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No. 3513. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING A VISA AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. CAPE TOWN, 28 MARCH AND 3 APRIL 1956

I

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
CAPE TOWN

28th March, 1956

Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honour to refer to recent negotiations between our respective countries to provide for the simplification of existing visa formalities and to inform you that the Government of the Union of South Africa have considered and approved the following arrangement :

1. The Government of the Union of South Africa will order all visas to be issued gratis to citizens of the United States of America intending to visit the Union of South Africa or South West Africa for purely temporary purposes.

Such visas shall be valid for one year from the date of issue and for multiple entries into the Union or South West Africa, with the following exceptions :

- (i) A visa issued to an exchange visitor shall be limited to a single entry;
- (ii) a visa issued to a representative of a non-member government to an international organisation, and members of his immediate family, shall be limited to a single entry;
- (iii) a visa issued to a temporary worker shall be valid for multiple entries for a period not to exceed one year and shall expire upon the anticipated date of termination of the authorized employment.

2. The Government of the United States of America will likewise order all visas to be issued gratis to South African citizens intending to visit the United States of America for purely temporary purposes.

Such visas shall be valid for one year from the date of issue and for multiple entries into the United States of America, with the following exceptions :

- (i) A visa issued to an exchange visitor (i.e. the EX type) shall be limited to a single entry;

¹ Came into force on 1 May 1956, in accordance with the terms of the said notes.

- (ii) a visa issued to a representative of a non-member government to an international organisation, and members of his immediate family (i.e. the G3 type) shall be limited to a single entry;
- (iii) a visa issued to a temporary worker (i.e. the H type) shall be valid for multiple entries for a period not to exceed one year and shall expire upon the anticipated date of termination of the authorised employment.

3. This agreement shall not exempt South African citizens or citizens of the United States of America from the obligation of complying with the requirements applicable in respect of admission, residence and employment on entering the United States of America and South Africa respectively. Persons who are not able to satisfy immigration or police authorities of their compliance with the abovementioned requirements are liable to be refused admission on arrival.

This letter, together with your confirmation thereof, will be regarded as an agreement between our two Governments which shall be binding until further notice by either party, and the arrangement shall come into operation on the first day of May, 1956.

Please accept, Mr. Ambassador, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Eric H. Louw
Minister of External Affairs

His Excellency Mr. E. T. Wailes
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America
Cape Town

II

THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CAPE TOWN

April 3, 1956

My dear Mr. Minister :

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of March 28, concerning visa arrangements between our two countries, which reads as follows :

[See note I]

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of the United States of America agrees with the arrangements outlined above, and concurs that your Note of March 28, 1956, together with this reply, shall constitute an agreement between our two governments which will enter into force on May 1, 1956.

Please accept, Mr. Minister, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Edward T. WAILES
American Ambassador

The Honorable Eric H. Louw
Minister of External Affairs