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I

FINNISH EMBASSY

LONDON

March 25, 1969

N° 1097

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Finland are prepared, with a view to facilitating travel between Finland and Jamaica, and having regard to the Convention of July 12th, 1957,² concerning the waiver of passport control at the Inter-Nordic frontiers, to conclude an agreement with the Government of Jamaica on the following terms :

1. Finnish citizens holding valid Finnish passports shall be free to travel from any place whatever to Jamaica and stay therein for a period not exceeding three months without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.

2. Citizens of Jamaica holding valid Jamaican passports shall be free to travel from any place whatever to Finland and stay there for a period not exceeding three months without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance. This period of three months shall be calculated from the date of entry into any Nordic State being a Party to the Convention of July 12th, 1957, concerning the waiver of passport control at the Inter-Nordic frontiers. Any sojourn in any of these States during the six months preceding the entry into Finland shall be included in the above-mentioned period of three months.

3. It is understood that the waiver of the visa requirements does not exempt Finnish citizens and citizens of Jamaica coming to Jamaica and Finland respectively, from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations of Jamaica and Finland concerning the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners.

4. The competent authorities of each country reserve the right to refuse leave to enter or stay in the country to persons considered undesirable.

¹ Came into force on 1 May 1969, in accordance with paragraph 5 of the said letters.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 322, p. 245.

5. The present Agreement shall enter into force on May 1st, 1969. It may be renounced by either Government subject to three months' notice in writing. Either Government may suspend the foregoing provisions, in whole or in part, temporarily for reasons of public order and such suspension shall be notified immediately to the other Government through the diplomatic channel.

If the Government of Jamaica are prepared to accept the foregoing provisions I have the honour to suggest that the present Note and the reply of Your Excellency in similar terms should be considered as placing on record the Agreement between the two Governments in this matter.

I avail myself of this opportunity to assure Your Excellency of my highest consideration.

Otso WARTIOVAARA
Ambassador

His Excellency Sir Laurence Lindo, C.M.G.
High Commissioner for Jamaica
London, W.1

II

28th March, 1969

LP. 6/01

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's letter No. 1097 of the 25th of March, 1969, which reads as follows :

[See letter I]

In reply I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the proposed arrangements are acceptable to the Government of Jamaica which also regards Your Excellency's letter and this reply as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force on the 1st of May, 1969.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

Laurence LINDO
High Commissioner

His Excellency Monsieur Otso Wartiovaara
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Finnish Embassy