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between the Government of the United Kingdom
and the Government of the Netherlands regarding the

Reciprocal Abolition of Visas

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No. 1

Mr. C. R. Attlee to Jonkheer E. Michiels van Verduynen

*Foreign Office,
21st March, 1947*

Your Excellency,

I HAVE the honour to inform your Excellency that, as a first step towards the eventual restoration of freedom of travel to Netherlands and British territories, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom are prepared to conclude with the Government of the Netherlands an agreement in the following terms:—

- (1) Netherlands subjects shall be free to travel from any place whatever to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance provided that they are furnished with valid Netherlands passports.
- (2) Holders of valid passports bearing, on the cover, the inscription "British Passport" and, inside, the description of the holder's national status as "British subject" shall be free to travel from any place whatever to the Netherlands without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.
- (3) It is understood that the waiver of the visa requirement does not exempt Netherlands and British subjects coming respectively to the United Kingdom and to the Netherlands from the necessity of complying with the British and the Netherlands laws and regulations concerning the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners, and that travellers who are unable to satisfy the immigration authorities that they comply with these laws and regulations are liable to be refused leave to enter or land.
- (4) As regards travel to Netherlands overseas territories or to British colonies and overseas territories, protectorates or territories under mandate or trusteeship, it is understood that visas will continue to be required.

2. If the Netherlands Government are prepared to accept the foregoing provisions I have the honour to suggest that the present note and your Excellency's reply in similar terms should be regarded as placing on record the agreement between the two Governments, which shall take effect on 15th April, 1947.

I have, &c.
(Sd.) C. R. ATTLEE.

No. 2

Jonkheer E. Michiels van Verduynen to Mr. C. R. Attlee

Netherlands Embassy,

Your Excellency,

London, 21st March, 1947

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's note of to-day's date in the following terms:—

[As in No. 1]

2. On instructions from my Government I have the honour to confirm their agreement to the provisions set out in your Excellency's note, which, with the present reply, shall be regarded as placing on record the agreement reached between the two Governments

I have, &c.

(Sd.) E. MICHIELS VAN VERDUYNEN.

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