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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement regarding
extended validity of passports issued by Trinidad and
Tobago. Port of Spain, 28 October and 12 November 1969**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
TRINITÉ-ET-TOBAGO**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord concernant la
prorogation de validité des passeports délivrés par la
Trinité-et-Tobago. Port of Spain, 28 octobre et
12 novembre 1969**

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO REGARDING EXTENDED
VALIDITY OF PASSPORTS ISSUED BY TRINIDAD AND
TOBAGO

I

*The American Embassy to the Ministry of External Affairs
of Trinidad and Tobago*

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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of External Affairs and has the honor to refer to the Ministry's Note No. 761 of 21 August, 1969,* and to earlier correspondence regarding the requirements of Section 212 (a) (26) of the United States Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended. It has the honor, further, to request the confirmation of the Ministry that bearers of Trinidad and Tobago passports may reenter Trinidad and Tobago following a visit abroad even though the period of validity stated in the passport has expired.

Section 212 (a) (26) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of the United States provides that persons applying for non-immigrant visas for entry into the United States must be in possession of a passport valid for a minimum period of six months beyond the date of the expiration of the initial period of his admission or contemplated initial period of stay authorizing him to return to the country from which he came or to proceed to and enter some other country during such period.

Provided that Trinidad and Tobago nationals may return to and enter Trinidad and Tobago for a period of six months beyond the expiration date specified in the passport, possession of a passport at the time of a visa application and application for admission into the United States which is valid for the initial period of admission or contemplated initial period of stay in the

* Not printed.

¹ Came into force on 12 November 1969, date of the note in reply; in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

United States would satisfy the requirements of Section 212 (a) (26) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The Embassy proposes that this Note, and the Ministry's Note in reply, confirming that nationals of Trinidad and Tobago will, in fact, be permitted to reenter Trinidad and Tobago for a period of at least six months after their passports have expired, shall constitute an agreement between our two countries, so that henceforth, nationals of Trinidad and Tobago at the time of a visa application and entry into the United States will only need to be in possession of a passport valid for the initial period of their admission or contemplated stay in the United States in order to satisfy the requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Embassy of the United States of America

Port of Spain, October 28, 1969

II

No. 1169

The Ministry of External Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the Embassy's Note No. 87 of 28 October, 1969, which reads as follows :

[See note I]

The Ministry of External Affairs had the honour to confirm that the above-mentioned understandings are acceptable to the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and that the Embassy's Note together with this reply shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between our two Governments effective from the date of this reply.

The Ministry of External Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of External Affairs
"Knowsley"

Port of Spain, 12 November 1969