

SINGLE AND MULTIPLE USES of the 1954 LIBERTY SERIES 2¢ THOMAS JEFFERSON

The 2¢ Thomas Jefferson Liberty series design was issued Sept 15, 1954, and remained in service until withdrawn from sale on July 31, 1983, performing 29 years of continuous postal duty. This exhibit displays the various proper rate uses (as well as some important uses attempting to be accepted at proper rates) that can be shown using only this 2¢ stamp design, either as a single or in multiples, arranged in order of the number of stamps used, from one copy to six. This organization is felt to best demonstrate the purposeful uses for which this value was produced, especially, for the single uses. All known proper solo uses are present.

Examples of all basic production formats are shown: dry-printed sheet stamp, wet-printed and dry-printed coils (Bureau-precanceled and unprecanceled), and dry-printed coil with luminescent tagging.

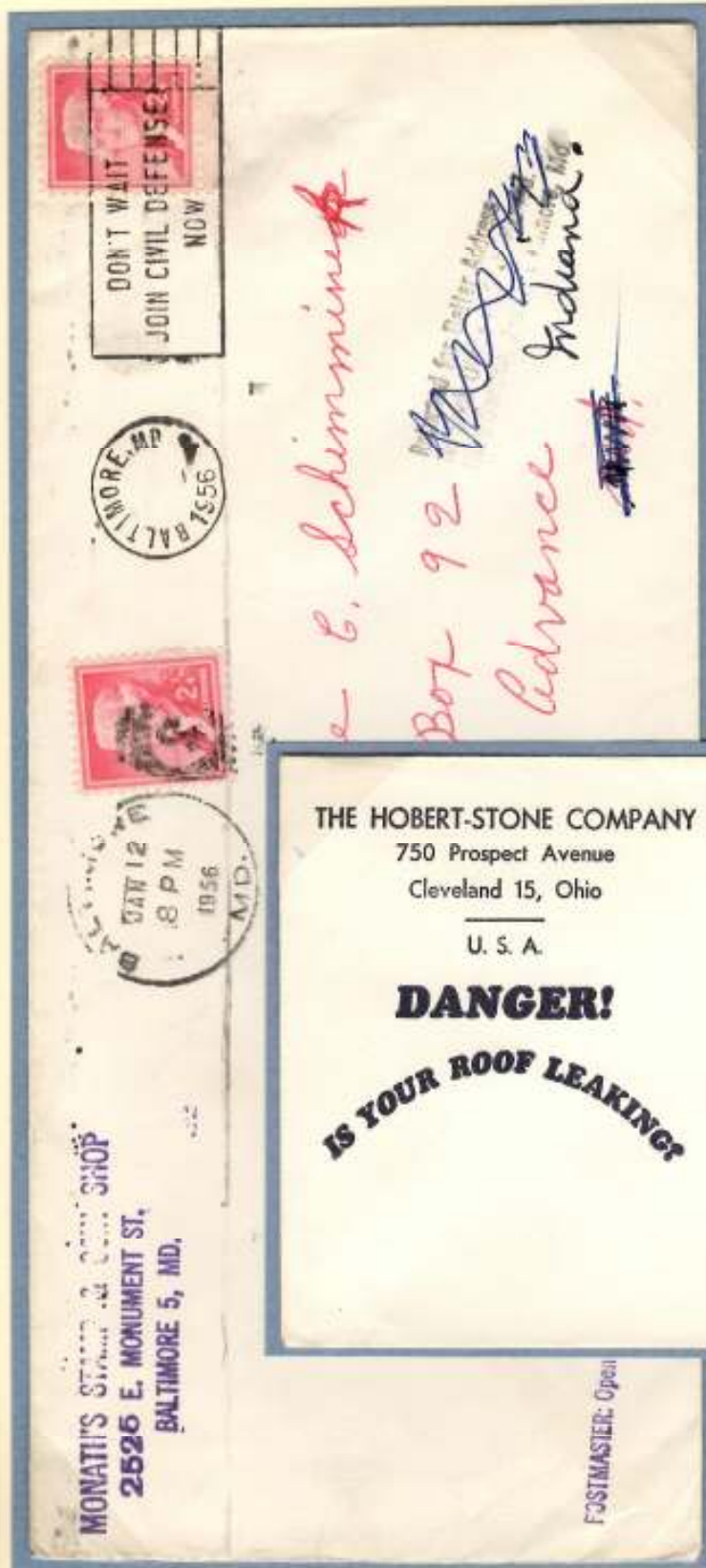
The highlight of the exhibit is the only known commercial use of the experimental *Silkote* paper sheet stamp (this page). Other unique and important uses are matted with a red border.



Third-Class, Single-Piece Rate, 2¢ / two oz., Experimental *Silkote* Paper Usage, Dec. 22, 1954
(Rate effective Jan. 1, 1949 – July 31, 1958)

This rare use is an unsealed Christmas card mailing between employees of the S.D. Warren Co. of Westbrook, Maine, which manufactured the *Silkote* paper and purchased 5,000 stamps of this special printing and made them available to its employees.

SINGLE USE



**Returned For Better Address
Successfully Remailed**

**2¢ / ≤ 2 oz, Third Class, Single-Piece
Printed Matter Rate**

(rate effective 1/1/1949 - 7/31/1958)

Originally paid by solo 2¢ sheet stamp.

Addressed to wrong state, so
"Returned for Better Address/
No Such Office in State Named/
Nixie Section ... Baltimore, Md."

Returned from the mailing post office to sender
for correct address, without charge; then
remailed in same envelope on Jan. 12, 1956.
This procedure is free on first-class mail, but to
re-mail third-class matter, another solo 2¢ stamp
was required to pay, again, the same 2¢ / ≤ 2 oz
third-class, single-piece rate.

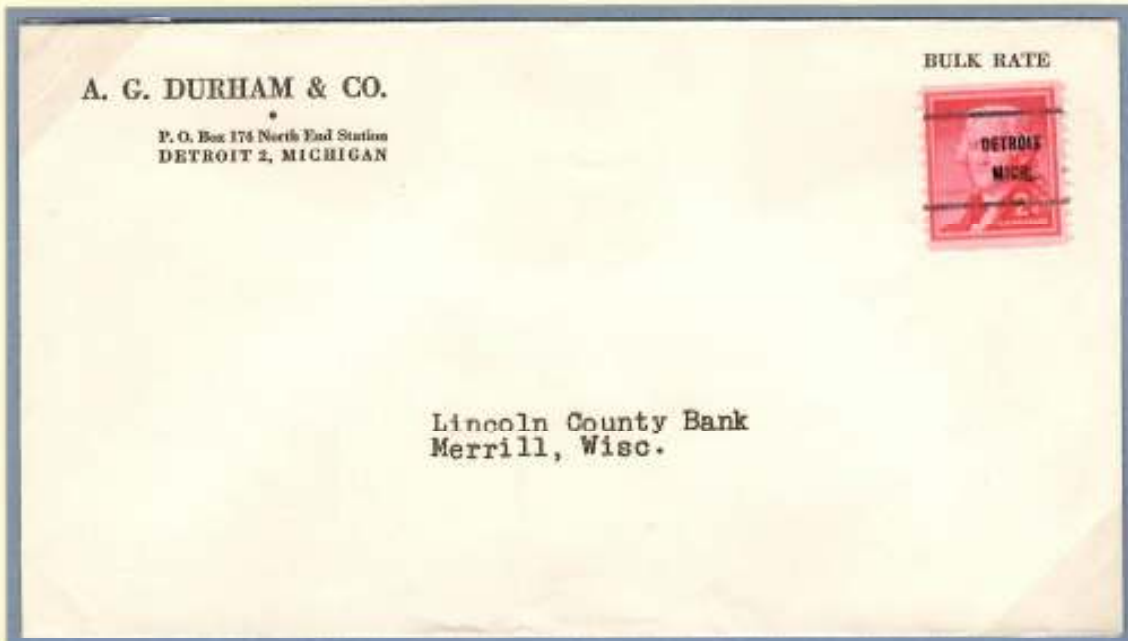
*Remarkable usage, as
items "returned for better address/direction"
and successfully remailed are seldom seen,
especially, third-class examples.*

**Undated 2¢ Third Class,
Minimum/Piece, Regular Bulk Rate**

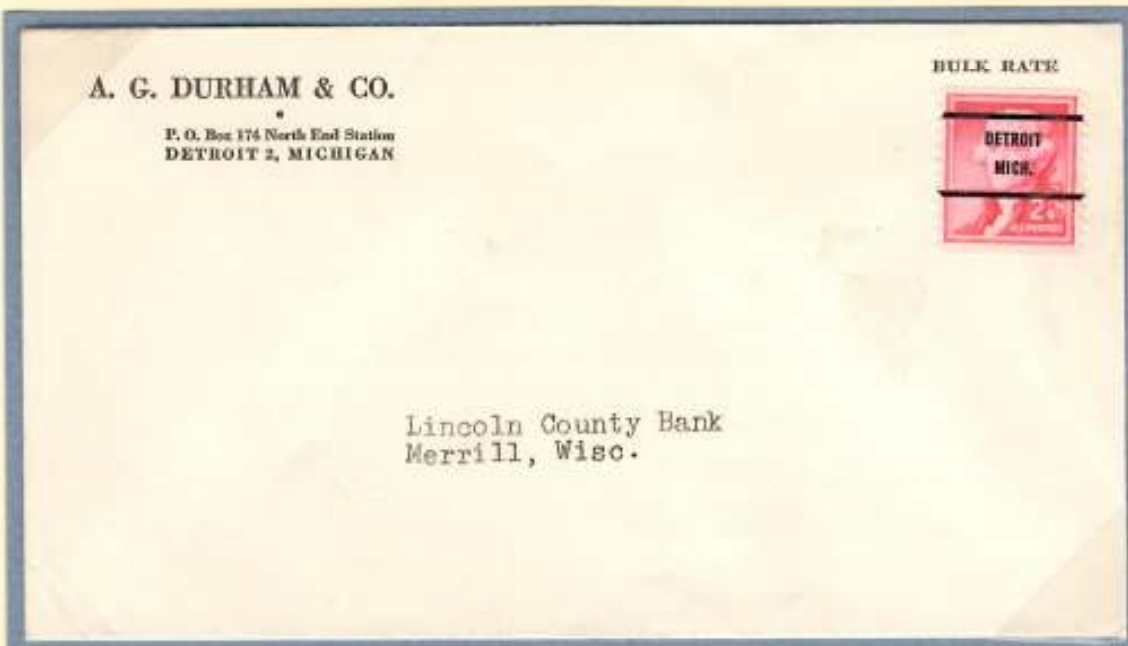
*2¢ value sheet stamps produced
only as dry printing.*

SINGLE USE

These two covers illustrate the transition from wet printing to dry printing of the same stamp, during the same rate period, for the same bulk mailer.



2¢ Third Class, Minimum/Piece, Regular Bulk Rate, Undated (rate effective 1/1/1959 - 6/30/1960)
Precanceled coil is the large hole, **wet printing** variety produced on the Stickney press, as precancel lines are 13 mm apart.



2¢ Third Class, Minimum/Piece, Regular Bulk Rate
Undated, but must be August 1959, to June 30, 1960 usage, as the dry-printed Bureau precancel "DETROIT, MICH."
2¢ coil did not go to press until Aug 9, 1959. Precanceled coil is the large hole, **dry printing** variety produced on the Cottrell press, as precancel lines are 10.5 mm apart.

SINGLE USE

2¢ /2 oz. Transient Second-Class Rate (rate effective 4/1/1952 - 1/6/1963) Feb. 17, 1962



Domestic Second-Class Matter Mailed at 2¢ /2 oz. Foreign Printed Matter Rate (rate effective 11/1/1953 - 7/31/1958)

2¢ /2 oz. Third Class, Minimum/Piece, Nonprofit Bulk Rate (rate effective 7/18/1976 - 7/5/1977)
Small hole, dry printing coil, Bureau precanceled

SINGLE USE

2¢ /two oz. Printed Matter, Treaty Rate to Canada, Nov. 1955
(rate effective 11/1/1953 - 7/31/1958)



2¢ /oz. Noncarrier First-Class Drop Letter Rate
July 1, 1957
(rate effective 1/1/1952 - 7/31/58)

First Day Use, 3¢ /oz. Noncarrier First-Class Drop Letter Rate
Aug. 1, 1958
2¢ value attempts to pay old rate, found "Postage Due 1 Cent" for the new 3¢ rate



SINGLE USE

AMERICAN FALLS. View showing entire width of American Falls with "Maid of the Mist" as one of her regular occupants. Only about one fourth of the water from the American Falls and Thorndike Falls is harnessed by the United States and Canada for generating 14 million horsepower. The torrents of the Falls is carefully preserved even though harnessed by man.



Dear Doctor,
 Just a reminder for you or your patient at home or abroad:
 Kaopectate with Neomycin controls bacillary diarrhea - restores gastrointestinal calm and comfort.
 Very truly yours,
 The Upjohn Company

James A. Porter, M.D.
 1645 Commercial Drive
 Vancouver 6
 British Columbia, Canada

2¢ Post Card Treaty Rate to Canada
 (rate effective 1/1/1949 - 7/31/1958)
 U.S. domestic rate applied,
 Feb. 4, 1957

Motor Inn and Hotel
 Natural Bridge, Virginia

This is a beautiful place. The bridge is one of the 7 natural wonders of the world. The hotel is wonderful. We are livin' it up. We have been here 2 nights. Wish you were here.



POST-CARD

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hase
 6920 Monroe Ave.
 Evansville,
 Ind.

Last Day Use
2¢ Domestic Post Card Rate
 (rate effective 1/1/1952 - 7/31/1958)
 July 31, 1958



Mr. & Mrs. W. Johnston
 Star Route
 So Merritt Is.
 Coca
 Florida

Airmail Crash Cover
"DAMAGED IN PLANE CRASH / HOLLYWOOD, S.C. 12/17/55"
 Experiment of holiday rush third-class mail as first-class mail combined with experiment of first-class mail as airmail
 2¢ / 2 oz. Third-Class, Single Piece Rate,
 Dec. 16, 1955.
 Remarkable example of both experiments on the same piece

SINGLE USE

Duplicate Certificate of Mailing Form, 2¢ Fee Paid For Single Item
(fee effective 7/1/1957 - 5/28/1978)

Shipment # 59

Post Office Department

Received from: **ADHESIVE LABEL CORP.**
 7616 So. California Street
 Monrovia, California

One piece of ordinary mail addressed
 to **AR John Antonsens Boktryckeri**
Kronhusatan 2F
Göteborg, Sweden

THIS RECEIPT, WHICH MAY BE USED FOR DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL MAIL,
 DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR INDEMNIFICATION

POD Form 3817 (2-55) POSTMASTER

EK-172




International Use
 Dec. 2, 1959

Received from **RAILROAD ACCESSORIES CORP., 33-15 56th Street, Woodside, L. I., N. Y.**

the following described pieces of *Journal* Mail.

Insured No.	NAME OF ADDRESSEE, STREET, AND POST-OFFICE ADDRESS	Postage (exclusive of other Charges or Fees)	Insurance or C. O. D. Fee	Fee Paid for Return Receipt	Special Delivery Fee	Special Handling Charge	Amount Due Sender If C.O.D.	Indorsement On Article	Delivery Restricted Fee Paid	Remarks
291-199	Talada, Peoria & Western R.R. P.O. N. C. Behrens, Peoria, Ill. Peoria, Ill.	1.74	.20							

Railroad Accessories Corp. copy of Official Post Office receipt covering above shipment.
 If claim is made for any reason give Insured Number as shown.



Domestic Use
 Dec. 22, 1959

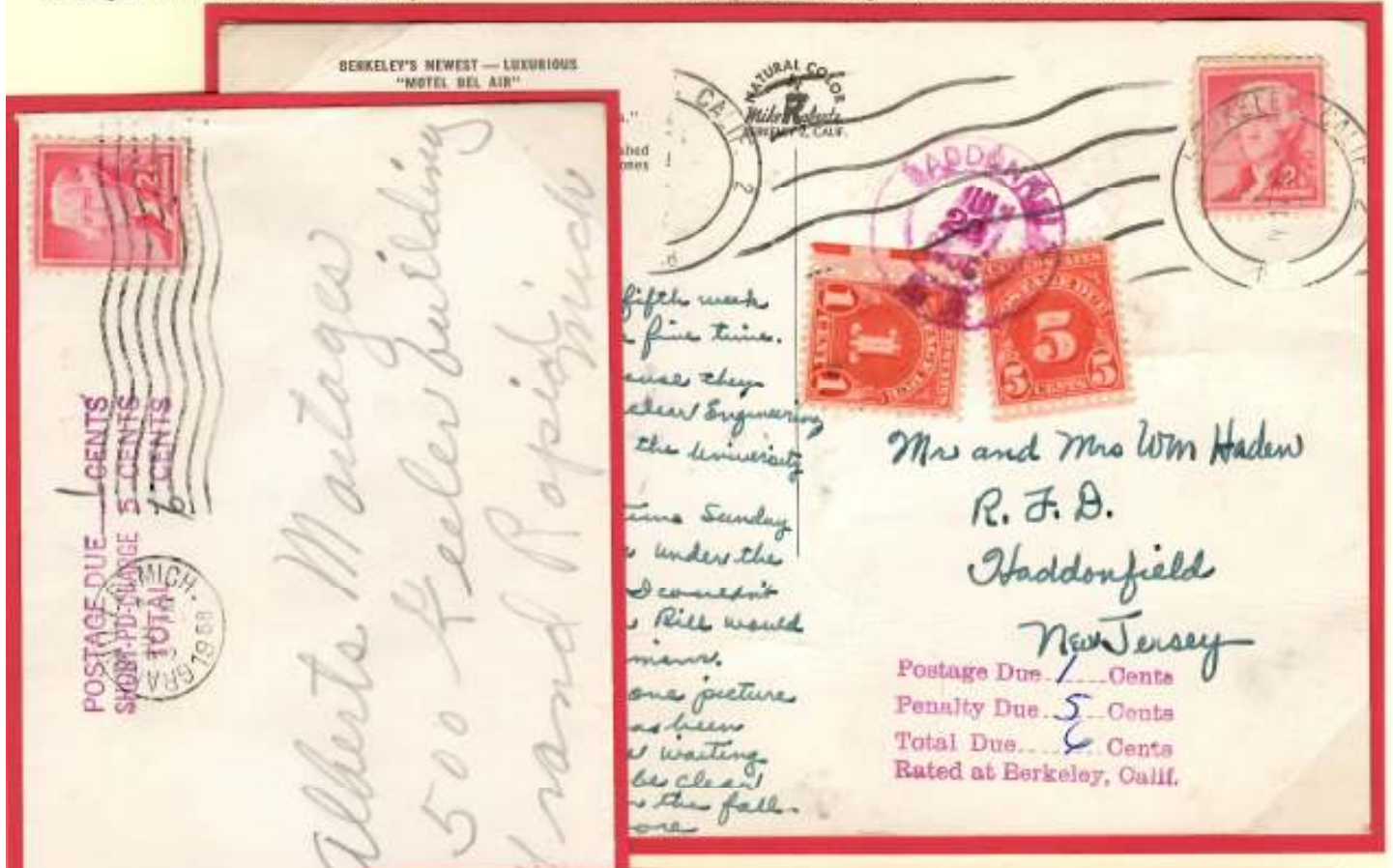
SINGLE USE

5¢ Penalty Fee for Short Paid Domestic Mail

For only month of July 1958, underpaid mail due 5¢ surcharge plus short paid amount.

Underpaid 3¢ first-class letter, July 7

Oversized post card required 3¢ first-class letter rate, July 22



2¢ Postage Due Fee
on incoming underpaid
foreign mail, June 8, 1965.



**MULTIPLE USE
(Two Copies)**

First Day Use, 4¢ /oz. Domestic First-Class Letter Rate, Aug. 1, 1958

(rate effective 8/1/1958 - 1/6/1963)

Star Vinyl Corp.



*Iron merchandise
41W30 St
NYC*

Business Reply Mail Envelope, 4¢ Due

3¢ Letter Rate + 1¢ BRM fee, 1955, for one piece.

(BRM fee effective 10/1/1928 - 6/30/1957; letter rate 7/6/1932 - 7/31/1958)

4¢ /2 oz. Third-Class, Single-Piece Rate

(rate effective 1/7/1963 - 1/6/1968)

**ASA P. COLBY, SEC.
RUMNEY DEPOT, N. H.**



POST CARD

*Mrs. Helen Kruska
Star Route 1
Clifton
Texas*

*Dearest Mother Helen
We went to church
this AM at Plymouth
Mass. Saw Museum.
Yesterday, drove to
Hyannis Port, Mass.
Heading towards
Boston now. All
well. Wish you were
along. Love Lillian*

Send to: Shore Nirrell Co., Montauk, East, Mass.

4¢ Domestic Post Card Rate

(rate effective 1/7/1963 - 1/6/1968)

Aug. 3, 1965

Partial counting number "20" below right stamp

MULTIPLE USE (Two Copies)

4¢ Airmail Post Card Rate to Mexico

(rate effective 1/1/1949 - 7/31/1958)

Postal treaty rate, so U.S.

domestic rate applied,

Dec. 16, 1957.

Successfully delivered.



4¢ Airmail Post Card Treaty Rate to Canada
(rate effective 1/1/1949 - 7/31/1958)
Jan. 30, 1957

4¢ International Post Card Surface Rate to Italy

(rate effective 1/1/1953 - 7/31/1958)

Aug. 26, 1957



4¢ Postage Due Fee
on incoming underpaid foreign mail.
Feb. 14, 1956



MULTIPLE USE (Three Copies)



6¢ 1oz. Domestic First-Class Letter Rate

(rate effective 1/7/1968 - 5/15/1971)

Phosphorescent tagged, *special DAV requested coil*, Oct. 9, 1969.

Uncommon postmarked example returned to DAV



5.9¢ Nonprofit, Minimum/Piece, Third-Class Bulk Rate – Mailer's Postmark Permit, False Franking

(rate effective 1/10/1982 - 7/27/1982)

6¢ paid directly on letter and difference credited to account, July 1982 (date on reverse).

Use of phosphorescent tagged coils by non-DAV commercial mass mailer for direct-mail marketing.

MULTIPLE USE (Three Copies)

6¢ Postage Due Fee

on underpaid domestic 2 oz. airmail letter,
(2 x 8¢ = 16¢ required), July 1, 1965-1967



Mr. Whipple Y. Chest
1592 Willowbrae Aven
San Jose, Calif.

POSTAGE DUE 6 CENTS
PENALTY 2 CENTS
TOTAL 8 CENTS

6¢ /oz. Domestic Airmail Letter Rate

(rate effective 1/1/1949 - 7/31/1958), Feb. 15, 1957



1¢ Short Paid Penalty for Two or More Rates Underpaid

(penalty effective 7/1/1928 - 6/30/1958)
≤ 4 oz. first-class surface letter, 3¢ /oz. rate underpaid 6¢ (two rates), so assessed 1¢ penalty for each, thus 6¢ postage + 2¢ penalty = 8¢ due, 1957.

14634 Nelson Ct, San Jose 24
SUNDAY EVENING COMMUNITY FORUM
Sponsored by
THE HEARST AMERICAN CHIEF
P.O. BOX 1447 SAN JOSE, CALIFOR.

MULTIPLE USE (Four Copies)

8¢ /first oz. Foreign Surface Letter Rate, Nov. 3, 1956
(rate effective 11/1/1953 - 6/30/1961)

MORTIMER SMITH
828 NO SPARKS ST.
BURBANK, CALIF.
THORNWALL 6-2587



*John Jacques.
Manufacturer of Bowling Balls
Whitebush
Thornon Heath
Tussey. England*

**8¢ /oz. Domestic First-Class Letter Rate,
Direct-Mail Marketing use, Sept. 27, 1973**
(rate effective 5/16/1971 - 5/1/1974)



*1990
Airmail
Ray Hutchinson
2 Irvine
kla.*

8¢ /oz. Domestic Airmail Letter Rate, Dec. 20, 1965
(rate effective 1/7/1963 - 1/6/1968)

MEDICAL RELIEF BROADCASTS
SUITE 706-A
1018 CONNECTICUT AVE., N.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036



MULTIPLE USE (Five Copies)

10¢ /oz. Domestic First-Class Letter Rate (rate effective 5/2/1974 - 12/30/1975) Direct Marketing use, Nov. 18, 1975.



10¢ International
Airmail Post Card Rate
(rate effective 6/1/1954 - 6/30/1961)
to France, Aug. 24, 1955



International Airmail Letter, 10¢ 1/2 oz. Central American Rate (rate effective 11/1/1946 - 6/30/1961) Dec. 19, 1956

MULTIPLE USE (Five Copies)



Insurance Fee Paid With Insurance Label -- 10¢ /4 oz. Third-Class, Single-Piece Rate
 Most likely mid-1968 usage, 6¢ for first two oz. + 2¢ for each added oz.

The 20¢ insurance label paid for \$15 minimum insurance (*insurance fee effective 3/26/1966 - 4/17/1976*)



Business Reply Post Card, 10¢ Due
 Five stamps paid 3¢ domestic surface rate + 2¢ BRM fee for two returned cards, 1960.
 (*BRM fee effective 7/1/1957 - 9/13/1975*)

MULTIPLE USE (Six Copies)

EPILOGUE



≤ 2 oz International Surface Letter Rate
 (rate effective 11/1/1953 - 7/31/1958)
 8¢ pays first oz +
 4¢ the second oz,
 Jan. 24, 1955

German Philatelic Review
 To Peter C. Richerback
 152 Finchley Road
 London, N.W.3, England

12¢ Domestic Post Card Rate
 (rate effective 3/22/1981 - 10/31/1981)
 U.S. Guam Naval facilities,
 domestic rates apply,
 June 27, 1981.



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Mr. Allen J. Halberk
 P.O. Box 132
 Maymouth, Ma
 02158



Gregory K. Johnson
 836 Shaker Dr. West # 10
 Columbus, Ohio 43215

COLUMBUS, OH
 PM
 25 JUL
 1978

ALWAYS
 ZIP CODE

EPILOGUE: No proper use of more than six copies have been found by the exhibitor. However, because of its phosphorescent tagging, there was another relevant (though not proper) use of the 2¢ coil as fraudulently underpaid mail. Automated canceling equipment recognized a single copy as any domestic first-class payment for postage. This would be the longest available in-period single "use" of this stamp, from 1968 to being taken off sale in 1983.

Fraudulent First-Class Use

Phosphorescent-coated (tagged) 2¢ coil successfully "pays" 15¢ /oz first-class letter rate, July 25, 1978.