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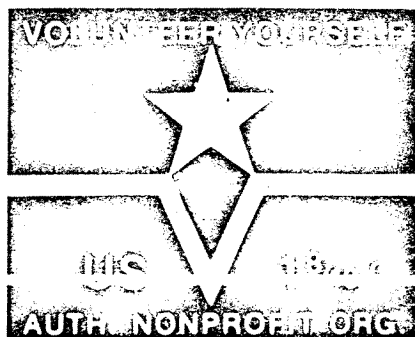
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Directives Control Division, Washington, DC 20260 PB 20995 — August 8, 1974 — 5 Pages

1.8-Cent Precanceled Embossed Stamped Envelope

Description. The 1.8-cent precanceled embossed stamped envelope will be first placed on sale at Cincinnati, OH, on August 23, 1974. The background is printed in blue with the design embossed in white. The design depicts a five pointed star atop a symbolic "V" standing for Voluntarism.

Do Not Sell Before August 24, 1974



Collectors. Address requests for first-day cancellations to: *Postmaster, Cincinnati, OH 45202*. Requests must be endorsed *First Day Covers 1.8¢ Precanceled Embossed Stamped Envelope*, and will be accepted through September 15, 1974. Plainly indicate your full name and address (including ZIP Code) and include remittance to cover the cost of 14 cents per envelope. Both sizes of regular envelopes will be serviced—but unless size 10 is stipulated the cancellation will be on size 6¾. As first day covers are considered first-class mail, a 10-cent stamp will be affixed to the envelope to meet the rate.

Beginning August 26, 1974 the envelope will be available from the *Philatelic Sales Division, Washington, DC 20036*: (a) in sets of 2—one each size 6¾ and size 10 @ 8¢ per set or (b) in minimum box lots of 500, plus postage and handling charges. The minimum handling charge is 50 cents. The box lot prices for 600 plain embossed stamped envelopes are:

Size 6¾—\$12.55; Size 10—\$13.20.

Requisitions. All classes of post offices may submit requisitions for the

1.8-cent precanceled embossed stamped envelope to the *U.S. Stamped Envelope Agency, Williamsburg, PA 16693*. Orders will be filled as fast as production and distribution facilities permit.

Plain Envelopes. All post offices requiring the new 1.8¢ plain stamped envelope in minimum lots of 500 may submit Form 3205, *Requisition For Plain Stamped Envelopes*, to the U.S. Stamped Envelope Agency, Williamsburg, PA 16693, in accordance with section 222.72 of Handbook F-1. Use item 683 for the size 6¾, and item 183 for the size 10. Requisitions should be limited to a three-A/P supply.

Printed Stamped Envelopes. Postmasters may accept customers' requests for the precanceled stamped envelopes with printed return addresses. Orders must be for minimum lots of 500. Allow the usual 6 weeks for delivery. No orders will be dispatched before August 23, 1974.

Selling Prices. Selling prices for the 1.8¢ plain and printed stamped envelopes appear below.

Size	Item No.	Prices	
		500	1,000
6¾ 10	683	\$12.55	\$25.10
	183	13.20	26.40

Size	Item No.	Prices		
		500	1,000	Each additional 500
6¾ 10	683	\$14.80	\$29.10	\$14.35
	183	15.45	30.40	15.20

Current Denomination. Orders for the current denomination 1.7¢ printed and plain stamped envelopes will not be accepted after August 12, 1974: (a) All orders for the 1.7¢ printed stamped envelopes will be returned to post offices. (b) All orders for the 1.7¢ plain stamped envelopes will be filled with the new 1.8¢ envelopes—instead of with the 1.7¢ envelopes.—*Office of Stamps, 8-8-74*.

Urgency of Energy Conservation

The following TWX was released to top field management August 1, 1974:

Managers in many locations are becoming lax regarding our energy conservation policies.

The Conservation guidelines set forth in Maintenance Series Handbooks MS-49 and MS-50 must be followed. I am particularly concerned regarding the conservation of electrical energy. In addition, it is absolutely essential that significant reductions in vehicle fuel consumption be made, for both USPS operated vehicles and under star route contracts. Our Performance in this area must significantly improve.

I want to emphasize that our energy program is extremely important. The crisis is not over, and we must do everything possible to conserve energy. *Your personal attention is mandatory.*

/Signed/ E. V. Dorsey, Senior Assistant Postmaster General Operations Group

Emphasis must be placed on all energy conservation policies which have been issued by higher authority, including transportation, vehicle service, and buildings. Good judgement and common sense must prevail.

Pay particular attention to instructions in Handbooks MS-49 and MS-50. Note that PB 20987, 6-13-74, listed pen-and-ink changes to section 4.2 (change 82° to 80°) and section 4.3c (change 80° to 82° to 78° to 80°). Make a further pen-and-ink change to section 4.3c to indicate that the required temperature levels are:

Workroom space 76° to 78° F. range
Office space 78° to 80° F. range

Also note that instructions relating to temperature requirements mean that: Local management must actually check the temperature and not simply rely on a thermostat setting.—*Employee and Labor Relations Group and Real Estate and Buildings Department, 8-8-74*.