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CONSULAR NO. 31

Ottawa, November 5, 1948.

Sir,

Consular Instructions:
Amendment No. 11

In Circular Document Consular No. 14 of July 19th, 1948, I informed you of the amendment to Order in Council P.C. 4851 respecting the production of passports by persons seeking to enter or land in Canada. I indicated to you in this Circular Document that a travel document or affidavit establishing the identity of the holder thereof could be accepted in lieu of a passport in the case of certain classes of persons.

2. In this connection, I have been asked whether the travel document or affidavit in lieu of a passport could be issued by Canadian Diplomatic or Consular representatives, provided proper evidence is submitted by the applicant. I now attach for your information a copy of despatch No. 322 of October 14th to the Canadian Ambassador in Buenos Aires dealing with the particular case of a Mr. Gregorio Kowalzhuk. The information contained therein can serve to answer this question of issuance of affidavits.

3. You are aware, moreover, that Section 8.03(c) of the Consular Instructions authorized the acceptance of a travel document only in lieu of a passport in the case of an immigrant who has been displaced from his country of origin as a result of the war, and who is not in possession of a valid passport. In view of the passage of Order in Council P.C. 3015 of July 8th, 1948, amending P.C. 4851 of November 26th, 1947, you are requested to amend Article 8.03(c) in your copies of the Consular Instructions to read as follows:

"That a travel document or affidavit establishing the identity of the holder thereof may be accepted in lieu of a passport in the following classes:-

- (a) A woman who has become a British subject by reason of marriage to a British subject domiciled in Canada.
- (b) An alien who is a refugee from his country or origin and who is unable to obtain a valid National passport; provided that every non-immigrant in this

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