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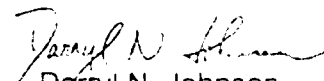
Mr. Hsi-tsan Chen
Secretary General
Coordination Council for North American Affairs
Headquarters for Taipei Economic and Cultural
Representative Office in the U.S. (TECRO)
133 Po Ai Road
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Dear Mr. Chen:

I refer to our letter numbered AIT B-111 of March 4, 1998, proposing that your office provide a written assurance to our office that passports issued by the Taiwan authorities will be recognized as valid for admission of the bearer to Taiwan for six months beyond the expiration date specified in the passport. Your office provided such an assurance in your letter of August 25, 1998.

I am pleased to inform you that the necessary publication recognizing this change has been published in the United States Government's Federal Register on November 9, 1998 (see attached). We are informed that, by thirty days from that date, December 10, 1998, all officers of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service and all United States consular officers will have been informed of the assurance. We understand that on that same date, Taiwan immigration and consular officers will begin to recognize all United States passports as valid for the return of the bearer to the United States for a period of six months beyond the expiration date specified in the passport.

Yours Truly,


Darryl N. Johnson
Director

Enclosure: as stated

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August 26, 1998

Amb. Darryl N. Johnson
Director
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Dear Amb. Johnson:

I have the honor to refer to your letter of March 4, 1998 proposing that TECRO provide AIT with a written assurance that passports issued by our competent authorities will be recognized as valid for the return of the bearer to Taiwan for a period of six months beyond the expiration date specified in the passport.

With reference to my letter dated June 19, 1998 and the follow-up discussions, our two parties have reached the following understanding:

- 1) Citizens of the Republic of China, who have the R.O.C. I.D. number on their passports, shall be allowed to return to this country even if their passports expire.
- 2) Passengers holding U.S.A. passports valid less than six months are eligible for visitor visas or landing visas, the duration of their stay shall be subject to the validity of their passports.
- 3) Our authorities concerned and the United States shall make necessary changes in their procedures to give recognition to the foregoing reciprocal understanding within thirty days thereafter.

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Amb. Darryl N. Johnson

We will consider this letter and your reply and confirmation constitute an agreement between TECRO and AIT on this matter. The agreement shall come into force around September 26, 1998 or at a date suggested by your side.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tajen Liu".

Ta-jen Liu
Chairman



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March 4, 1998

AIT B-111

Ambassador Liu Ta-jen, Chairman
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Taipei, Taiwan

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

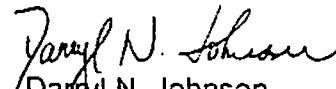
To facilitate travel between Taiwan and the United States I would appreciate your assistance in providing a written assurance to the American Institute in Taiwan that passports issued by the Taiwan authorities will be recognized as valid for admission of the bearer to Taiwan for six months beyond the expiration date specified in the passport.

Under the provisions of Section 212(a)(7)(B)(i)(I) of the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act, a non-immigrant alien who makes application for a visa or for admission into the United States must be in possession of a passport which is valid for a minimum period of six months from the date of expiration of the initial period of his admission into the United States or his contemplated initial period of stay. That passport must authorize him to return to the country from which he came or to proceed to and enter some other country during such period. Attached is a list of governments which have provided their assurance to the Government of the United States that their passports are recognized as valid for the return of the bearer to the country of the issuing authority for a period of six months beyond the expiration date specified in the passport. Applicants from those countries whose passports are recognized for the additional six months may be issued U.S. visas and be admitted to the United States so long as they bear a valid passport, regardless of

the remainder of its validity. It is our understanding that, once the United States is able to accord this benefit to Taiwan visa applicants, the Taiwan authorities will accord the same privilege to U.S. citizens seeking entry into Taiwan.

We would appreciate your confirming in writing that passports issued by the Taiwan authorities are recognized as valid for the return of the bearer to Taiwan for a period of six months beyond the expiration date specified in the passport and that the Taiwan authorities are prepared to recognize the U.S. passport as valid for a period of six months after the expiration date specified therein. Assuming we receive your assurances to this effect, we would propose that the United States and Taiwan authorities institute any necessary changes in their procedures to give recognition to this reciprocal understanding within thirty days thereafter.

Yours truly,


Darryl N. Johnson
Director

Enclosure: As stated

ALGERIA

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

AUSTRALIA

AUSTRIA (Reisepass only)

BAHAMAS, THE

BANGLADESH (Travel permit and passport)

BARBADOS

BELGIUM

BOLIVIA

BRAZIL

CANADA

CHILE

COLOMBIA

COSTA RICA

COTE D'IVOIRE

CUBA

CYPRUS

DENMARK

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

ECUADOR

EGYPT

EL SALVADOR

ETHIOPIA

FINLAND

FRANCE

GERMANY (FRG) (Reisepass and kinderausweis)

GREECE

GRENADA

GUATEMALA

GUINEA

GUYANA

HONDURAS

HONG KONG (Certificates of identify and passports)

ICELAND

INDIA

IRAN

IRELAND

ISRAEL

ITALY

JAMAICA

JAPAN

JORDAN

KOREA

KUWAIT

LAOS

LEBANON

LIBYA

LIECHTENSTEIN

LUXEMBOURG

MADAGASCAR

MALAYSIA

MALTA

MAURITIUS

MEXICO

MONACO

MOROCCO

NETHERLANDS

NEW ZEALAND

NICARAGUA (Diplomatic and official passports only)

NIGERIA

NORWAY

PAKISTAN

PANAMA

PARAGUAY

PERU

PHILIPPINES

POLAND

PORTUGAL

QATAR

ST.KITTS AND NEVIS

ST.LUCIA

ST.VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

SENEGAL

SINGAPORE

SOVIET UNION (USSR) (Seamen only)

SPAIN

SRI LANKA

SUDAN

SWEDEN

SWITZERLAND

SYRIA

THAILAND

TOGO

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

TUNISIA

TURKEY

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

UNITED KINGDOM

URUGUAY

VENEZUELA

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June 19, 1998

Director Darryl N. Johnson
American Institute in Taiwan Taipei Office
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Dear Director Johnson,

I refer to your letter of March 4, 1998 which concerns the proposal that TECRO provide for AIT a written assurance that passports issued by our competent authorities will be recognized as valid for the return of the bearer to Taiwan for a period of six months beyond the expiration date specified in the passport.

I wish to state that passports issued to R.O.C. citizens by our competent authorities are recognized as valid for the return of the bearer to Taiwan for a period of six months beyond the expiration date specified in the passport and that our competent authorities are prepared to recognize the U.S. passports as valid for a period of six months after the expiration date specified therein.

To implement this reciprocal understanding, I propose that the United States and our authorities concerned institute the necessary changes in their procedures and both sides conduct further discussion on a mutually agreed date to officially put this understanding in force.

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Sincerely,

Ta-jen Liu

Ta-jen Liu
Chairman



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July 22, 1998

AIT B-475

Mr. Hsi-tsan Chen
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133 Po Ai Road
Taipei

Dear Mr. Chen:

In your meeting on July 20 with Mr. Harms, you asked if our proposed agreement with regard to passport validity would apply to "overseas" Chinese who have Taiwan passports with right to enter Taiwan for the period of passport validity. The Department of State confirmed that the agreement would apply to these passports.

We look forward to receiving your letter agreeing to the proposal. AIT and the Department of State are ready to inform the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service so that the agreement can be implemented by September 1.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Neighbors
Acting Deputy Director