

WAIVER OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

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The American Minister to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA
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No. 264

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to communicate to Your Excellency my understanding of the agreement reached through recent conversations held at the Secretariat of Foreign Relations at San José, Costa Rica, between representatives of the Governments of the United States of America and of the Republic of Costa Rica, with reference to the elimination of fees for visaing passports of non-immigrant citizens of the United States desiring to visit Costa Rica, and non-immigrant citizens of Costa Rica desiring to visit the United States. My understanding of this agreement is as follows:

The Government of the United States will, from the 25th of July, 1925, collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of citizens or subjects of Costa Rica desiring to visit the United States (including the insular possessions) who are not "immigrants" as defined in the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924; namely: "(1) a Government official, his family, attendants, servants, and employees, (2) an alien visiting the United States temporarily as a tourist or temporarily for business or pleasure, (3) an alien in continuous transit through the United States, (4) an alien lawfully admitted to the United States who later goes in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory, (5) a bona fide alien seaman serving as such on a vessel arriving at a port of the United States and seeking to enter temporarily the United States solely in the pursuit of his calling as a seaman, and (6) an alien entitled to enter the United States solely to carry on trade under and in pursuance of the provisions of a present existing treaty of commerce and navigation;" and from the same date the Government of Costa Rica will collect no fees for visaing passports or executing applications therefor, in the case of non-immigrant

citizens of the United States, of like classes, desiring to visit Costa Rica or its possessions.

I shall be glad to have Your Excellency's confirmation of the accord thus reached.

I avail myself of this occasion to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

ROY T. DAVIS

His Excellency

Señor J. R. ARGÜELLO DE VARS

*Minister of Foreign Affairs
of Costa Rica.*

Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the American Minister

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REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA
SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

No. 146, B

SAN JOSÉ, *June 29, 1925*

MR. MINISTER:

I have the honor to reply as to my understanding of Your Excellency's esteemed note No. 264 of this date, relative to the agreement at which Your Excellency and I have arrived in conversations recently held in this Secretariat of State, regarding the elimination of fees for the visa of passports of non-immigrant Costa Rican citizens who desire to visit the United States, and of passports of non-immigrant North American citizens who desire to visit Costa Rica.

Said understanding is identical with that set forth in the above mentioned note, which reads as follows:

[For terms of understanding, see second paragraph of U.S. note, above.]

I avail myself of this occasion to renew to Your Excellency the testimony of my most distinguished consideration.

J. R. ARGÜELLO DE VARS

His Excellency

Mr. ROY T. DAVIS,

*Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary of
the United States of America.
San José.*