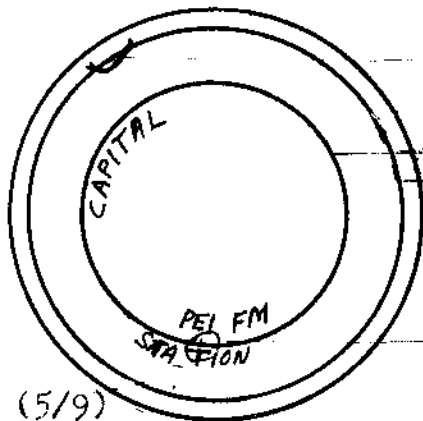
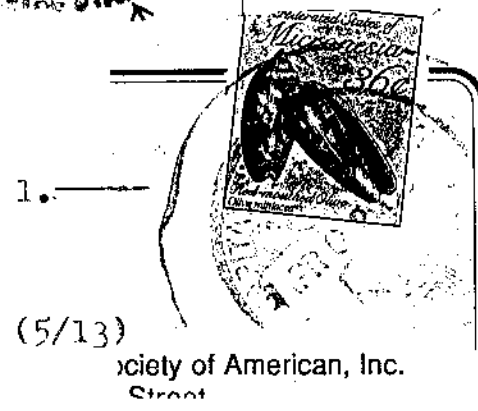
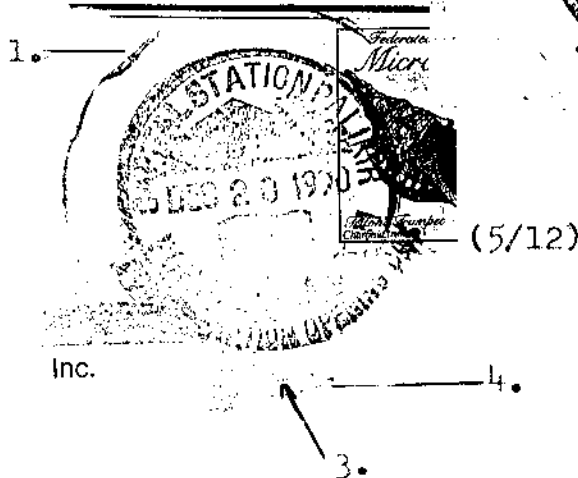
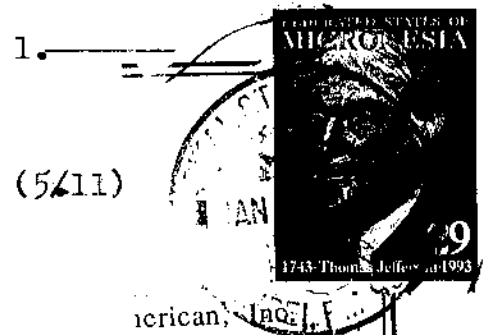
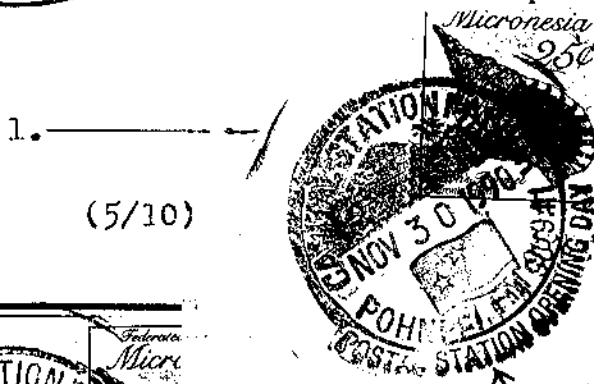


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Joel Fassler has submitted further evidence in support of the assumption expressed in the last edition of the "Bulletin" that the current cancel used at Palikar was created by removing the words "Postal Station Opening Day" from the Opening Day cancel. Joel has access to examples of both cancels used on soft packets. This reveals the construction of the cancel including the outer parts which are not visible on ordinary letters. The cancel consists of a circular date stamp (CDS) with two outer circles not usually visible - one is 8mm from the CDS circle and one 1cm from the CDS circle. These two outer circles appear on some covers but not on others and are never complete. What does show clearly is that the inner of these two circles has a dent above "AL" of Capital on both devices. While never exactly the same the way in which the lines show in this general area tends to be similar. There is also a recurring flaw under the "EI" of Pohnpei FM on the canceller without the opening day logo. It appears that when the "Postal Station Opening Day" was removed the top of the second "T" of Station was not completely removed. The recurring flaw appears to be the remnants of that "T". Joel remarks that while he does not consider any of the above to be conclusive evidence he does feel that it supports the theory that the words "Postal Station Opening Day" were removed from the original Palikar cancel to produce the cancel now in use. Joel has supplied a drawing of the cancel as he believes it to be together with a number of examples of both cancels used on soft packets. These are shown below.



1. Recurring Dent on the inner of the two "invisible" circles above the "AL" of Capital on both devices.
2. Outer circle of CDS
3. "Invisible" circle on device
4. 8mm from CDS
5. "Invisible" circle on device 1 cm from CDS.
5. Recurring flaw under the "EI" of Pohnpei FM on the CDS without the opening day logo.



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