

## REDUCTION OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

*Exchange of notes at Caracas January 5 and 12, 1937*

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Department of State files

*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Minister  
of Foreign Affairs*

No. 173

CARACAS, January 5, 1937

### EXCELLENCY:

Pursuant to the conversations which I have had the honor of holding with Your Excellency in regard to the desire of the Government of the United States to waive or reduce the fees for passport visas and applications therefor, I now have the honor to inform Your Excellency that I have been authorized by the Department of State to conclude, by an exchange of notes, the following reciprocal agreement between my Government and the Government of Venezuela:

The Government of the United States will, effective from January 18, 1937, reduce to \$2.00 (two dollars United States currency) the fee for visaing passports, and will collect no fee for executing applications therefor, in the case of citizens of Venezuela desiring to visit the United States (including the insular possessions) who are not "immigrants" as defined in Section 3 of the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924,<sup>1</sup> as amended by the Act of July 6, 1932.<sup>2</sup> The classes of citizens defined as "non-immigrants" are as follows:

- (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;

<sup>1</sup> 43 Stat. 153.

<sup>2</sup> 47 Stat. 607.