

Mr. PETER FRASER to Mr. R. L. SCOTTEN

Ministry of External Affairs,
Wellington, 14 March, 1949.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 14 March, 1949, in which, with a view to facilitating non-immigrant travel between our two countries, you suggest that an Agreement be concluded in the following terms :

- (1) New Zealand citizens in possession of valid passports issued by the Government of New Zealand and endorsed "New Zealand Citizen" travelling to the United States and its possessions who are *bona fide* non-immigrants within the meaning of the immigration laws of the United States and who are eligible to receive *visas*, will be granted non-immigrant passport *visas* at a reduced fee of two dollars or the equivalent in foreign currency; no fee is to be collected for execution of applications therefor. Diplomatic *visas* and official *visas*, as well as *visas* issued under the provisions of section 3 (7) of the Immigration Act of 1924, as amended, will, however, continue to be granted without fee to qualified applicants who are travelling to the United States and its possessions.
- (2) United States citizens in possession of valid passports issued by the Government of the United States of America proceeding to New Zealand, New Zealand Island Territories and the Trust Territory of Western Samoa, will be granted passport *visas* (other than single-entry transit *visas*) at a fee of two dollars or the equivalent in foreign currency. Diplomatic *visas* and official *visas*, as well as *visas* issued to officers and employees of organizations declared by the Governor-General to be organizations within the meaning of section 3 (1) of the Diplomatic Privileges Extension Act, 1947, however, will be granted without fee to qualified applicants who are in possession of valid passports issued by the Government of the United States of America and who are travelling to New Zealand, New Zealand Island Territories and the Trust Territory of Western Samoa.