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The Embassy of New Zealand presents its compliments to the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to refer to the Exchange of Notes between the Government of New Zealand and the Government of Norway concerning the mutual abolition of visas completed in London on 22 November 1949.

The Embassy of New Zealand wishes to advise that the Government of New Zealand proposes to standardise and streamline temporary entry procedures into New Zealand. In accordance with those wishes the Government proposes to introduce revised rules governing temporary entry for business or tourist purposes. It is intended that with effect from 1 January 1986 Norwegian nationals possessing valid Norwegian passports, and who desire to enter New Zealand for business or tourist purposes for not longer than three months, will not require a visa.

These arrangements do not include visits to The Cook Islands, Niue or Tokelau, for which the immigration requirements of those Administrations apply.

The Embassy of New Zealand takes this opportunity to renew to the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway the assurances of its highest consideration.

New Zealand Embassy

THE HAGUE

18 November 1985

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Royal Norwegian Embassy

London, 22nd November 1949.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform your Excellency that in order to facilitate travel to Norwegian and New Zealand territories the Royal Norwegian Government are prepared to conclude with the New Zealand Government an agreement in the following terms:

- (1) Norwegian subjects shall be free to travel from any place whatever to New Zealand without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance provided that they are furnished with valid Norwegian passports.
- (2) Holders of valid passports bearing, on the cover, the inscription "British Passport: New Zealand" and, inside, the description of the holder's national status as "British subject and New Zealand citizen" shall be free to travel from any place whatever to Norway, Spitzbergen and Norwegian Overseas Territories without the necessity of obtain-

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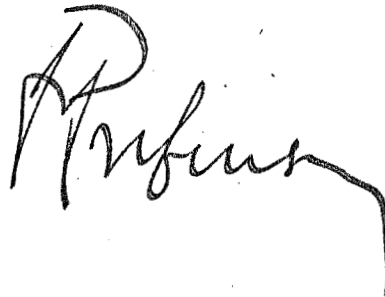
- (3) It is understood that the waiver of the visa requirement does not exempt Norwegian subjects and British subjects who are New Zealand citizens coming respectively to New Zealand and to Norway from the necessity of complying with New Zealand and Norwegian laws and regulations concerning the entry, residence (temporary and permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners, and that travellers who are unable to satisfy the immigration authorities that they comply with these laws and regulations are liable to be refused leave to enter or land.
- (4) As regards travel by Norwegian subjects to New Zealand Island Territories and the Trust Territory of Western Samoa, visas will not be required but it will be necessary for travellers to comply with the laws and regulations concerning the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners in the Island Territories or the Trust Territory of Western Samoa as the case may be. Travellers who are unable to satisfy the Immigration Authorities that they comply with these regulations may be refused leave to enter or land.

2. If the New Zealand Government are prepared to accept the foregoing provisions I have the honour

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to suggest that the present note and Your Excellency's reply in similar terms should be regarded as placing on record the agreement between the two Governments, which shall take effect on the 1st January, 1950.

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

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