

WAIVER OF VISAS AND VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

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The American Minister to the Chief of the Federal Political Department

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EXCELLENCY:

Pursuant to instructions from my Government, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the United States will, from the first of June, 1925, collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of citizens or subjects of Switzerland desiring to visit the United States who are not "immigrants" as defined in the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924;¹ 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;

(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 Switzerland will not require non-

¹ 43 Stat. 153.