

Albania

PASSPORTS, NATURALIZATION, MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT

Exchange of notes at Tirana June 23 and 25, 1922

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The American Commissioner to the President of the Council and Minister of Foreign Affairs

TIRANA, ALBANIA,

June 23, 1922.

MR. PRIME MINISTER:

During informal conversations which I have had the honor of holding with Your Excellency, in my unofficial capacity as American Commissioner, assurances were offered that the authorities of the Albanian State, under a decree of the Regents, would be instructed by your government to duly recognize, throughout Albanian territory, all passports issued by the American Secretary of State, especially those carried by persons of Albanian origin who have acquired American nationality in conformity with the laws of the United States of America.

It may be found useful for me, on my part, to reiterate at this time points of view which I have already explained to Your Excellency concerning the attitude of the Department of State, in the interpretation and application of laws affecting naturalization in the United States, which is, to wit, that a naturalized citizen who returns to his country of origin and there resides continuously for a period of more than two years, shall be considered to have expatriated himself and thereby to have ceased any longer to be entitled to the rights of American citizenship, unless (a) such residence in his country

¹ Date of U.S. recognition of Albania.