

Wings Over The Bahamas:

50th Anniversary of Airmail Services Issue of 1969

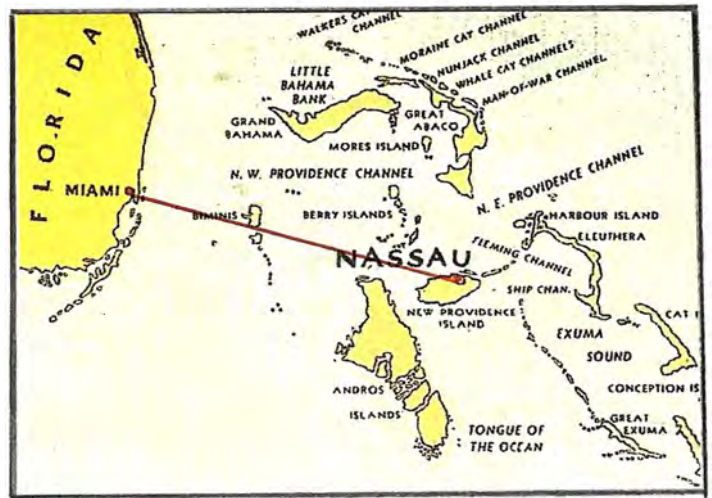
This single frame exhibit will show the archival proof material from the Format International Security Printers Ltd., London that printed two stamps for the Bahamas Post Office. This 1969 set commemorates on the 12 cents value the First Airmail Flight from Nassau to Miami in 1919 and the 15 cents value the First Regular Airmail Service in January 1929.

The exhibit also shows covers from the 30 January 1919 experimental flight from Nassau to Miami by two U.S. Navy seaplanes. Covers from the start of scheduled airmail service to the USA by Pan American Airways on 2 January 1929 are shown and last the 1969 post first day usage of the two stamps issued for this anniversary. These stamps were printed in the Litho Format in sheets of 50 and perforated 14. No specimen stamps are known by this exhibitor.

Exhibit Plan:

1919 First Airmail Flight
1969 Proofs of the 12c Value
12c Presentation & Artist Cards
Issued 12c Stamps
1929 First Scheduled Airmail
1969 Proofs of the 15c Value
15c Presentation & Artist Cards
Issued 15c Stamps
First Day Covers
Post First Day Usage

Nassau to Miami Airmail Route



Photographic Proofs in Black on Card



Issued Stamps



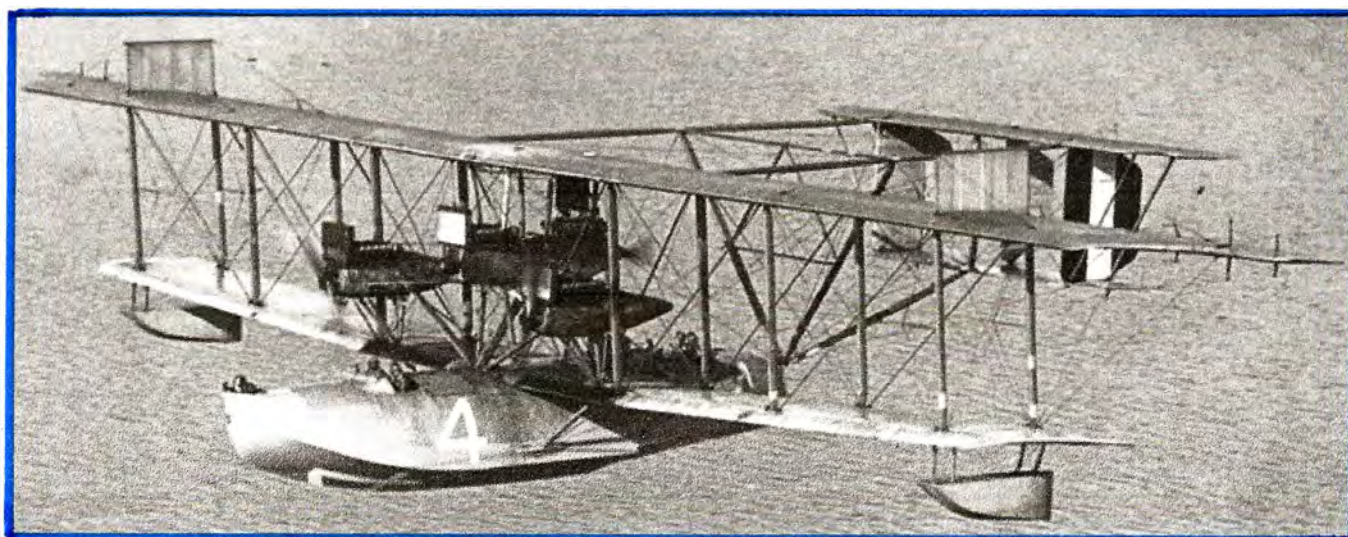
First Airmail Flight (experimental) from Nassau to Miami, 30 JAN 19

This commercial cover is one of 600 pieces of mail (most were postcards) carried by two U.S. Navy Curtiss NC-4 flying boats command by Lt. Cummings. The 160 minute flight was not at the direction of the U.S. Post Office Dept. but by the Bahamas P.O. which approved the airmail flight. No airmail surcharge was applied only surface postcard rate of 1d and letter rate of 2d.

Below the stamps on this cover is the marking **"BY AIR SERVICE NASSAU TO MIAMI"**. Many covers have the 29 JAN 19 cancel (mail received at the Nassau P.O.) and the flight date of 30 JAN 19. All are backstamped by **"MAIMI FLA. JAN 30 1919"** machine cancel.



U.S. Navy Curtiss NC-4 Flying Boat (scan of U.S. Navy official photo 1919)



1919 First Airmail Flight

Postcard

Postcard used in the design of the 12 cents stamp.

Postcard Rate one penny with 29 JAN 19 and 30 JAN 19 NASSUA, BAHAMAS cancels. The writer of this postcard was Miss Effie Adderly, daughter of George Butler Adderly, owner of a fleet of sponge boats. The postcard is addressed to her aunt, Miss Harriet Adderly, who was living in San Francisco.



Photo copy 80% of
postcard message.

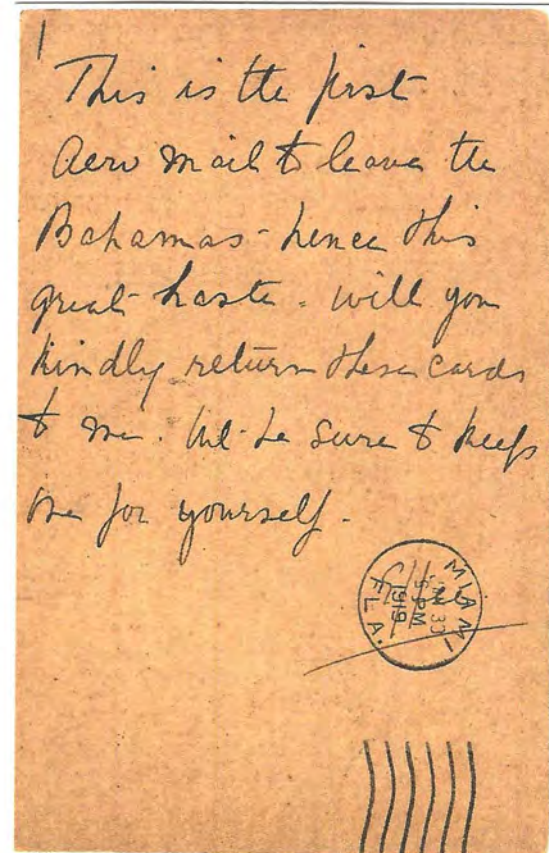


Photo of Miss Effie Adderly of Nassua



This is the approved design of the original artwork by Victor Whiteley.

The wording is wrong on the proof and issued stamp. The correct wording should be NASSAU – MIAMI, not “MIAMI – NASSAU”.

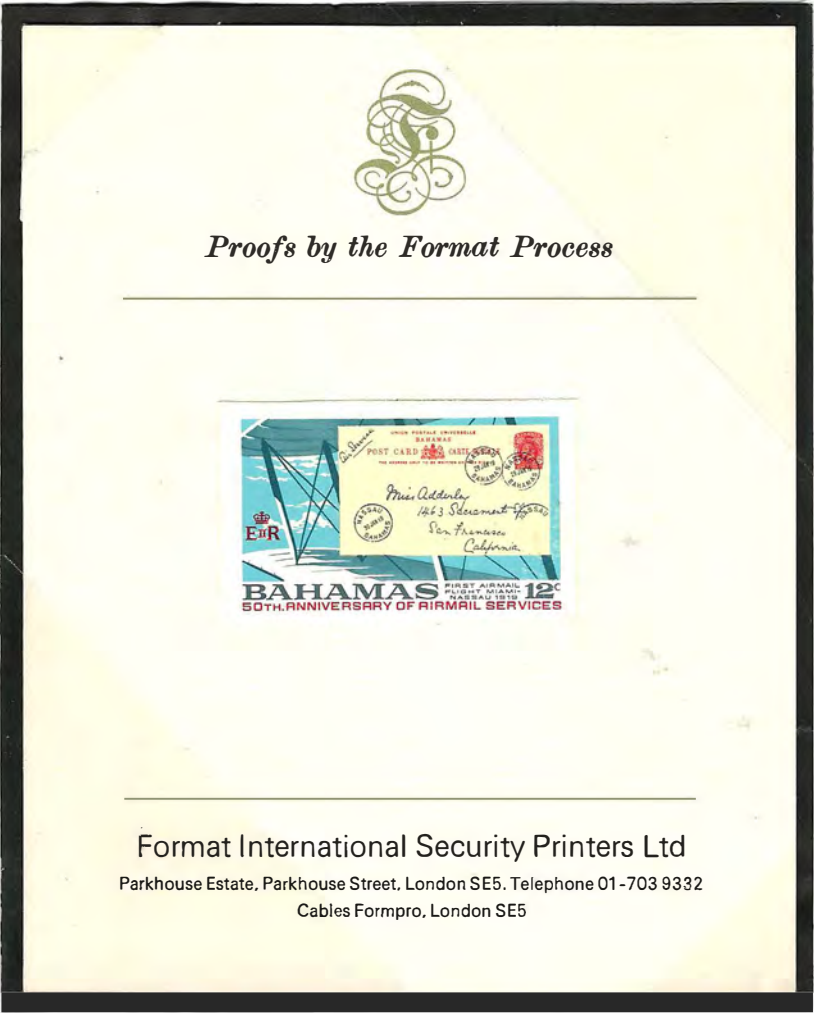


Photographic Negative Proof of Artwork



12 Cents Presentation & Artist Cards

Imperf Proof on Presentation Card



Issued Stamp on Artist Card signed by Victor Whiteley



Issued 12c Stamps

Control Number Block of 4
Plate Number Block of 4
Imprint Block of 6



1929 First Scheduled Airmail Flight

Pan American Winter Flights for U.S. Visitors

Airmail Rates start in 1930 @ 6d per ½ oz.

to USA, Canada & UK

First Flight from Nassau to Miami

No Airmail Rate

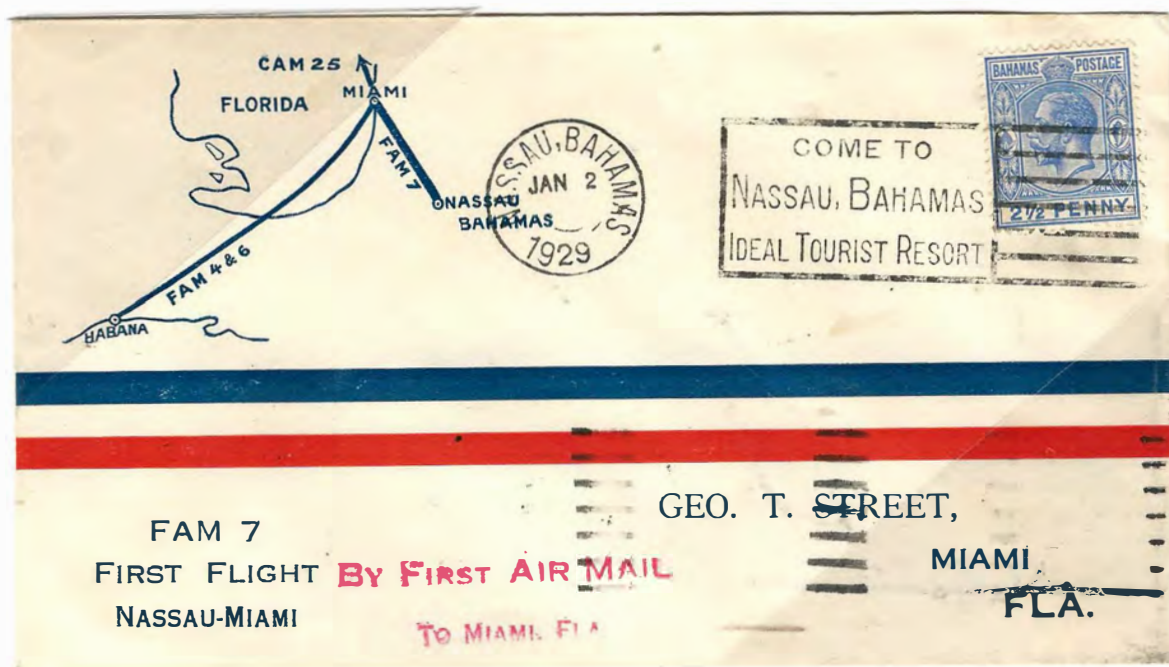
Two Line Cachet below in **RED**

applied to each cover & postcard.

**By First Air Mail
To Miami, FLA.**

Nassau JAN 2 1929 to Miami, Fla.

Surface Letter Rate to USA 1d per oz., overpaid 1 ½d



Nassau JAN 2 1929 via Miami, Fla. to Havana, Cuba

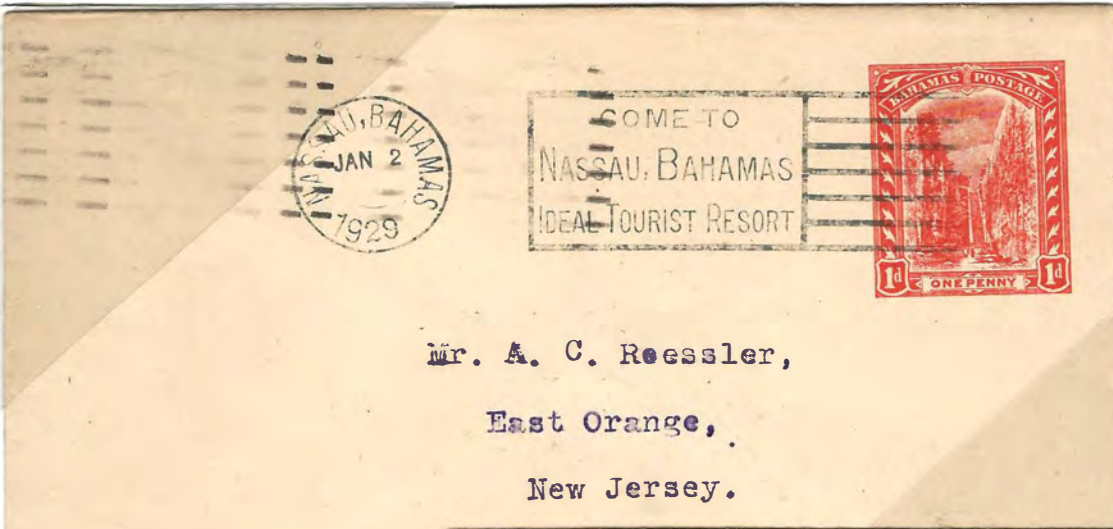
UPU Surface Letter Rate 2 ½d per oz.



1929 First Scheduled Airmail

Nassau JAN 2 1929 to East Orange, New Jersey
One Penny Envelope

Surface Letter Rate 1d
(War Tax of 1d removed 1927)



Nassau JAN 2 1929 to Gladwyne, Pa.
Signed by Pilot Harry Rogers



Pan American Airways Sikorsky S-38 flying boat (scan of model photo)



1969 Proofs of the 15c Value

Photographic Developed Proof of Artwork

This is the approved design of the original artwork by Victor Whiteley.

The design pictures the Pan American Airways Sikorsky S-38 flying boat.

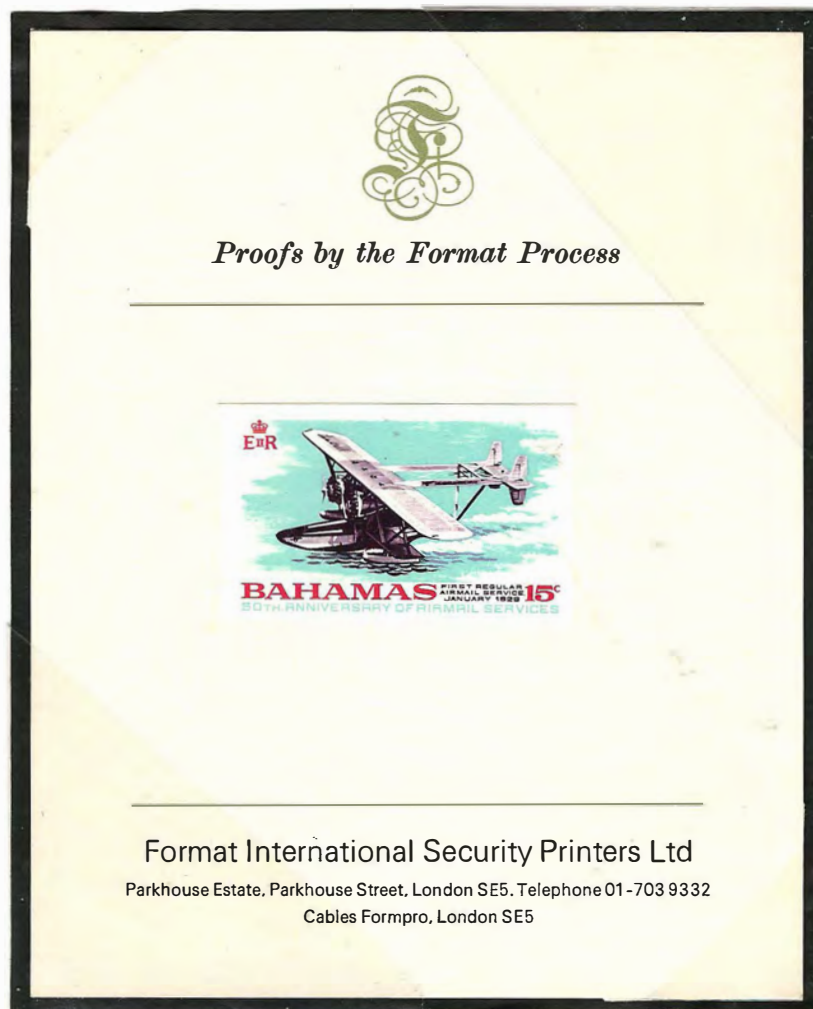


Photographic Negative Proof of Artwork



15 Cents Presentation & Artist Cards

Imperf Proof on Presentation Card



Issued Stamp on Artist Card signed by Victor Whiteley



Issued 15c Stamps

Control Number Block of 4
Plate Number Block of 4
Imprint Block of 6



1st Class Air Mail Rates:

12c per ¼ oz; Central & South America,
West Indies, U.K. & Ireland

15c per ½ oz; USA & Canada

2nd Class Air Mail & Surface Letter Rates:

8c per oz; USA & Canada

30 JAN 1969 NASSAU to Sacramento, Calif.
12 cents FDC via 2nd Class Air Mail or Surface Letter Rate (8c per oz.)



30 JAN 1969 NASSAU to Sacramento, Calif.
15 cents FDC by 1st Class Air Mail Rate (15c per ½ oz.)



First Day Covers

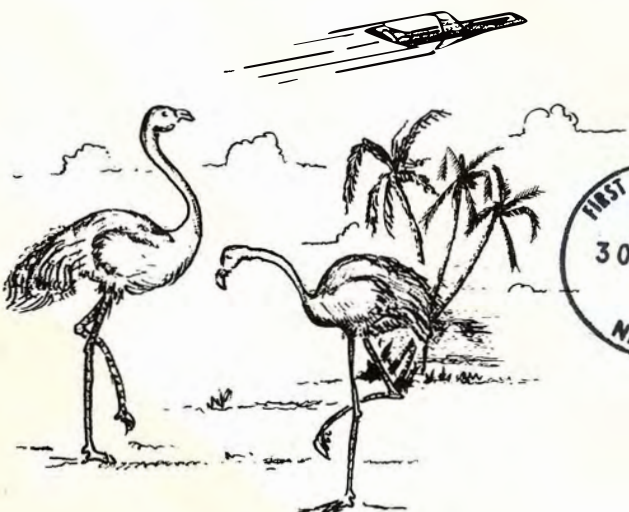
FDC Cachets (three known for this issue)

Flamingos Cachet (designed & used by Marcel Deslandes of Nassau, Bahamas)

Six Line Cachet (designed & used by W. P. Brown of Nassau,

Colony Badge (designed & used by J. Chin Aleong of San Fernando, Trinidad)

50th., Anniversary Nassau To Miami
AIR MAIL EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT 1919
40th., Anniversary
SCHEDULED AIR MAIL SERVICE 1929



Marcel Deslandes
P.O. Box 1216
Nassau.

Day Of Issue 30th., January, 1969

50th Anniversary Nassau to Miami
AIR MAIL EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT 1919
40th Anniversary
SCHEDULED AIR MAIL SERVICE 1929

FIRST DAY COVER
January 30th, 1969

W. P. BROWN
Box 104
Nassau, Bahamas.



BAHAMAS



FIRST DAY COVER

J. CHIN ALEONG
P.O. BOX 128.
SAN FERNANDO,
TRINIDAD, W. I.

Post First Day Usage

12 Cents Air Mail Rate per ¼ oz.

Nassau to Hamburg, Germany

FEB 8 1969 Single wt.
12c per ¼ oz.

MAR 17 1969 Double wt
24c per ½ oz.

10 MAR 69 Triple wt.
36c per ¾ oz.



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Mrs.
Ingrid Hendrichs
Saseler Str. 201
2 Hamburg 72



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Mrs.
Ingrid Hendrichs
Saseler Str. 201
2 Hamburg 72



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Mrs.
Ingrid Hendrichs
Saseler Str. 201
2 Hamburg 72
GERMANY

Post First Day Usage

Nassau MAY 5 1969 to Yugoslavia (Airmail Postcard Rate 11c, overpaid 4c)
15 Cents Solo Usage

Nassau 3.V. '69
2BH 18
Здраві привітання
Твоє, твоє
послання з
Нассау
Берм.
Гобана

JOHN HINDE
ORIGINAL



Novaković
Takovska 33/II. ulaz
Beograd,
Jugoslavija



THE MARKET IN NASSAU receives fresh produce daily from the Out Islands. The negotiations seem to have been completed over a small bunch of bananas and now it is your turn to be waited on. Yams, cabbage, tomatoes, plantains? Or was it sweet melon, pineapple, papaya or sappodilla that you wanted? In the background, one can see the native sloops that bear this produce to market. These canny sailors know the waters around the Bahamas like you know your backyard.

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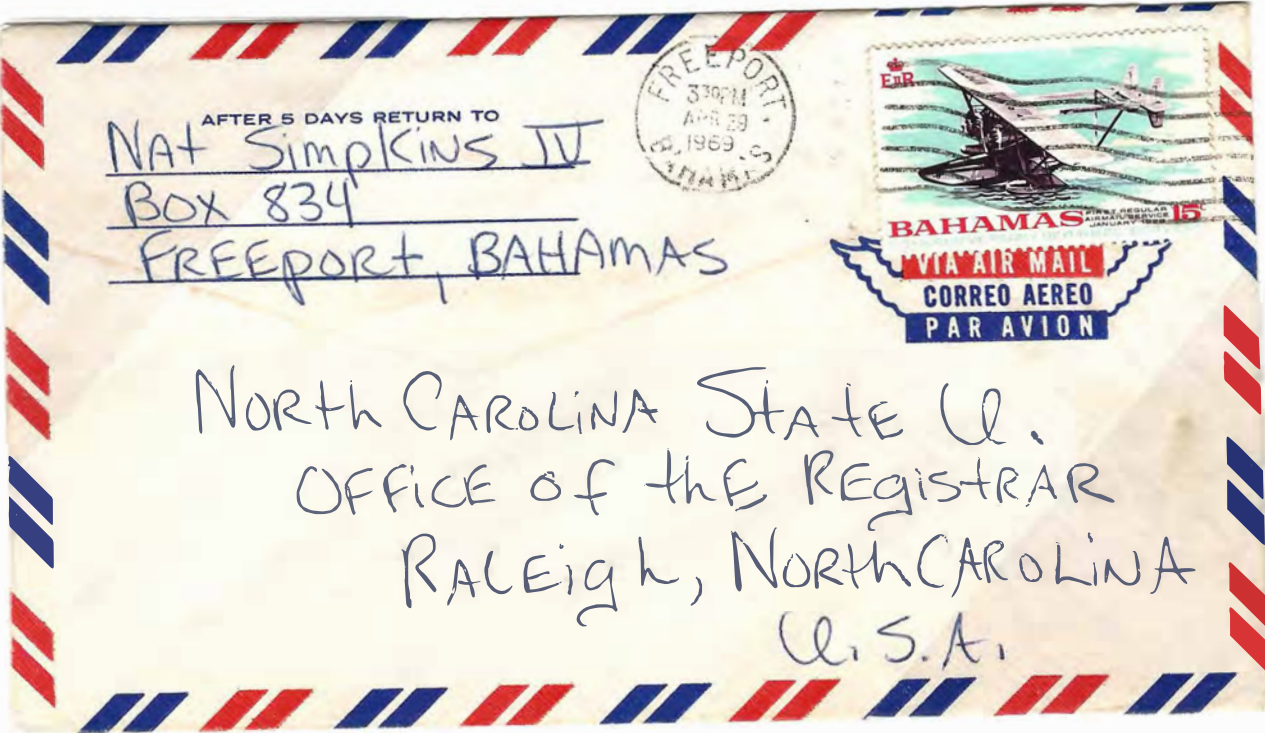
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Harbourside Market, Nassau, Bahamas.

Photo: E. Ludwig, John Hinde Studios.

Freeport APR 29 1969 to USA (Airmail Letter 15c per 1/2 oz.)



Post First Day Usage

15 Cents 2nd Class Air Mail Rate per oz.

Nassau MAY 12 1969 to Argentina

