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**AUSTRALIA
and
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning the
abolition of visa fees. Canberra, 10 February 1950**

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et
ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE**

**Echange de notes constituant un accord relatif à la suppression
des droits de visas. Canberra, 10 février 1950**

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No. 763. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING THE ABOLITION OF VISA FEES. CANBERRA, 10 FEBRUARY 1950

I

MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

10th February, 1950

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to discussions which have taken place between representatives of our two Governments on the question of visa fees and to confirm that on the understanding that the Government of the United States of America will waive visa fees in respect of Australian citizens proceeding to the United States of America for purposes other than permanent residence, the Government of Australia is likewise willing, with effect from 1st March 1950, to accord similar treatment in respect of United States citizens proceeding to Australia for purposes other than permanent residence.

As the Australian Government understands that the Government of the United States of America is in fact agreeable to granting reciprocal treatment to Australian citizens in this regard, I have the honour to propose that this Note and your confirmatory reply thereto be deemed to constitute and evidence the agreement reached between our two Governments in this matter.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

(Signed) Percy C. SPENDER

Minister of State for External Affairs

His Excellency Mr. Pete Jarman
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America
The United States Embassy
Canberra, A.C.T.

¹ Came into force on 1 March 1950, by the exchange and according to the terms of the said notes.

II

THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 20

February 10, 1950

Sir :

I have the honor to refer to your Note of today's date concerning discussions which have taken place between representatives of our two Governments on the question of visa fees and to confirm that the Government of the United States of America is agreeable to waiving visa fees, with effect from March 1, 1950, in respect of Australian citizens proceeding to the United States of America for purposes other than permanent residence on the understanding that the Government of Australia is likewise willing, with effect from March 1, 1950, to accord similar treatment in respect of United States citizens proceeding to Australia for purposes other than permanent residence.

Inasmuch as the Australian Government has expressed its agreement with this proposal, I have the honor to confirm that your Note of today's date together with this reply, do constitute and evidence the agreement reached between our two Governments in this matter.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) Andrew B. FOSTER
Chargé d'affaires *ad interim*

The Honorable Percy Claude Spender
The Minister for External Affairs and External Territories
Parliament House
Canberra