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The Chargé d'Affaires of the Legation of Finland in Canada to the Secretary of State for External Affairs

LEGATION OF FINLAND
OTTAWA

No. 52/3056

December 19, 1955

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Finland has under review its policy of visas and visa fees for foreign nationals travelling to or through Finland.

It has been decided, as a step towards easing travel barriers, that visa fees may be waived in respect of the citizens of certain countries, on condition of reciprocity.

I have been instructed to inform you that the Government of Finland is ready to issue, from February 1, 1956, visas free of charge to Canadian citizens, if the Government of Canada is prepared, with effect from the same date, to instruct Canadian visa officers to issue visas gratis to nationals of Finland.

I would highly appreciate if, through your good offices, I could be informed whether the Government of Canada agrees to the proposed arrangements.

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

Sigurd VON NUMERS

The Honourable Lester B. Pearson
Secretary of State for External Affairs
East Block
Ottawa, Ontario

¹ Came into force on 9 January 1956 by the exchange of the said notes.

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*The Secretary of State for External Affairs to the Chargé d'Affaires of the Legation
of Finland in Canada*

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

No. C.—

Ottawa, January 9, 1956

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your Note No. 52-3056 of the 19th of December 1955, concerning the proposal for the waiving of visa fees.

The proposals included therein are acceptable to the Government of Canada, and I suggest that your Note and this reply shall constitute an Agreement between our two countries.

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

L. B. PEARSON

Secretary of State for External Affairs

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