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BRITISH AMBASSY
VIENNA

3 April, 1968

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that to facilitate travel between the United Kingdom and Austria, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland are prepared to conclude with the Republic of Austria an Agreement in the following terms :

(1) (a) Persons holding any one of the travel documents specified hereinafter shall be free to travel to Austria from any place whatsoever without a visa :

- (i) a valid passport bearing on the cover the inscription " British Passport " at the top and at the bottom the inscription " United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland " or " Jersey " or " Guernsey and its Dependencies " or " Gibraltar " and inside the description of the holder's national status as " British subject, citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies ", or " British subject, citizen of the United Kingdom Islands and Colonies " ; or
- (ii) a valid passport issued in the United Kingdom or The Channel Islands or by the British Embassy in Dublin in which the national status of the holder is described as " British subject " or " British Protected Person " ; or
- (iii) a valid British Visitor's Passport in accordance with the specimen which is enclosed as Annex A ; or
- (iv) an Emergency Passport in accordance with the specimen which is enclosed as Annex B.

(b) Persons who have entered Austria holding the documents specified in sub-paragraphs (a) (i) or (ii) above are entitled to stay in the territory of the Austrian Republic for a period of six months from the date of their arrival. The right to stay may be extended by the competent Austrian authority.

(c) Persons who have entered Austria holding the document specified in sub-paragraph (a) (iii) above are entitled to stay in the territory of the Austrian Republic

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for a period of three months from the date of their arrival. This period may be extended by the competent Austrian authority provided the person concerned first obtains a valid British passport bearing on its cover the inscription "British Passport".

(d) Persons who have entered Austria holding the document specified in sub-paragraph (a) (iv) above are entitled to stay for transit purposes for seventy-two hours in the territory of the Austrian Republic from the date of their arrival. This period may be extended by the competent Austrian authority if the passage through Austria has to be interrupted for reasons such as sudden illness or dislocation in the public transport system.

(e) Children under sixteen years of age whose names are included in any of the documents specified in sub-paragraphs (a) (i) to (iv) above held by one or the other of their parents and who are travelling in the company of that parent shall not require an individual travel document.

(2) (a) Austrian citizens holding any one of the travel documents specified hereinafter shall be free to travel without a visa from any place whatsoever to the United Kingdom, The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man :

- (i) a valid Austrian passport ; or
- (ii) a valid Austrian children's identity card in accordance with the specimen which is enclosed as Annex C ; or
- (iii) a valid Austrian identity card (a specimen of which is at Annex D) together with a British Visitor's Card (a specimen of which is at Annex E).

(b) Austrian citizens holding the documents specified in sub-paragraphs (2) (a) (i) or (ii) above shall be free to travel without a visa from any place whatsoever to Gibraltar.

(c) Austrian citizens holding the document specified in sub-paragraph (2) (a) (iii) above are eligible to enter the United Kingdom, The Channel Islands or the Isle of Man provided that their stay does not exceed three months and is not for employment. This period may be extended by the competent British authority provided the person concerned first obtains a valid Austrian passport.

(d) Children under fifteen years of age whose names are included in any of the documents specified in sub-paragraphs (2) (a) (i) and (iii) above, held by one or the other of their parents and who are travelling in the company of that parent shall not require an individual travel document.

(3) The waiver of the visa requirement shall not exempt persons entering the United Kingdom, The Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar on the one hand or Austria on the other hand, from the necessity of complying with the respective laws and regulations of these territories (as they are in force at any given time) concerning the entry, residence and employment or occupation of foreigners. Persons 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) British subjects and British Protected Persons who are in possession of a residence permit for the Republic of Austria and Austrian citizens who are in possession of a residence permit for the United Kingdom, The Channel Islands or the Isle of Man or Gibraltar shall not be required to obtain a re-entry visa for their return from travel outside the said territories.

(5) The competent authorities of the United Kingdom, The Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and Gibraltar on the one hand and of Austria on the other hand reserve the right to refuse leave to enter or stay in their territory to any person who is considered undesirable by those authorities or is otherwise ineligible under the general policy of the respective Contracting States relating to the entry or residence of aliens.

(6) Each Contracting State undertakes to accept back into its territory at any time persons who have entered the territory of the other Contracting State under the terms of the Agreement. For the purposes of this paragraph the word "territory" shall mean, in relation to the United Kingdom, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, The Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and Gibraltar.

(7) The entry of Austrian nationals into territories for the international relations of which the Government of the United Kingdom are responsible, other than The Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and Gibraltar, or the entry into Austria of British subjects not in possession of passports as defined in paragraph (1) (a) above shall not come within the scope of the Agreement.

(8) Either Contracting State may suspend the foregoing provisions in whole or in part temporarily for reasons of public policy, security, or public health. Any such suspension shall be notified immediately to the other Contracting State through the diplomatic channel.

(9) The Agreement shall remain in force until terminated by either Contracting State giving six month's notice in writing to the other through the diplomatic channel.

2. If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Republic of Austria, I have the honour to suggest that the present Note and Your Excellency's reply to that effect shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Contracting States in this matter which shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the Exchange of the Notes.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

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H. E. Dr. Kurt Waldheim
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Vienna

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HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S **N^o**
FOREIGN OFFICE

BRITISH VISITOR'S PASSPORT

for British Subjects : Citizens of
United Kingdom and Colonies only

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UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND

This passport is valid only for travel to those
countries with which Her Majesty's Government
have reached agreement for its acceptance.

*Ce passeport n'est valable que pour les pays qui, par
un accord avec le gouvernement de Sa Majesté, se
sont engagés à l'accepter.*

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Bearer (*Titulaire*)

Name (Surname in capital)
Nom du titulaire

Date and place of birth
Date et lieu de naissance

Height (*Taille*)

Colour of eyes
(Couleur des yeux)

Distinguishing marks
(Signes particuliers)

Address in United Kingdom
(Domicile)

Wife (*Femme*)

Names of accompanying children under 16 years
of age (*Enfants*)

Name
(Nom)

Date of birth
(Date de naissance)

Sex
(Sexe)