

# *SHOW & TELL*

GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB

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(Yeah, that's Chicago, not Cleveland)



# 1955 NEW DELHI, INDIA TO AKRON, OHIO

Postage is correct BUT:

Lower purple handstamp says  
“Foreign Letter package / COLLECT  
10 CENTS / for Customs Clearance /  
Postage –due stamps to / be affixed  
& canceled”

Green label is customs declaration  
by sender

Rectangular mark in center is U.S.  
Customs clearance (no tariff  
assessed)



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# MR. BATES VS THE POST OFFICE

Arrogant bastards at the Post Office (U.K.) screw the little folks for years

A sad but true story

See well written and acted series on several sites (just google it)

- Masterpiece Theater on PBS
- Hulu



Toby Jones in Mr Bates vs The Post Office and Alan Bates

# *MR. BATES VS THE POST OFFICE*

Not kidding (and it was much worse than this brief introduction):

**For two decades, former Subpostmaster Alan Bates has tirelessly sought justice for the wrongly accused Subpostmasters whom he helped to unite. He took over a wool and clothing shop with a post office in Craig-y-Don, north Wales, in 1998, and in 2000, shortly after the faulty Horizon system was deployed at his post office, unexplained losses appeared in his accounts. Told he was financially liable for the losses, he was denied the opportunity to see the Post Office's evidence, and by 2003, the Post Office had terminated his appointment as Subpostmaster after he refused to pay any discrepancies. He and his partner Suzanne Sercombe lost their shop and all their savings.**

There is independently published analysis by Dr. Paul Duckett (Australia) at YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCctksrOFGY> is one. Once there you will see gobs of related videos

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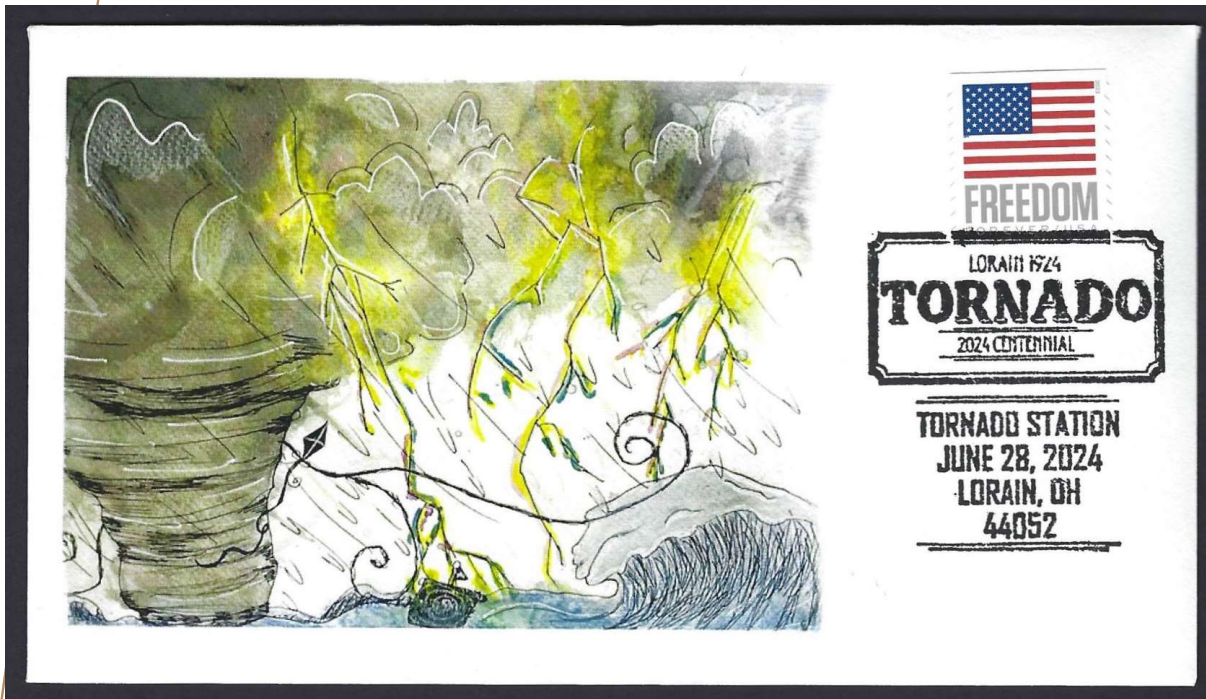
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# TORNADO CENTENNIAL



Deadliest Ohio tornado was Lorain, OH, on June 28, 1924

72 people killed in Lorain, more in Sandusky

Category F4 (F5 is the strongest)





Downtown Lorain

June 29, 1924

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# FRENCH CONGO TO ENGLAND

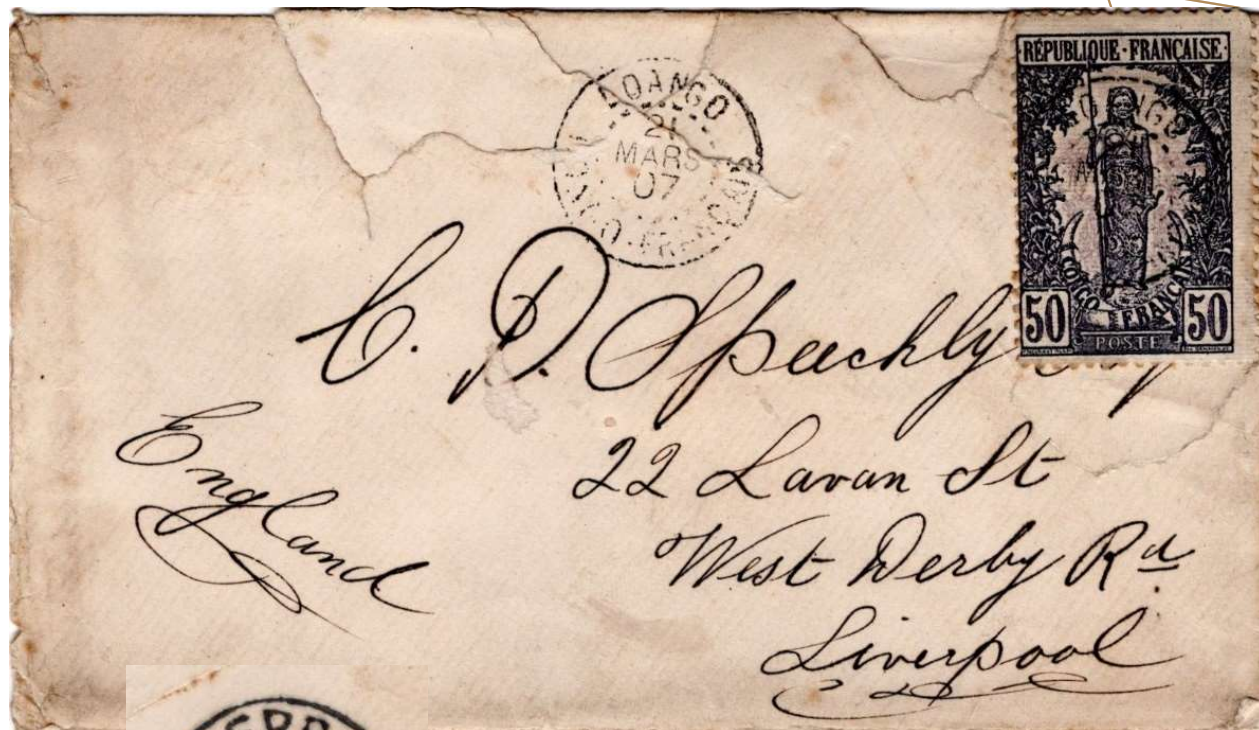
March 21, 1907, Loango to Liverpool

Arrived April 15

Fifty centimes rate for 16 to 30 grams (double weight)

Stamp is 1900 printing on thick paper, perf 11

Carried on *Europa* from Libreville on March 26, arrived in Bordeaux on April 14 (one day to Liverpool?)



Receipt mark on reverse

# FRENCH CONGO TO ALGERIA



May 11, 1908, Bangui to Philippeville

Arrived June 24

Twelve centimes is overpaid ten centimes rate (philatelic?)

Brazzaville transit marking May 25 (two weeks in country)

By ship to Algeria (no French transit marking)



← Transit mark

Receipt mark →

Both on reverse





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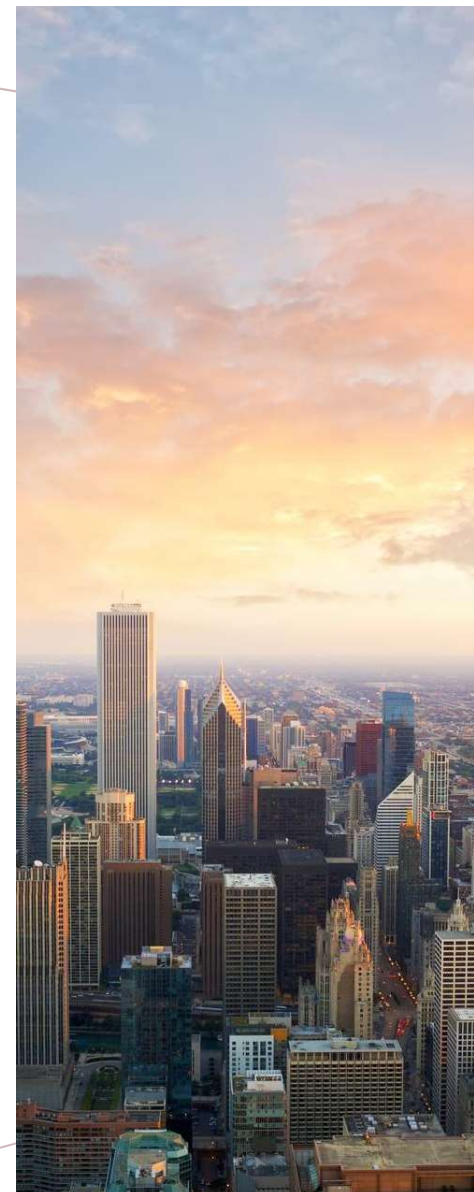
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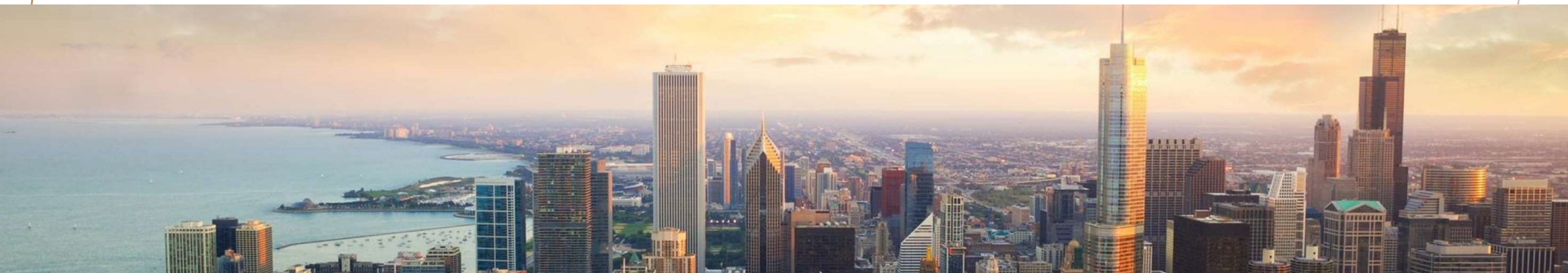
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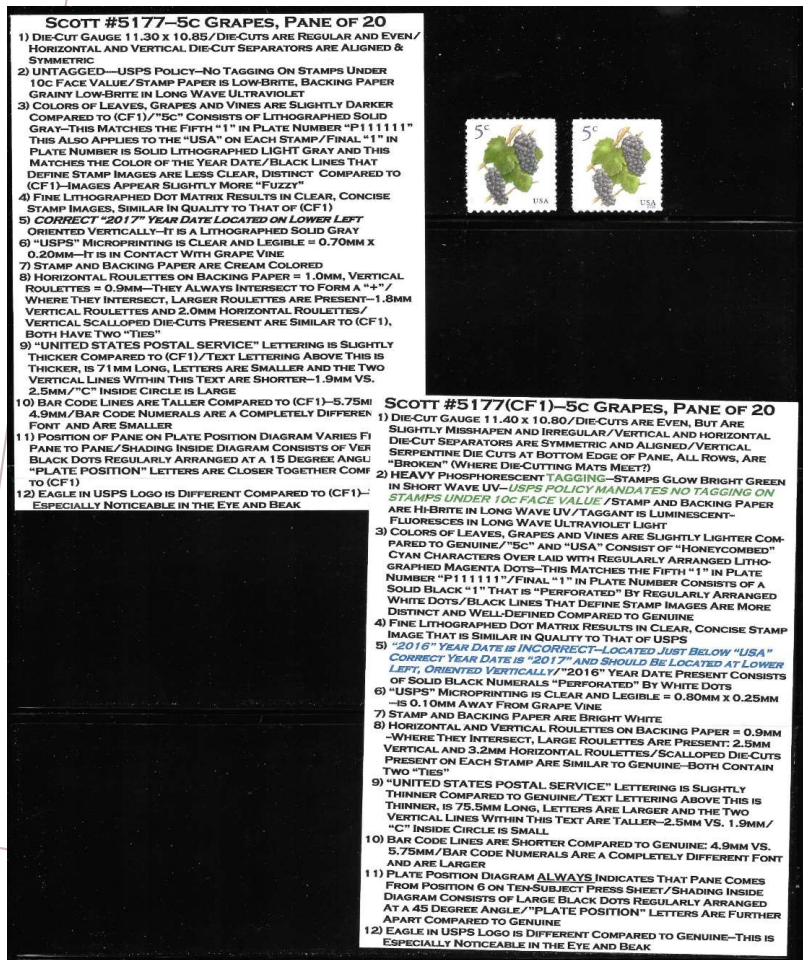


*COUNTERFEIT SCOTT #5177  
5¢ GRAPES IN PANES OF 20??*

*INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW WHY!*



# COUNTERFEIT LOW VALUE STAMPS



Prepared by the Chinese Communist Party

Wouldn't cost of production far outweigh any revenue obtained from sale?

CCP counterfeited ALL low value fruit stamps

All counterfeits issued in panes of 20 (even if USPS did not issue 1c, 2c & 3c in panes of 20)

Differences are readily visible between authentic and CCP produced issues (but not on this unreadable slide....)



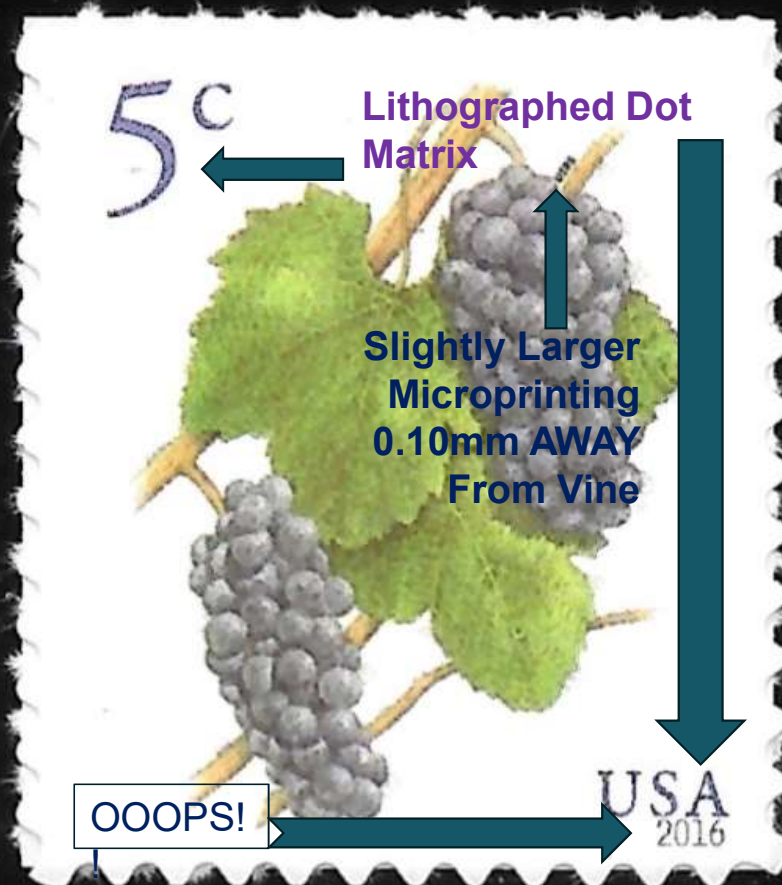
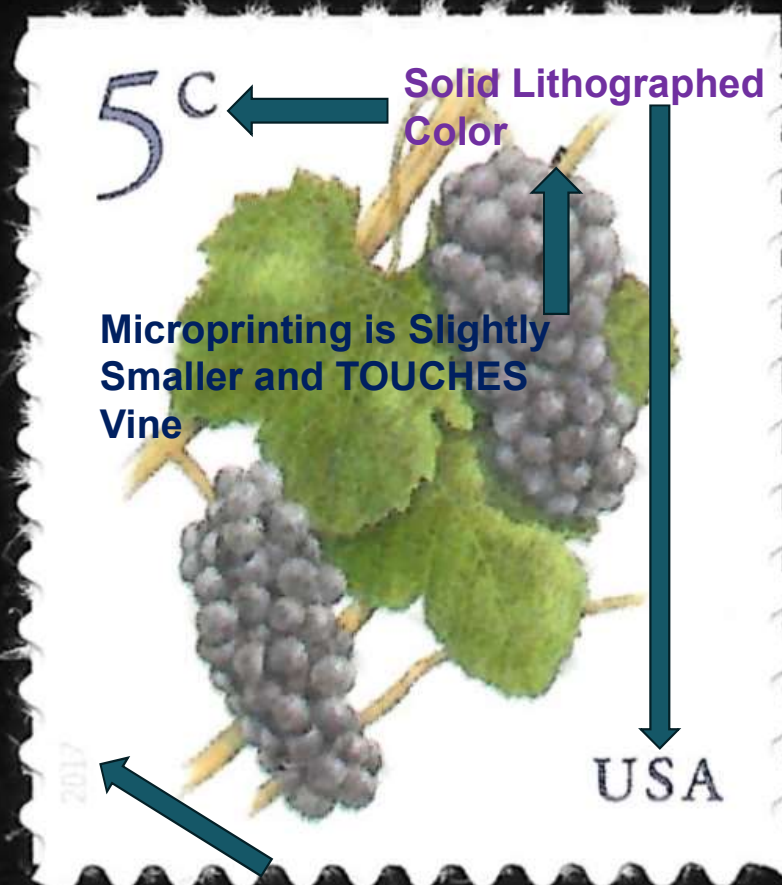
Counterfeit has HEAVY  
PHOSPHORESCENT TAGGING



NO USPS ISSUED STAMPS BELOW 10c FACE  
VALUE ARE TAGGED—POLICY







ALL STAMP ISSUED BY THE USPS IN  
2017 HAVE "2017" YEAR DATE ORIENTED  
UPWARDS AT LOWER LEFT

# *COUNTERFEIT LOW VALUE STAMPS*

Still available for sale, but counterfeit 1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 4¢, 5¢ and 10¢ Fruits are difficult to find

I have seen them offered for \$29.95 for 100 “pieces”

Same price applies to any of the denominations

Price is similar to the price for 100 “pieces” of counterfeit forever stamps.

Target audience for these stamps is people who want to “dress up” their wedding or special event invitations (but why not buy genuine stamps for less?)

Major postal history finds of these low value fruits would include

Non-philatelic uses

Especially 1¢, 2¢ and 3¢ sheet format stamps not issued by the USPS

Well, “major” might overstate this a bit

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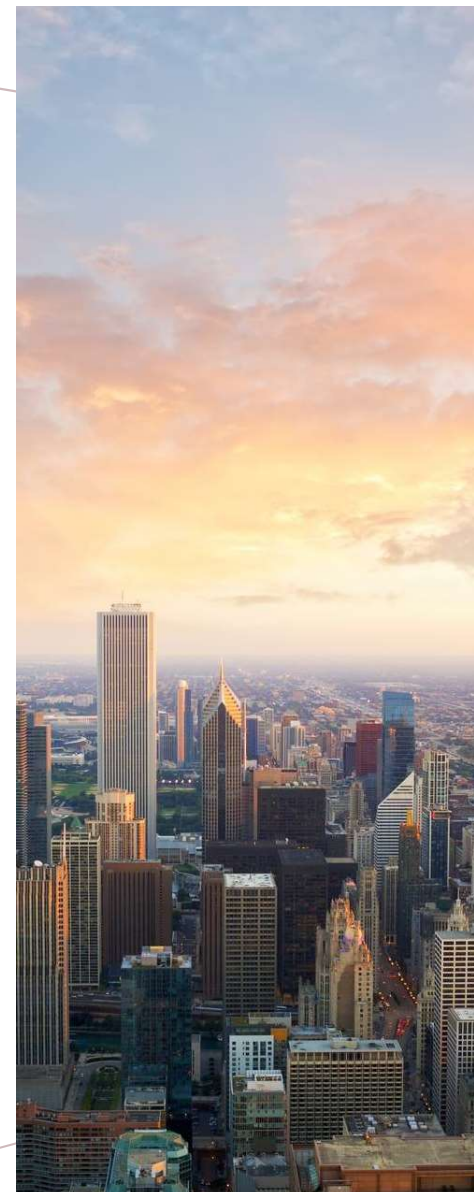
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# AN 1821 CAVALLINI

They are all rare, so adjective not needed

Carmagnola to Turin

Embossed horseman at lower left

Precursor of postal stationery  
(Mulready in England)

Expert mark(s)





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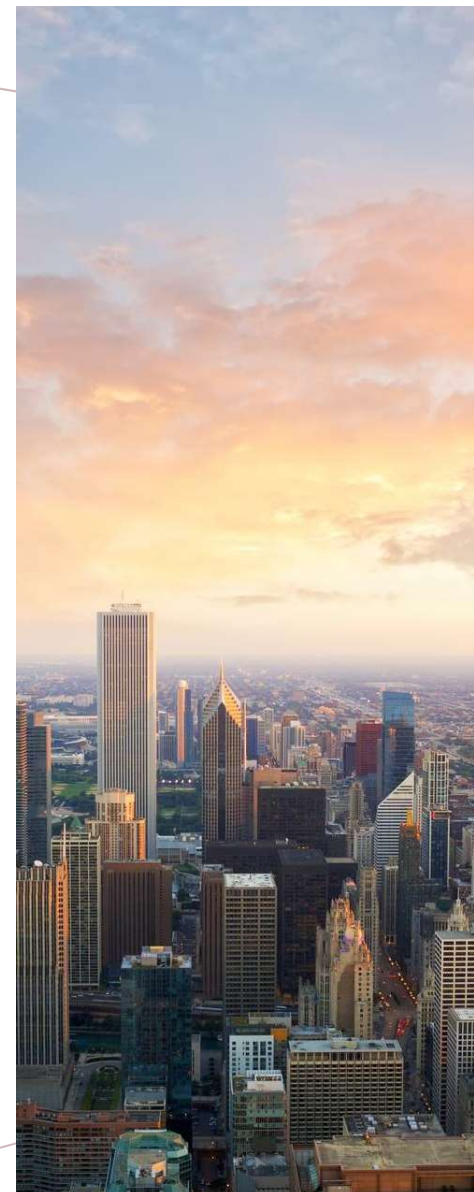
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# HONG KONG COVER



June 23, 1953, Hong Kong to London

Registered mail – blue label, blue crayon (horizontal and vertical lines)

Pencil “30¢” (center top) might be indication of additional required postage for HKD4.20 postage (see next slide)

Stamp at lower right may have been added to cover additional postage



# HONG KONG COVER

Reverse of previous cover

Balance of HKD2.70 postage

Also blue crayon lines to indicate registered mail





# ITALIAN SOCIALIST REPUBLIC COVER



December 18, 1944, registered letter from Como, Italy, to Geneva, Switzerland

Newly received by owner, so not thoroughly studied yet

Purple Italian censor marking (also see next slide)

German censor tape at left



# ITALIAN SOCIALIST REPUBLIC COVER

Reverse of previous cover

Geneva receipt marking  
November 4, 1945

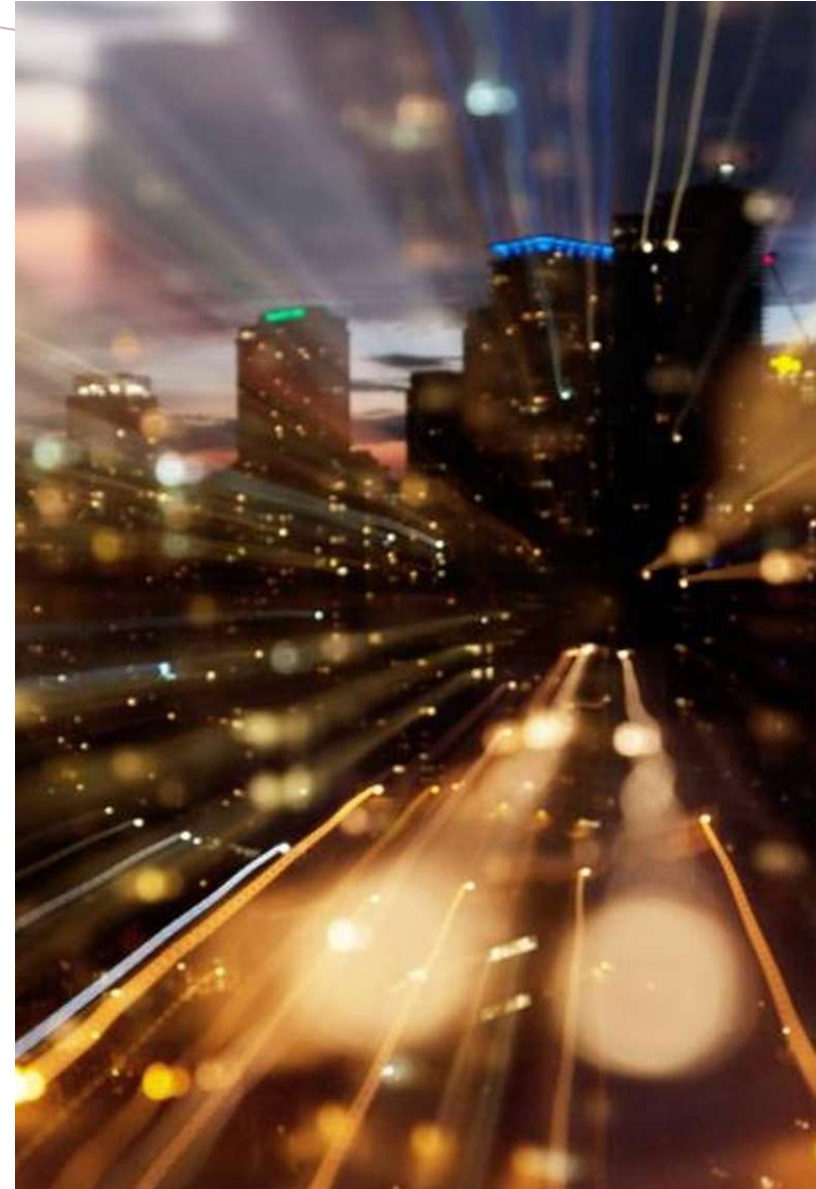
Italian censor tape and  
"cancel"

Wartime disruption slowed  
arrival of this letter  
considerably



## *TIME TO HEAD HOME*

Okay, it was a Zoom meeting, but other months we would be heading home after a fun meeting at the Doubletree in Independence.





# *THANK YOU*

Thanks to the members who provided our entertainment tonight.

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