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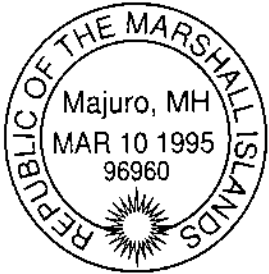
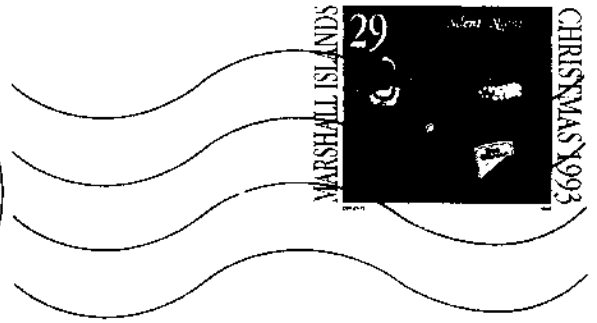


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DEALERS STOCKING MATERIAL FROM OUR AREA OF INTEREST:

This information is given as a service the readers. While my transactions with these dealers have been satisfactory I can take no responsibility for any transactions you may have with them. When writing to them please enclose a stamp to cover return postage. Howard Lee and George L. Machado Jr. have been very supportive of the Bulletin almost from Edition # 1 and have regularly contributed information to the Bulletin.

Howard Lee, P.O. Box 1705, Plains, PA 18705, USA is a long time dealer in the Postal History of the U.S. Pacific Islands - American Samoa, Guam, Wake, Midway, Johnston and the Trust Territories. Let Howard know what your interests are and photocopies will be sent by return.

George L. Machado Jr., P.O. Box 240093, Honolulu, Hawaii 96824-0093, USA has stocks of material from our area of interest including cacheted covers, Post Office Opening Day Covers, First Day of Use of datestamps etc. Let George know your interests.

Steven G. Zirinski, P.O. Box 49, Ansonia Station, New York, NY USA 10023 tells me that he has stocks of "Modern Local Commercial Mail from the US Pacific, MH, Palau etc.". If you require details of stock available please write to Steven detailing your interests.

Michael A White, P.O. Box 5222, Saipan, CM 96950, while not a dealer, has a number of Certified and Registered covers from FSM and RoP [plus a few from RMI] received as incoming mail over the past 10-15 years. He would be happy to sell these for \$10 certified or \$15 registered - postpaid.

LOCAL POSTAL RATES - Palau & Marshall Islands: Steven Zirinski has shown me a number of covers used locally within Palau & within the Marshall Islands. Three covers postmarked Koror, ROP and dated in August & October, 1996 were franked with 20c stamps. One had a Koror P.O. Box address, the other two were window envelopes. This suggests that there is a local postage rate of 20c in Palau. Of three covers postmarked either Majuro or Delap, Marshall Islands in August & September, 1996, and addressed to Majuro P.O. Boxes, two were franked with 32c stamps while one, from the Ministry of Finance, Majuro to the Bank of the Marshall Islands in Majuro had a 29c stamp. Was this simply a franking error or is there a 29c rate for domestic mail? Some years ago when the USPS domestic rate was 29c a former resident of the Marshall Islands told me that there was a 19c domestic rate for letters posted and delivered within the Marshall Islands. However he said that it was little used as there was no 19c stamp and people just couldn't be bothered with it. A 19c stamp was eventually issued but I have never seen a domestic Marshall islands cover franked at 19c. Even if local residents sending only the occasional letter to Marshall Islands addresses found it tiresome to obtain 19c stamps I would have thought that businesses would have used the 19c rate if it was available. Can anyone add to or comment on the above?

REPUBLIC OF PALAU

HANDLING OF INCOMING MAIL: Amongst covers shown to me by Steven Zirinski were two covers originating in Guam and in mainland USA and addressed to Koror - One letter rate and one a printed matter bulk rate cover - both had Koror APDS impressed on the back of the envelope presumably to indicate date of receipt at Koror Post office.

REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

JALUIT, MH 96961: An article in Bulletin Edition # 6 reviewed the postal markings used at this office. William S. Tufts has supplied additional information which allows the dates of use of the various cancellations to be extended:

Illustration 6/3: Known June 2, 1989 to December 4, 1992 [On November 25, 1991 appeared in red on a cover also bearing Illustration 6/4 also in red]

Illustration 6/4: Known November 25, 1991 to December 4, 1992

Illustration 6/5: Seen July 15, 1991 to August 7, 1991 [The latter date on a cover also bearing Illustration 6/3 in black]

I am grateful to Mr. Tufts for his help.

I am also grateful to Bernd Neuhaus who has supplied additional information about **Illustration 6/6**. This is an F.D. cancel for the "Germany United" stamp issued on October 3, 1990. Bernd reports that this "cancellation" was in fact applied by a printing process to FDC's at the Unicovert office in the USA and was never in the Marshalls. No actual datestamp ever existed. However a similar F.D. datestamp was used at Majuro but with Majuro appearing below the date in place of Jaluit. This is shown here as **Illustration 15/16**.



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