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and
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**EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

No. 434/CONS/99

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic and has the honor to refer to the Hellenic Republic's long-standing policy of allowing Americans who enter Greece without visas to remain in the Hellenic Republic for 90 days. The Embassy has the further honor to propose that this policy be formalized in an agreement between the United States of America and the Hellenic Republic in which the Hellenic Republic agrees to allow United States citizens who enter the Hellenic Republic without visas to remain in the Hellenic Republic for 90 days, regardless of time spent elsewhere, for so long as the Hellenic Republic remains a participant in the United States Visa Waiver Pilot Program and citizens of the Hellenic Republic travelling to the United States are accorded reciprocal privileges.

The United States will consider this agreement by the Hellenic Republic in deciding whether to admit the Hellenic Republic to the Visa Waiver Pilot Program. In the event that circumstances arise affecting either party's legal capacity to implement this agreement, the parties shall consult to resolve the issue consistent with the purposes of this agreement.

If the Government of the Hellenic Republic agrees with the above, the Embassy has the honor to propose that this note and your Ministry's note in reply, constitute an agreement between our two Governments which will enter into force on the date of your reply.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ministry of foreign affairs of the Hellenic republic the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America

Athens, December 28, 1999