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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to paragraph 21 of the Report of the Special Meeting of Foreign Ministers of ASA countries which was held in Kuala Lumpur and Cameron Highlands from the 3rd to 6th April, 1962, which reads as follows :

“The Foreign Ministers agreed to take immediate action to facilitate and encourage the flow of nationals among member countries and, to this end, decided to abolish visa requirements for officials and to waive visa fees for nationals visiting each other's country. Exchange of Notes through normal diplomatic channels for the implementation of this decision will be effected immediately.”

2. With a view to implementing the above decision, the Government of the Federation of Malaya would now like to propose the conclusion of an agreement with the Government of the Republic of the Philippines pertaining to the abolition of visa requirements for officials and the waiver of visa fees for nationals (non-officials) visiting each other's country on the following terms :

(1) *Diplomatic Passports*

(i) Holders of valid diplomatic passports of the Federation of Malaya shall be free to enter the Philippines without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.

(ii) Holders of valid diplomatic passports of the Philippines shall be free to enter the Federation of Malaya without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.

(2) *Special Passports*

(i) Holders of valid ordinary Federation of Malaya passports with a certificate from the Ministry of External Affairs, Kuala Lumpur, verifying that the holder is an official

¹ Came into force on 30 August 1962, thirty days from the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

of the Government of the Federation of Malaya on official visit, or on transit arising out of an official visit to other countries, shall be free to enter the Philippines without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.

(ii) Holders of valid special passports of the Philippines on official visit, or on transit arising out of an official visit to other countries, shall be free to enter the Federation of Malaya without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.

(3) Ordinary Passports

(i) Holders of valid ordinary passports of the Federation of Malaya shall be exempt from visa fees when applying for visas to the Philippine's diplomatic or consular representative, to enter the Philippines as temporary visitors for a period of stay not to exceed 59 days.

(ii) Holders of valid ordinary passports of the Federation of Malaya entering the Philippines as student shall be exempt from visa fees.

(iii) Holders of valid ordinary passports of the Philippines shall be exempt from visa fees when applying for visas to the Malayan diplomatic or consular representative, to enter the Federation of Malaya as temporary visitors for a period of stay not to exceed 59 days.

(iv) Holders of valid ordinary passports of the Philippines entering the Federation of Malaya as students shall be exempt from visa fees.

3. Upon receipt of a note from Your Excellency indicating that the foregoing provisions are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, the Government of the Federation of Malaya will consider that this note and your reply thereto as constituting an agreement to enter into force 30 days from the date of your Note in reply.

4. This agreement shall be terminated on receipt of three months' notice on either side. However, either party may temporarily suspend or withdraw from the present agreement either wholly or partly, for reasons of public order, the suspension shall immediately be notified to the other party through diplomatic channels.

5. Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Manila, July 31, 1962

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