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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning
arrangements to facilitate travel between the United
Kingdom and the Federal Republic. Bonn, 20 June 1960**

Official texts: English and German.

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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
RÉPUBLIQUE FÉDÉRALE D'ALLEMAGNE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à des arrange-
ments tendant à faciliter les voyages entre le Royaume-
Uni et la République fédérale. Bonn, 20 juin 1960**

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No. 5528. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS TO FACILITATE TRAVEL BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. BONN, 20 JUNE 1960

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*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Bonn to the Federal German Deputy State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

BRITISH EMBASSY

Bonn, June 20, 1960

Sir,

You will be aware that in connexion with the question of the simplification of frontier formalities, the Council of Europe and the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (O.E.E.C.) have recommended that Member countries of the Organisation should admit to their territories for visits of not more than three months each other's nationals on the presentation of identity cards based on the standard form recommended by the Tourism Committee of the O.E.E.C.

2. I have now the honour, on instructions from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to inform you that in order to meet the wishes expressed in these recommendations and to facilitate the movements of German tourists, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the competent authorities of the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands are prepared to admit into the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands German travellers provided their stay does not exceed three months and is not for employment and provided that each visitor is in possession of either :

- (i) a valid identity card (*Personalausweis*) of the Federal Republic of Germany;
or
- (ii) a valid identity card (*Behelfsmässiger Personalausweis*) issued by the competent authorities in *Land* Berlin; or
- (iii) in the case of minors under 15 years of age ordinarily resident in West Berlin, a certificate (with a photograph of the holder) issued by the com-

¹ Came into force on 7 July 1960, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

petent authorities in *Land* Berlin to the effect that the person concerned has been registered as being resident in Berlin and is a German.

In addition to their personal identity documents, travellers will be required to be in possession of a British Visitor's Card a specimen of which is enclosed with this Note.¹ The Visitor's Cards will be obtainable from travel agents throughout the Federal Republic and West Berlin.

3. It is understood that any visitor who has entered the United Kingdom on presentation of an identity card, but who subsequently applies for and obtains leave to stay longer than three months must obtain a national passport before the expiry of that period, and any visitor wishing to come to the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands for such purpose as study, work under permit, or "au pair" arrangements, must be in possession of a national passport on arrival. It is also understood that the returnability to the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany of the holder of any of the personal identity documents mentioned in the preceding paragraph of this Note is guaranteed, and that persons coming to the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands without passports for a purpose other than that of a tourist visit, will be liable to be refused leave to land.

4. If the foregoing conditions are acceptable to the Federal German Government, I have the honour to suggest that the present Note, together with your reply in that sense, should be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force on the 7th of July, 1960, it being understood that either Government reserves the right to terminate these arrangements by giving three months' written notice.

5. This Agreement shall also apply to *Land* Berlin provided that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has not made a contrary declaration to the Government of the United Kingdom within three months of the date of entry into force of the Agreement.

I have, etc.,

Christopher STEEL

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