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I

C81/016^{II}

24th September 1968

Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honour to bring to Your Excellency's knowledge that, in order to facilitate travel between Jamaica and France, the Jamaican Government proposes to the French Government the adoption of the following arrangements :

(1) Jamaican citizens, whatever their country of residence may be, are free to enter France, and to leave, by any route, without a visa, provided that they are holders of a valid national passport.

(2) French citizens, whatever their country of residence may be, are free to enter Jamaica, and to leave, by any route, without a visa, provided that they are holders of a valid national passport.

(3) The facilities provided for in the preceding paragraphs are applicable only in the case of visits not exceeding ninety days.

It remains obligatory for the citizens of one of the Contracting Parties, desirous of entering the territory of the other for a visit of more than ninety days, or of engaging in remunerative activities, to obtain a visa prior to their arrival in the receiving territory.

(4) The arrangements mentioned in the preceding paragraphs do not alter the legally prescribed regulations pertaining to visits of aliens to the territory of each of the two countries.

(5) Each of the Contracting Parties reserves the right to refuse entry or sojourn into its territory to citizens of the other whom it considers as undesirable.

(6) Each of the two Contracting Parties undertakes to readmit, without formality, into its territory, any holder of one of the documents, valid or expired, specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 and issued by it, even in the case of a person whose nationality is being contested.

¹ Came into force on 24 October 1968, thirty days after the date of the letter in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said letters.

(7) Each of the two Governments reserves the right, for reasons of security, of law and order or of public health, to suspend temporarily the application of the present arrangements, except as regards those of the preceding paragraph. Such a decision shall be notified immediately through diplomatic channels and, if possible, after agreement between the two Contracting Parties. The same procedure will apply once the measure in question has been revoked.

(8) The present arrangements apply, as far as Jamaica is concerned, to Jamaican territory, and, as far as France is concerned, to European territory and to the Overseas Departments (Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique and Reunion).

I suggest that the present letter and Your Excellency's reply constitute the agreement concerning the suppression of the short-term visa between Jamaica and France, which would come into effect thirty days after the date of this reply and could be revoked at any time by either Government, revocation taking effect ninety days after written notification has been given.

Please accept, Mr. Ambassador, the assurances of my highest consideration.

H. L. SHEARER
Prime Minister
and Minister of External Affairs

His Excellency Mr. Michel Louët
French Ambassador to Jamaica

II

Kingston, 24th September 1968

Mr. Prime Minister,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's letter No. C81-016² II of September 24th, 1968, which reads as follows :

[*See letter I*]

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the terms stipulated in the foregoing letter meet with the approval of the Government of the French Republic. This letter and the present reply constitute, therefore, the agreement on this subject between both Governments.

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

M. LOUËT
Ambassador for France

His Excellency Hugh L. Shearer
Prime Minister of Jamaica
Minister of External Affairs
Kingston