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The American Embassy to the Australian Department of External Affairs

THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Department of External Affairs and has the honor to inform the Department of the following matter.

In implementation of a directive of the President dated May 26, 1954,² to facilitate travel to the United States, the Government of the United States is prepared to make the following changes in its immigration regulations affecting the issuance of non-immigrant visas :

1. On the basis of reciprocity, a non-immigrant visa may be issued for a maximum validity of four years for any number of entries and with no fee, provided the passport is valid.
2. On the basis of reciprocity, a non-immigrant visa may be revalidated without formal application any number of times not exceeding four years from the date of original issue, provided the passport is valid.
3. Such a visa may be revalidated if it is about to expire or expires less than twelve months prior to an application for revalidation.
4. Where a visa valid for a single entry is required, on the basis of reciprocity a consular officer may nevertheless issue a non-immigrant visa valid for two entries, provided two fees are collected, if fees are required.
5. Where no fees are required, or the fees are equal, consular officers may issue a combination " B—1 and 2 " (i. e., to cover a visit, the purpose of which is both business and pleasure). Where fees differ, a combination " B—1 and 2 " visa may be issued if the applicant pays the higher fee.

¹ Came into force on 20 August 1955 by the exchange of the said notes.

² Not printed by the Department of State of the United States of America.