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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
CZECHOSLOVAKIA**

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement for the establishment of a New York branch office of the Commercial Section of the Embassy of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic in Washington. Washington, 8 and 28 August 1967

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE**

Échange de notes constituant un accord sur l'ouverture à New York d'une agence de la Section commerciale de l'Ambassade de la République socialiste tchécoslovaque à Washington. Washington, 8 et 28 août 1967

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT ¹
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
A NEW YORK BRANCH OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL
SECTION OF THE EMBASSY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC IN WASHINGTON

I

August 8, 1967

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The Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic presents his compliments to His Excellency the Secretary of State and, with reference to previous conversations with representatives of the United States Government and to the Aide-memoire of May 15, 1963* of the Embassy of the United States of America in Prague regarding the establishment of a branch of the Commercial Section of the Embassy of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic in Washington, has the honor to inform as follows:

The Embassy of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic in Washington takes note of the assurances given to the representatives of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic regarding the approval of the United States Government of the establishment in New York of a branch of the Commercial Section of the Embassy of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic in Washington.

The branch office will be subject to the following regulations:

1) In charge of the branch commercial office will be a diplomatic officer with the rank of commercial attaché.

2) The head of the branch office will enjoy privileges and immunities afforded to diplomatic personnel and he will be listed in the Diplomatic List of the Department of State as a diplomatic officer of the Embassy of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.

3) Subordinate employees of the branch office will be given "A-2" visas as employees of the Embassy of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and will enjoy the status of administrative and technical personnel; as such they will be exempted from taxes and social security payments and will enjoy other privileges and immunities in conformity with international law.

¹ Came into force on 28 August 1967 by the exchange of the said notes.

* Not printed.

4) The head of the branch commercial office and members of his staff will engage in general trade promotion activities. They will not function as agents or principals in commercial transactions or enter into contractual agreements on behalf of commercial organizations.

5) The Commercial Section of the Embassy of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic in Washington will rent suitable office space in New York which will be considered as part of the office of the Embassy of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, with its archives and files being considered part of the archives and files of the Embassy of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic in the United States of America.

6) The Department of State will be given formal advance notice of all personnel being assigned to the branch office in New York.

The *Chargé d'Affaires a.i.* of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, in the expectation that His Excellency the Secretary of State will confirm all of these stipulations in a note of analogic contents, wishes to express his hope that the establishment of the office of the Commercial Section in New York will facilitate the development of trade relations between the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and the United States of America.

Embassy of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic
Washington, D.C.

II

August 28, 1967

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the *Charge d'Affaires ad interim* of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and acknowledges the receipt of his note of August 8, 1967, requesting approval for the establishment of a New York branch office of the Commercial Section of the Embassy of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic in Washington.

The Government of the United States of America grants its approval for the establishment in New York of a branch office of the Commercial Section of the Embassy of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic in Washington, subject to the stipulations set forth below:

1) A diplomatic officer with the rank of Commercial Attache will be in charge of the branch commercial office.

2) The officer in charge of the branch office will enjoy the privileges and immunities afforded diplomatic personnel and he will be listed in the Diplomatic List of the Department of State as a diplomatic officer of the Embassy of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.

3) Subordinate employees of the branch office will be given "A-2" visas as employees of the Czechoslovak Government. Having this status, they will not be required to pay United States income and social security taxes but will be subject to those travel controls which are applicable to Czechoslovak officials assigned to the United States.

4) The officer in charge of the branch office and members of his staff will engage in general trade promotion activities. They will not function as agents or principals in commercial transactions or enter into contractual agreements on behalf of commercial organizations.

5) The Commercial Section of the Embassy of the Socialist Republic in Washington will rent suitable office space in New York which will be considered part of the office of the Embassy of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic with its archives and files also considered a part of the Embassy of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic in Washington.

6) The Department of State will be given formal advance notice of all personnel being assigned to the branch office in New York.

The Secretary of State joins the Charge d'Affaires ad interim in the hope that the establishment in New York of a branch office of the Commercial Section of the Embassy of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic in Washington will facilitate the development of trade relations between the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and the United States of America.

Department of State
Washington