

FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (Continued)

KOSRAE: Thanks to Gabe Pustel I can illustrate the first meter from the FSM to be reported in the Bulletin. **POSTALIA Meter Number 610525** is used by the Bank of Hawaii, Kosrae Branch on Sep 11 '96. See **Illustration 16/3**.

KOLONIA, POHNPEI, FM 96941: The New York dealer Steven Zirinski [P.O. Box 49, Ansonia Station, New York NY 100243] has shown me 7 commercial covers originating in Pohnpei between August and December, 1996. All are cancelled with Illustration 15/4, the older of the FSMPO APDS. This suggests that use of the pictorial datestamp on commercial mail at Pohnpei may have ceased. Also, courtesy of Steven Zirinski, I can illustrate a meter mark from Pohnpei. **Illustration 16/4** shows **Postalia meter 606840** used on Dec 6, '96 by "FSM Telecommunications Corporation", P.O. Box 1210, Kolonia, Pohnpei 96941.

COLONIA, YAP, FM 96943: Steven Zirinski has shown me two commercial covers posted at Yap in the second half of 1996. Both are cancelled with Illustration 13/7 - The most recently issued APDS. By courtesy of Steven I can illustrate [see **Illustration 16/5**] part of a cover from the Bank of Hawaii at Colonia, Yap bearing a faint .22c meter dated Dec 11, '96 and over stamped with Illustration 13/7. This is obviously a Postalia meter but unfortunately the meter number is not legible. Can anyone supply the number or a better illustration?

LELU, KOSRAE, FM 96944: Steven Zirinski has shown me two commercial covers originating in Kosrae in November, 1996 - both are cancelled with the Pictorial datestamp Illustration 12/10.

LOCAL POSTAL RATES IN FSM: Steven Zirinski has shown me two commercial covers postmarked at Pohnpei in December, 1996 and addressed to P.O. Boxes in Pohnpei. Both are stamped at 22c [One has a 22c stamp of the first FSM definitive issue, the second has a 20c shell definitive together with a 2c of the first FSM definitive issue.] These are illustrated below as **Illustrations 16/6 & 16/7**. A December, 1996 cover postmarked at Palikar and addressed to Pohnpei has a 29c stamp, while 1996 covers to Pohnpei from Kosrae, Ulithi & Yap bear 32c stamps. Does this indicate there is a 22c rate for internal mail within FSM - or only for mail within Pohnpei? The former seems most likely. Can anyone comment?

INTERNAL MAIL SERVICES: Honolulu Dealer George L. Machado Jr. (P.O.B. 240093, Honolulu HI 96824-0093) tells me that he recently spoke to Mr. Sintaro Ezra of the FSM Post Office. Mr. Ezra reported that airmail services to Pingelap Atoll and Mwoakilloa had been suspended due to new carrier contracts. Mail services still continue by surface routes but are very, very slow.

KOLONIA, POHNPEI, FM 96941 - PRESORTED PERMIT MAIL INDICATOR: Shown as **Illustration 16/8** is a Printed Postage Paid indicator from Kolonia, Pohnpei. The cover originates from the FSM Social Security Administration, P.O. Box 1, Kolonia, and is postmarked Aug 11, 1996 with Illustration 15/4. The indicator reads "PRESORTED/FIRST CLASS MAIL/FSM POSTAGE/PAID ONE OUNCE/PERMIT NO. 01". The cover is of the type used in the U.K. to notify Credit Card PIN numbers or Salary statements. e.g. the inside of the cover is coated with carbon so a printer can produce confidential information without those operating the machine being able to read it (by printing blind on the outside of the cover but producing a printed statement on a piece of paper inside the envelope). This particular cover is addressed to the Marshall Islands and had a 32c stamp covering the Postage Paid indicator. I assume that the Postage Paid Indicator is only valid for internal FSM mail.

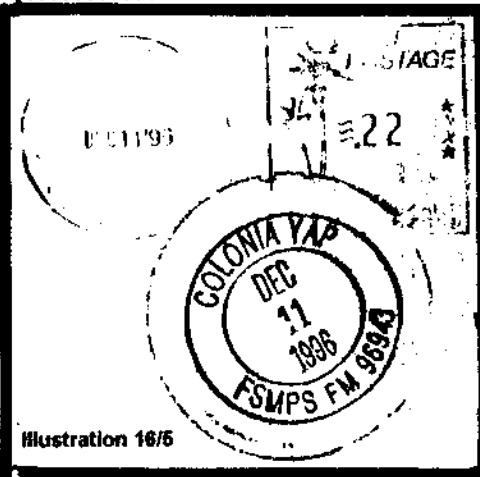


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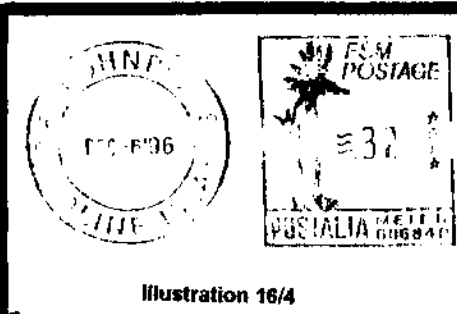


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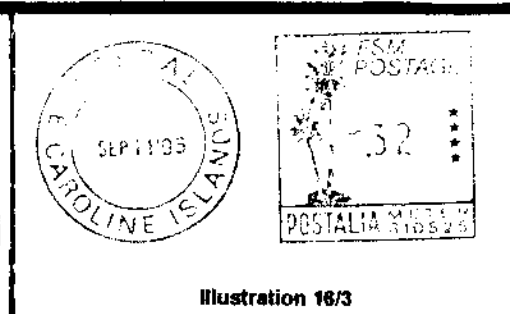


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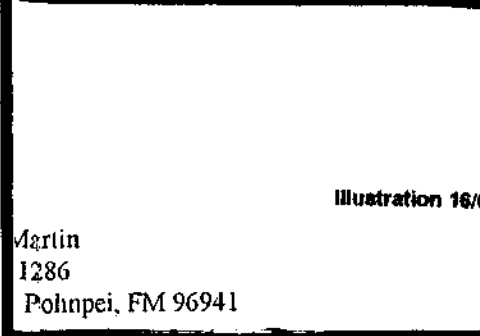


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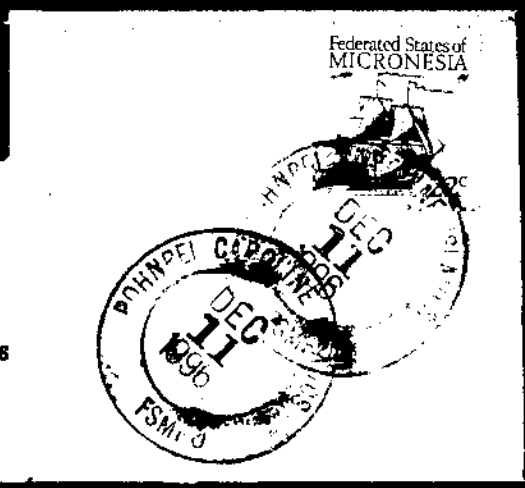
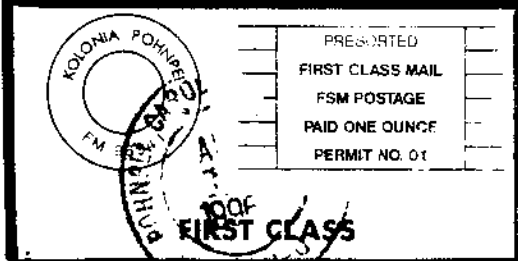


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Illustration 16/7

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 FIRST CLASS MAIL
 FSM POSTAGE
 PAID ONE OUNCE
 PERMIT NO. 01