

## REDUCTION OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

*Exchange of notes at Washington May 21 and June 7, 1930, supplementing agreement of March 29 and 31, 1928, as supplemented Entered into force June 7, 1930*

*Replaced by agreement of November 12 and 13, 1931,<sup>1</sup> as amended by agreement of August 9 and 13, 1932<sup>2</sup>*

Department of State files

*The Netherlands Minister to the Secretary of State*

No. 1633

WASHINGTON, D.C., 21 May 1930

SIR:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency, that the agreement made on 30 [29] and 31 March 1928<sup>3</sup> between the Department of State and this Legation, in order to reduce passport visa fees to \$1.00 for American citizens entering the Netherlands and for Dutch subjects proceeding to the United States as non-immigrants, has been interpreted since by the Royal Government as also applying to American citizens going to the Netherland East Indies.

On the other hand it has been reported to me that the American Consuls still charge a fee of \$10 for a visa on Dutch passport of a person proceeding to the Philippines.

Considering the broad interpretation given by my Government to the above mentioned agreement, I should feel greatly obliged if Your Excellency would consider whether there would be any objection to a ruling that as an act of reciprocity, the agreement, reducing the passport visa fees, will also apply to Dutch subjects going to the possessions of the United States.

I should greatly appreciate being informed in due time of the opinion of Your Excellency on this subject.

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<sup>1</sup> *Post*, p. 110.

<sup>2</sup> *Post*, p. 113.

<sup>3</sup> *Ante*, p. 89.