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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
FRANCE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à des arrange-
ments tendant à faciliter la circulation des personnes
entre le Royaume-Uni et la France. Paris, 14 février 1961**

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No. 5729. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS TO FACILITATE TRAVEL BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FRANCE. PARIS, 14 FEBRUARY 1961

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*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris
to the French Minister for Foreign
Affairs*

*L'Ambassadeur de Sa Majesté britan-
nique à Paris au Ministre des affaires
étrangères de la République française*

BRITISH EMBASSY

Paris, February 14, 1961

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the discussions which have been taking place between representatives of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic and to the recommendation of the Council of Europe and the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation that Member countries of the Organisation should admit each other's nationals to their territory for visits of not more than three months on presentation of identity cards based on the standard form recognised by the Tourism Committee of the Organisation.

2. I now have the honour to inform you that as identity cards are not issued to residents of the United Kingdom a simplified form of passport

¹ Came into force on 15 March 1961, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

¹ Entré en vigueur le 15 mars 1961, conformément aux dispositions des dites notes.

known as the British Visitor's Passport will be available for issue from the 15th of March, 1961, to British subjects, citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies. A British Visitor's Passport will be valid for one year from the date of issue. An applicant for a British Visitor's Passport will not be required by the United Kingdom authorities to produce documentary evidence of his identity and national status, but he will be required to sign a declaration that he is a British subject, citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies. A specimen of the British Visitor's Passport is attached as Annex A¹ to this Note.

3. Accordingly, I now have the honour to propose, on the instructions of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, an Agreement between the two Governments in the following terms :

(a) The Government of the French Republic undertakes to accept the British Visitor's Passport as a valid passport.

(b) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraphs (d) to (g) below, holders of valid British Visitor's Passports may enter and stay in the metropolitan territory of France provided that their stay does not exceed three months and is not for employment.

(c) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraphs (d) to (g) below, French nationals in possession of their national identity cards (a specimen of which is attached to this Note as Annex B¹ together with a British Visitor's Card (a specimen of which is at Annex C¹ may enter and stay in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, provided their stay does not exceed three months and is not for employment.

(d) (i) A Visitor who enters the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man under the provisions of sub-paragraph (c) above and who subsequently obtains leave to stay longer than three months shall be required to obtain a valid French passport before the expiry of the three months' period.

(ii) A visitor who enters the metropolitan territory of France in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph (b) above and who subsequently obtains leave to stay longer than three months shall be required to obtain a passport bearing on the cover the inscription " British Passport " before the expiry of the three months' period.

(e) French nationals proceeding to the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, or British subjects, citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies, proceeding to the metropolitan territory of France under the terms of this agreement shall not be exempt from the necessity of complying with, respectively, the laws and regulations of the United Kingdom or of the French Republic relating to the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and the employment or occupation of foreigners. Travellers who are unable to satisfy the competent authorities that they comply with these laws and regulations may be refused leave to enter or land.

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