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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 Republic of Korea

concerning the Abolition of Visas

London, 18 November 1969

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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 REPUBLIC OF KOREA CONCERNING
THE ABOLITION OF VISAS**

No. 1

*The Ambassador of Korea to the Secretary of State
for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs*

P/L/75

*Korean Embassy,
London, S.W.1.*

18 November, 1969.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, with a view to facilitating travel between their respective territories, the Government of the Republic of Korea is prepared to conclude with the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland an Agreement in the following terms:

- (a) Korean nationals holding valid Republic of Korea passports shall be free to travel from any place whatever to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man without the necessity of obtaining a visa and to leave these territories without being required to obtain an exit permit.
- (b) British subjects holding valid passports bearing on the cover the inscription "British Passport" at the top and, at the bottom, the inscription "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland" or "Jersey" or "Guernsey and its Dependencies" or "Isle of Man" and, inside, the description of the holder's national status as "British subject" or "British subject, citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies", or "British subject, citizen of the United Kingdom, Islands and Colonies", shall be free to travel from any place whatever to the Republic of Korea without the necessity of obtaining a visa and to leave Korea without being required to obtain an exit permit. Such a visit shall be limited to sixty days, but may be prolonged for thirty days without charge by the Korean authorities in accordance with the appropriate regulations. Persons who wish to stay in the Republic of Korea for a period exceeding ninety days shall be required to obtain in advance a visa, which shall be issued without charge, from the competent Korean diplomatic or consular authorities.
- (c) The waiver of the visa requirement shall not exempt Korean nationals coming to the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, or British subjects proceeding to the Republic of Korea, from

the necessity of complying with the respective laws and regulations of these territories concerning the entry, exit, registration, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of aliens. 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 to land.

- (d) Korean nationals normally resident in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, shall not be required to obtain a re-entry visa to the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man on return from travel outside these territories.
- (e) British subjects in possession of passports as defined in sub-paragraph (b) above and normally resident in the Republic of Korea shall be granted, upon request, multiple re-entry visas without charge, effective for the authorized duration of residence in the Republic of Korea.
- (f) The competent authorities of the Republic of Korea and of the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man reserve the right to refuse leave to enter or stay in their territory in any case where the person concerned is undesirable or otherwise ineligible under the general policy of the respective Governments relating to the entry of aliens.
- (g) Either Government may suspend the foregoing provisions in whole or in part temporarily for reasons of public policy. Any such suspension shall be notified immediately to the other Government through the diplomatic channel.
- (h) Korean nationals travelling to territories for the international relations of which the Government of the United Kingdom are responsible other than those referred to in sub-paragraph (a) above and British subjects not in possession of passports as defined in sub-paragraph (b) above shall not come within the scope of this Agreement.

2. If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I have the honour to suggest that the present Note and your reply to that effect shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force thirty days after the date of your Note in reply and shall thereafter be subject to termination by either Government giving thirty days' notice in writing to the other.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

EI WHAN PAI.

No. 2

*The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
to the Ambassador of Korea*

*Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
London, S.W.1.*

18 November, 1969.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note No. P/L/75 of today's date which reads as follows:—

[As in No. 1]

2. In reply I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland who therefore agree that Your Excellency's Note and the present reply shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter, which shall enter into force thirty days after the date of this reply⁽¹⁾ and shall thereafter be subject to termination by either Government giving thirty days' notice in writing to the other.

I have the honour to be,

with the highest consideration,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

(for the Secretary of State)

B. H. HEDDY.

(1) The Agreement entered into force on 18 December, 1969.