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FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

The Postal Datestamps of the Four Main Post Offices (Continued from Bulletin # 12)

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Bridging the Gap - Murphy to July 11, 1984

Murphy [Addenda No. 1] 1.6 -- Extend to Jul 11 1984** (See note ** below and Illustration 13/2a)

Murphy [Addenda No. 1] 2.7 -- Extend to Jul 11 1984**



Illustration 13/1

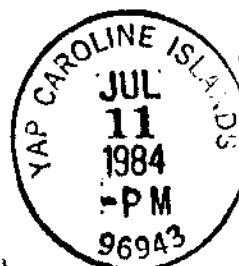


Illustration 13/2a

Independence - July 12, 1984 to Date

Group 1 Double Circle APDS - Old USPO Type

Illustration 13/1 Jul 17 1984** to Oct 2 1984 (This appears to be Murphy [Addenda No. 1] 2.7 with "USPO" removed.)

Group 1 4-Bar Datestamp - Old USPO Type

Illustration 13/2b Jul. 12 1984** to Oct 1 1987 (Murphy [Addenda No. 1] 1.6.)

Group 2 'French' Type Datestamps

Illustration 13/3 May 1 1986 to March 31 1987

Group 3 Double Circle APDS - New FSMPO Type

Illustration 13/4 Jan 1 1988 to March 21 1989

Group 3 4- Bar Datestamp - New FSMPO type

Illustration 13/5 Jan 1 1988 to March 21 1989 (Also seen used by favour on 1 Nov 1990)



Illustration 13/3



Illustration 13/2b

Group 4 Pictorial Type Datestamp

Illustration 13/6 May 22 1989 - in current use

Group 5 Revised Double Circle APDS

Illustration 13/7 June 2 1993 - in current use (First shown as Bulletin Illustration 2/3)

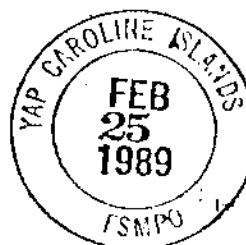


Illustration 13/4



Illustration 13/5



Illustration 13/6



Illustration 13/7

**The APDS & 4-Bar datestamps for these dates are illustrated in the "U.S. Pacific Islands Newsletter" # 76 - Aug/Sept 1984. The Jul 11 1984 4-Bar appears to be very slightly different to Murphy [Addenda No. 1] 1.6 when held one over the other in front of a light source (See Illustration 13/2a taken from "U.S. Pacific Islands Newsletter" # 76) - the difference may be due to the force applied when using the datestamp, or it could be a second datestamp ?. Other 4-Bars I have seen used during this period, including the July 12, 1984 copy illustrated in the "U.S. Pacific Islands Newsletter" # 76, appear to be identical to Murphy 1.6 [Addenda No. 1]

TO BE CONTINUED.....

Please check your collection - additions to, or corrections of, the above would be welcomed.

FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA: On March 23, 1995 President Bailey Oter delivered his "State of the Nation" message. Referring to the F.S.M. Postal Service he said "Another Public Agency that has made progress is the Postal Service, whose outbound and inbound mail movements have increased by 65% and 35% respectively with corresponding increases in revenue intakes. In infrastructural developments the central offices and the Pohnpei Branch are undergoing new construction and expansion. Minor improvements are also underway in Yap and Chuuk. The Postal Service has the goal of becoming an independent, self sustaining operation" (Reported in the "National Union" for March 1995) If any reader sees the "National Union" regularly I would appreciate copies of any items about postal services.