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Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Government of the Netherlands

concerning the acceptance
of the British Visitor's Passport for travel
between the United Kingdom and
the Netherlands

The Hague, February 21, 1961

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by Command of Her Majesty
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EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS CONCERNING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BRITISH VISITOR'S PASSPORT FOR TRAVEL BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE NETHERLANDS

No. 1

Her Majesty's Ambassador at The Hague to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

(1622/61)

British Embassy,

The Hague, February 21, 1961.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement constituted by the Exchange of Notes of the 1st of April, 1960⁽¹⁾ between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning arrangements to facilitate travel between the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, including certain British overseas dependent territories.

I have to inform Your Excellency that a simplified form of passport, known as a British Visitor's Passport, will be available for issue from the 15th of March, 1961 to British subjects, citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies. A British Visitor's Passport will be valid for one year from the date of issue. An applicant for a British Visitor's Passport will not be required by the United Kingdom authorities to produce documentary evidence of his identity and national status, but he will be required to sign a declaration that he is a British subject, citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies. A specimen of the British Visitor's Passport is attached as an Annex to this Note⁽²⁾.

I have now the honour to propose, on the instructions of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands conclude an Agreement in the following terms:

1. The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands undertakes to accept a valid British Visitor's Passport as a valid passport and to permit holders to enter and stay in the Netherlands subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) A visit to the Netherlands shall not exceed three months and shall not be for employment.
 - (b) A visitor who enters the Netherlands on presentation of a valid British Visitor's Passport and who subsequently obtains leave to stay longer than three months shall be required to obtain a passport bearing on the cover the inscription "British Passport" before the end of the three months' period.

⁽¹⁾ "Treaty Series No. 37 (1960)", Cmnd. 1080.

⁽²⁾ Not reproduced.

- (c) Holders of British Visitor's Passports proceeding to the Netherlands shall not be exempt from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations of the Netherlands relating to the entry and residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners. Travellers who are unable to satisfy the competent authorities that they comply with these laws and regulations may be refused leave to enter or to land.
- (d) The right is reserved to the competent authorities of the Netherlands to refuse any person leave to enter or stay in the Netherlands in any case where that person is regarded as undesirable by those authorities or is otherwise ineligible under the general policy of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands relating to the entry or stay of foreigners.
- (e) The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands may suspend the foregoing provisions in whole or in part temporarily for reasons of public order and/or national security, and the suspension shall be notified immediately to the Government of the United Kingdom through the diplomatic channel.
2. The Government of the United Kingdom undertake to take back into their territory at any time persons having entered the territory of the Netherlands under the terms of this Agreement.
 3. As far as the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands is concerned the present Agreement shall for the time being only apply to the territory of the Kingdom in Europe. The Agreement may, however, be extended to any of the other Parts of the Kingdom by means of an Exchange of Notes between the two contracting Governments.
 4. The Agreement shall enter into force on the 15th of March, 1961, and shall remain in force for a period of one year. Unless the Agreement is denounced by either Government at least two months before the expiry of this period, it shall thereafter remain in operation for an indefinite period, it being understood that either Government may at any time denounce the Agreement upon giving to the other six months' notice of their intention to do so.
 5. Either contracting Government may, subject to the provisions of Paragraph 4, terminate the application of the Agreement to any of the Parts of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, referred to in the second sentence of Paragraph 3, on three months' notice of their intention to do so.

If the foregoing provisions are acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands I have the honour to suggest that the present Note, together with Your Excellency's reply in that sense, should be considered as placing on record the Agreement of the two Governments in this matter.

I avail, &c.

A. N. NOBLE.

No. 2

*The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands to Her Majesty's
Ambassador at The Hague*

Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

The Hague, February 21, 1961.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Note No. 1622-61 of today's date in which You were good enough to inform me that in order to facilitate travel between the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland are prepared to conclude an Agreement with the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in the following terms:

[Provisions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of No. 1]

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the foregoing provisions are acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and I herewith confirm that Your Excellency's Note and the present reply thereto shall be considered as placing on record the Agreement of the two Governments in this matter.

Please accept, &c.

J. LUNS.

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