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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
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gramme d'échange de bourses dans le domaine des arts
en vue de la célébration du Bicentenaire des États-Unis
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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING AN EXCHANGE PROGRAMME OF FELLOWSHIPS IN THE ARTS TO CELEBRATE THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

I

*The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
to the Ambassador of the United States of America*

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE
LONDON, S.W.1

2 July 1975

Your Excellency,

With reference to the discussions between representatives of our two Governments concerning an exchange programme of Fellowships in the creative and performed arts as part of the celebration of the Bicentennial year of the United States of America I have the honour to propose an Agreement in the following terms:

(1) The Bicentennial Fellowships will normally be open to men and women already established in their fields who show clear potential to become prominent members of their professions. The Fellowships shall be awarded for a duration of up to twelve months in the fields of the creative and performed arts. These may include, drama, opera, ballet, music, cinema, television, graphics, design, painting, sculpture, architecture or any other field of activity considered by the selecting Committee to be in the spirit of the Fellowships.

(2) The Government of the United Kingdom shall establish a Selection Committee to be known as the United Kingdom–United States Bicentennial Fellowships Committee. The Committee shall include one representative of the Government of the United States of America. The Secretariat of the Committee shall be provided by the British Council.

(3) The Government of the United States of America shall create a Selection Committee to be known as the United States–United Kingdom Bicentennial Fellowships Committee. The Committee shall include one representative of the Government of the United Kingdom. The Secretariat of the Committee shall be provided by the National Endowment for the Arts.

(4) Each Committee shall be responsible for nominating citizens of its own country from which the Committee of the receiving country shall select up to five Fellows each year.

(5) The two Committees may also suggest the nominations of Fellows from the sending country whom their own institutions would be interested in receiving.

¹ Came into force on 2 July 1975, the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

(6) Each Committee shall arrange the placing of Fellows in its own country with such institutions as theatres, ballet companies, orchestras, universities, radio/television companies or any other institutions which are active in their specialized field of activity. This shall be done in consultation, where necessary, with the Committee of the sending country.

(7) Each Fellow shall receive a stipend sufficient to cover his living and working expenses. The stipends shall be set at a level mutually acceptable to both Committees. The fellowships shall include the payments of transatlantic fares for the Fellow, spouse and unmarried children up to the age of 18 and a baggage allowance. Where a Fellowship is awarded for a period of six months or less, however, the payment of passages shall be at the discretion of the Committee of the sending country.

(8) The cost of stipends and travel expenses for the United States Fellows and the expenses of the United States–United Kingdom Bicentennial Fellowships Committee shall be met by the Government of the United States.

(9) The cost of stipends and travel expenses for the British Fellows and the expenses of the United Kingdom–United States Bicentennial Fellowships Committee shall be met by the Government of the United Kingdom.

(10) It is intended that the first Fellows should be exchanged early in 1976.

(11) Nothing in the present Agreement shall affect or be deemed to affect the obligation of any person to comply with the laws and regulations in force in the territory of each contracting Government concerning the entry, employment, residence and departure of foreigners.

(12) During the third year of the exchange programme there shall be a review and the effects of the Programme shall be evaluated. The terms of this Agreement may then be amended with the mutual agreement of the contracting Governments.

(13) The purpose and obligations of this Agreement shall be subject to the availability of funds.

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United States of America I have the honour to suggest that this Note together with Your Excellency's reply in that sense shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your reply and shall remain in force for a period of five years.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration, Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

JAMES CALLAGHAN

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*The Ambassador of the United States of America to the Secretary of State
for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs*

London, July 2, 1975

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Excellency,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Note of today which reads as follows:

[See note I]

In reply I have the honor to inform you that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United States of America who therefore agree that your Note together with this reply shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on this day's date and shall remain in force for a period of five years.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

ELLIOT RICHARDSON