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The Canadian Ambassador to Spain to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

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MADRID, December 18, 1959.

EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Excellency's Note of December 18 and to inform you that the Canadian Government is prepared to conclude an agreement on visas in the form proposed in Your Excellency's Note, that is, in the following terms:

(I) Spanish citizens who are bona fide non-immigrants desiring to enter Canada temporarily and who are in possession of valid passports issued by the competent Spanish authorities will be granted gratis by the competent Canadian visa issuing officers, with a minimum of delay and formality, ordinary non-immigrant visas valid for an unlimited number of entries into Canada during a period of twelve months from the dates of issue of such visas. The period of validity mentioned in the preceding sentence refers only to the period during which the visas may be used to gain admission at a Canadian port of entry and not to the duration of stay authorized by the Canadian Immigration Authorities at the time of entry.

(II) Canadian citizens who are bona fide non-immigrants and who are in possession of valid Canadian passports may visit Continental Spain, the Balearic Islands, and the Canary Islands, on business or pleasure or in transit, for periods not exceeding three consecutive months without obtaining Spanish diplomatic or consular visas.

(III) It is understood, however, that Canadian and Spanish citizens coming respectively to Continental Spain, the Balearic Islands, and the Canary Islands, and to Canada shall be subject to the laws and regulations of the country concerned regarding entry, residence (temporary or permanent), and employment or exercise of any professional activity, whether remunerative or not, applicable to foreigners at the date of entry.

As suggested, Your Excellency's Note and the present reply shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall come into force on January 25, 1960, and shall remain in force until two months after notice of termination by either Government.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

JEAN BRUCHÉSI,
Ambassador.

His Excellency,
The Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Madrid.