

EXCHANGE OF NOTES
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF NEW ZEALAND
AND SWITZERLAND CONCERNING THE MUTUAL
ABOLITION OF VISAS

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SIR,

I have the honour to refer to our discussions concerning arrangements to permit of freedom of travel between our two countries and to suggest that an agreement in the following terms be concluded for the mutual abolition of *visas* for travel between New Zealand and Switzerland:—

- “ 1. Swiss citizens shall be free to travel to New Zealand by any route without the necessity of obtaining a *visa* in advance provided they are furnished with valid Swiss passports.
- “ 2. Holders of valid passports bearing on the cover ‘British Passport: Dominion of New Zealand,’ and inside a description of the holder’s national status as a British subject, shall be free to travel to Switzerland by any route without the necessity of obtaining a *visa* in advance.
- “ 3. It is understood that the waiver of the *visa* requirement does not exempt Swiss citizens and British subjects travelling respectively to New Zealand and to Switzerland from the necessity of complying with the New Zealand and Swiss laws and regulations concerning the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners, and that travellers who are unable to satisfy the Immigration authorities that they comply with these regulations may be refused leave to enter or land.