa Rica, between representatives of the Governments of the United States of America and of the Republic of Costa Rica, with reference to the elimination of fees for visaing passports of non-immigrant citizens of the United States desiring to visit Costa Rica, and non-immigrant citizens of Costa Rica desiring to visit the United States. My understanding of this agreement is as follows:

The Government of the United States will, from the 25th of July, 1925, collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of citizens or subjects of Costa Rica desiring to visit the United States (including the insular possessions) who are not "immigrants" as defined in the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924; namely: "(1) a Government official, his family, attendants, servants, and employees, (2) an alien visiting the United States temporarily as a tourist or temporarily for business or pleasure, (3) an alien in continuous transit through the United States, (4) an alien lawfully admitted to the United States who later goes in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory, (5) a bona fide alien seaman serving as such on a vessel arriving at a port of the United States and seeking to enter temporarily the United States solely in the pursuit of his calling as a seaman, and (6) an alien entitled to enter the United States solely to carry on trade under and in pursuance of the provisions of a present existing treaty of commerce and navigation;" and from the same date the Government of Costa Rica will collect no fees for visaing passports or executing applications therefor, in the case of non-immigrant