

## REDUCTION OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

*Exchange of notes at Wellington March 14, 1949*

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63 Stat. 2538; Treaties and Other  
International Acts Series 1940

*The American Ambassador to the Minister of External Affairs*

SIR,

With reference to recent conversations between representatives of this Embassy and the Ministry of External Affairs regarding arrangements to facilitate non-immigrant travel, I have the honor to inform you that the Government of the United States is prepared to conclude with the Government of New Zealand an agreement by an exchange of notes in the following terms:

(1) New Zealand citizens in possession of valid passports issued by the Government of New Zealand and endorsed "New Zealand Citizen" traveling to the United States and its possessions who are bona fide non-immigrants within the meaning of the immigration laws of the United States and who are eligible to receive visas, will be granted non-immigrant passport visas at a reduced fee of 2 dollars or the equivalent in foreign currency; no fee is to be collected for execution of applications therefor. Diplomatic visas and official visas, as well as visas issued under the provisions of Section 3(7) of the Immigration Act of 1924, as amended,<sup>2</sup> will, however, continue to be granted without fee to qualified applicants who are traveling to the United States and its possessions.

(2) United States citizens in possession of valid passports issued by the Government of the United States of America proceeding to New Zealand, New Zealand Island Territories and the Trust Territory of Western Samoa, will be granted passport visas (other than single-entry transit visas) at a fee of 2 dollars or the equivalent in foreign currency. Diplomatic visas and offi-

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<sup>1</sup> 9 UST 913; TIAS 4053.

<sup>2</sup> 59 Stat. 672.