Chapter 43

Plate Numbers 33000-33999

Plate number 33000 was assigned to the 11c air mail coil stamp in April, 1971 and plate number 33999 was assigned to the 8c flag coil stamp in January, 1973. The rate of plate number usage slowed and this is a somewhat quiet period. The USPS experimented with sets of commemorative stamps by having four different denominations for both the 1972 Olympics stamps and the 1972 National Parks stamps. The Andreotti press saw increased use and there were more commemorative stamps printed by the gravure method. Collectors did not realize it at the time, but the last special delivery plates were used in this section.

The USPS must have liked the 2c Jefferson coil of the Liberty series because two more plates printed this stamp in this section. These two plates have been found.

The Prominent Americans regular issue had 113 plates assigned with 103 going to press. Two new stamps appeared, the 7c Franklin and the 14c LaGuardia, with four plates each. The 8c Eisenhower sheet stamp had 37 plates to press and it seemed these plates either printed a very adequate number of impressions or a very small number of impressions because some of these plates are tough to locate. The interesting stamp booklet combinations got a new entry with the introduction of the 300 subject plate. This plate was functionally equivalent to the 400 subject plates and the printed panes each contained four stamps and two large labels. Twenty-nine 300 and 400 subject 8c Eisenhower plates went to press and only two, both 400 subject, were reported. These are rare items. The \$1 O'Neill stamp was issued in coil form, the highest denomination coil ever, and two plates went to press. It is surprising, but these plates were found without a lot of difficulty. Seventeen 8c Eisenhower coil plates went to press and two these comprise the two unreported Prominent Americans plates.

The 9 color Huck press spent its time printing the sheet and coil version of the 8c flag stamp. The BEP and USPS reported that 34 plates went to press but collectors have found only 12 of these. The final run must have been very small or non-existent for so many plates to be unreported. The 8c flag coil required 180 plates assigned and 156 were sent to press. None of these 156 plates is available.

Most of the plate number action was in the commemorative arena with 495 plates assigned, 407 to press, and 301 available to collectors. None of these 301 plates is scarce. The gravure method was much more widely used in this section with mixed results. Most collectors seem to prefer the artwork of the engraved designs. An interesting plate number item appears on the 8c Parent Teacher stamp. The lower right position of yellow plate number 33656 is printed in reverse or mirror image.

The air mail plate numbers were more active thanks to two commemorative stamps. The 11c Olympics and the 11c City of Refuge stamps were part of the Olympics and the

National Parks sets. 82 air mail plates were assigned, 64 went to press and 48 are easily available.

Five plates were assigned to the 60c special delivery stamp and four went to press. These four plates were the last special delivery plates in the postage stamp plate number series and perhaps the last of all time. No collector realized at the time that this was the end of special delivery stamps.

The BEP continued printing the 1971 15c aerogramme on the gravure press and 26 plates were assigned. Twenty-four of these were used and three are known to exist because of miscuts and/or foldovers. During the 1970s, it seemed aerogramme miscuts appeared somewhat frequently in auctions. I placed a bid anytime the miscut had a plate number and I was lucky enough to buy three of these gravure plate numbers. So three plates exist on the 15c aerogramme in the 33000 section of plates and obviously these are scarce, or perhaps unique, plate numbers. Plate numbers occasionally appeared on subsequent aerogrammes, but I have not heard of an aerogramme plate number being found in the last 20 years.

Just when you thought there could not possibly be fewer plate numbers available in a section of 1000 numbers, along comes the 33000 section with the 6th consecutive record low of 469 plates. 794 plates went to press and 27 are unreported. But a collector can still locate a high percentage of the available plates.

The special delivery plates are now history and it is time to take a look at the entire special delivery series. How many plates are there to collect and how hard is it? Can this series be completed if one were to try to locate all of the plate numbers of these interesting stamps? We can answer these questions as this gripping drama continues in the next chapter.

		33000 Seri	ies Totals				
Series	Subject	Plate Type	Assigned	To Press	Available	Unreported	I Have
	(totals)		1000	782	470	23	
	reau Series (Liberty Series)						
1954	2c Jefferson Coil	432R	2	2	2	0	
7th Bureau Series (Prominent Americans)							
` , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		432R	4	4	4	0	
	2c Wright	400R	2	2	2	0	
	2c Wright book	360R	1	1	1	0	
	7c Washington	400R	2	0	0	0	
	7c Franklin	400R	4	4	4	0	
	14c LaGuardia	400R	4	4	4	0	
	20c Marshall	400R	1	1	1	0	
	21c Giannini	400R	4	0	0	0	
	50c Stone	400R	2	2	2	0	
	\$1 O'Neill coil	432R	2	2	2	0	
	8c Eisenhower	400R	39	37	37	0	
	8c Eisenhower book	300R	6	6	1	0	
	8c Eisenhower book	400R	23	23	3	0	
	8c Eisenhower coil	432R	19	17	17	2	
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Flags S	Series						
	8c Flag	80R	96	34	34	21	
	8c Flag Coil	72R	180	144	0		
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Comme	emoratives						
1971	8c Antarctic	200R	1	1	1	0	
1971	8c American Revolution	200R	11	8	8	0	
1971	8c American Revolution offse	200L	4	2	0		
1971	8c Wildlife	128R	11	10	10	0	
1971	8c Wildlife offset	128L	12	10	0		
1971	8c Drug Abuse	200C	6	6	6	0	
1971	8c Sloan Painting	200R	11	10	10	0	
	8c Sloan Painting offset	200L	6	4	0		
1971	8c Moon Rover	200R	9	8	8	0	
1971	8c Moon Rover offset	200L	11	9	0		
1971	8c Partridge	200C	19	19	19	0	
1971	8c Care	200C	8	8	8	0	
1971	8c Dickinson	200R	9	8	8	0	
1971	8c Dickinson offset	200L	8	4	0		
1971	8c San Juan	200R	9	8	8	0	
1971	8c San Juan offset	200L	10	6	0		
1971	8c Christmas Nativity	200C	19	18	18	0	
	8c Historic Preservation	128R	11	8	8	0	
	8c Historic Preservation offset	128L	2	2	0		
1972	8c Peace Corps	200C	6	6	6	0	
	6c Olympics	200C	5	5	5	0	
	8c Olympics	200C	10	10	10	0	
1972	15c Olympics	200C	5	5	5	0	

1072	8c Lanier	200R	10	8	8	0	
		200R 200R	9	8	8	0	
	8c Family Planning 8c Family Planning offset	200K 200L	11	7		U	
		400R	9	8	0 8	0	
	2c Cape Hatteras					U	
	2c Cape Hatteras offset	400L 200R	16	11	0	0	
	6c Wolf Trap Farm		9	8	8	0	
	6c Wolf Trap Farm offset	200L	10	6	0	0	
	8c Yellowstone	128R	10	8	8	0	
	8c Yellowstone offset	128L	6	3	0		
	15c Mt. McKinley	200R	9	5	5	0	
	15c Mt. McKinley offset	200L	10	6	0		
	8c Christmas Angels	200C	18	18	18	0	
	8c Colonial Craftsmen	200R	9	6	6	0	
	8c P. T. A.	200C	4	4	4	0	
	8c Santa Claus	200C	18	18	18	0	
	8c Wildlife	128R	10		9	0	
	8c Wildlife offset	128L	30		0		
	8c Mail Order Business	200C	12	12	12	0	
	8c Tom Sawyer	200R	11	10	10	0	
1972	8c Tom Sawyer offset	200L	8	5	0		
1972	8c Osteopathic Medecine	200C	6	6	6	0	
1972	8c Pharmacy	200R	10	9	9	0	
1972	8c Pharmacy offset	200L	11	5	0		
1972	8c Stamp Collecting	128R	9	8	8	0	
1972	8c Stamp Collecting offset	128L	8	6	0		
1973	8c Love	200C	7	6	6	0	
1973	8c Gershwin	160C	12	12	12	0	
Specia	l Purpose Issues						
	11c Air Mail	400R	7	4	4	0	
	11c Air Mail Book	360R	4	2	2	0	
	11c Air Mail Coil	432R	4	4	4	0	
	17c Air Mail	200R	11	8	8	0	
	21c Air Mail	200R	22	17	17	0	
	21c Air Mail offset	200L	12	12	0		
	11c Olympics Air Mail	200C	5	5	5	0	
	11c City of Refuge	200R	9		8	0	
	11c City of Refuge offset	200L	8		0		
1072	The Gity of Relage offset	ZOOL			0		
1971	60c Special Delivery	200R	5	4	4	0	
1371	COC OPCOIGN DONVERY	20011	3	7		0	
1971	15c Aerogramme	8C	26	24	3	0	
1911	100 Acrogramme	30	20		3	U	
1072	Experimental Siderography		1	0	0		
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33010 8c Wildlife master plate not used



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33015-33016 21c Airmail offset plates unavailable









33021 21c Airmail not used

33022-33025 21c Airmail offset plates unavailable



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33028 8c American Revolution not used



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33034-33038 8c Wildlife offset plates unavailable

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33041-33042 8c American Revolution offset plates unavailable

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33051-33055 8c Wildlife offset plates unavailable

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33057-33058 7c Washington stamp not issued 



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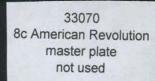














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33074-33075 8c American Revolution offset plates unavailable 33076 17c Airmail master plate not used















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33081-33082 8c Wildlife offset plates unavailable

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33084-33088 15c Aerogramme unavailable

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33089-33091 21c Airmail not used



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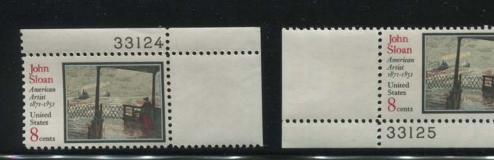
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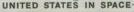












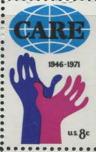


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33149-33151 8c American Painting offset plates unavailable















33157
8c Dickinson
master plate
not used

33158-33161
8c Moon Rover
offset plates
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33214-33217 8c San Juan offset plates unavailable

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33220 8c Historic Preservation 8c San Juan master plate not used

33221 offset plate not available 33222



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33240-33241 8c Historic Preservation offset plates not available 33241 8c Historic Preservation offset plates unavailable



33243 21c Airmail not finished not used

33244-33697 11c Airmail coil



33245 8c Historic Preservation master plate not used



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33249-33278 8c Flag side coil unavailable



33280-33285 8c Flag side coil unavailable 33286 8c Nativity Christmas not used 33287-33292 8c Flag side coil unavailable 33293-33302 8c Eisenhower book unreported 33296-see after 32999 33303-33308 8c Flag side coil unavailable

33309-33311 15c Aerogramme unavailable











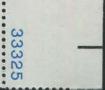
































33338-33339 8c Eisenhower book 33338-not in collection 33339-unreported

33340-33357 8c Flag side coil unavailable 33358 8c Lanier master plate not used

33359 8c Lanier not used





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33363 8c Family Planning master plate not used



33365-33366 15c Aerogramme unavailable



33368-33371 8c Family Planning offset plates unavailable

33372 15c Aerogramme unavailable

















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33378-33380 15c Aerogramme not available 33379-see large sheet album





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33387-33391 8c Family Planning offset plates unavailable

33393 8c Family Planning offset plates unavailable















33401-33402 8c Eisenhower book unreported 33403 8c Yellowstone master plate not used 33404 1c Jefferson side coil rare, not in collection 33405-33406 8c Yellowstone offset plates unavailable

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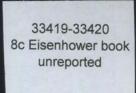
33414 8c Eisenhower book unreported



















33425-33426 8c Eisenhower book unreported





33428 15c Aerogramme unavailable 33429 21c Airmail offset plates unavailable 33430-33433 8c Yellowstone offset plates unavailable 33434 8c Eisenhower side coil not finished



33437 8c Eisenhower side coil rare, not in collection 33438 11c Parks Airmail master plate not used

33439 2c Cape Hatteras master plate not used 33440-33444 2c Cape Hatteras offset plates unavailable





33447-33448 15c Aerogramme unavailable

33449-33452 11c Parks Airmail offset plates unavailable

33453 experimental plate unavailable :33454



33455 8c Eisenhower side coil rare, not in collection

33456-33436 8c Eisenhower side coil









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33464 2c Cape Hatteras offset plates unavailable





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33647-33487 2c Jefferson side coil













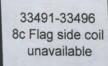












33497-33498 15c Aerogramme not available 33497-see large sheet album





33500-33505 8c Flag side coil unavailable







33508-33513 8c Flag side coil unavailable



















33518 17c Airmail not used 33519-33524 8c Flag side coil unavailable

33525 8c Eisenhower not used 33526 17c Airmail not used 33527-33530 11c Parks Airmail offset plates unavailable

33532-33537 8c Flag side coil unavailable 33538 60c Special Delivery not used 33539-33540 8c Eisenhower side coil (missing)

33541-33542 11c Airmail not used



33544-33549 8c Flag side coil unavailable



33551-33552 21c Airmail offset plates unavailable







33573-33578 8c Flag side coil unavailable

33579 8c Colonial Craftsmen not finished











33581 8c Eisenhower not used



33583-33588 8c Flag side coil unavailable

















33591 6c Wolf Trap Farm master plate not used

33592-33597 8c Flag side coil unavailable



33599-33602 6c Wolf Trap Farm offset plates unavailable



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33605-33610 8c Flag side coil unavailable









33612-33617 8c Flag side coil unavailable





33619-33624 8c Flag side coil unavailable



33626-33631 6c Wolf Trap Farm offset plates unavailable



33633-33638 8c Flag side coil unavailable

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33640-33645 8c Flag side coil unavailable

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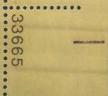


33663-33664 8c Flag unreported

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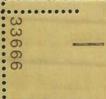
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33668 8c Flag rare, not in collection



33670 8c Flag unreported



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33675 8c Colonial Craftsmen not finished



33677 8c Flag unreported





33680-33681 8c Flag unreported



33683 8c Colonial Craftsmen not finished

33684 11c Airmail not used













33688-33689 15c Mt. McKinley master plates not used

33690 15c Aerogramme unavailable

33691-33695 15c Mt. McKinley offset plates unavailable

33696 1c Jefferson side coil rare, not in collection

33697 11c Airmail coil see plate 33244

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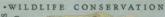


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33740-33744 15c Mt. McKinley offset plates unavailable

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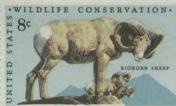






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33760-33761 8c Wildlife offset plates unavailable

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33763-33768 8c Eisenhower book unreported

33767 8c Eisenhower book rare, not in collection

33768 8c Eisenhower book rare, not in collection 33769-33782 8c Wildlife offset plates unavailable

33783 8c Tom Sawyer master plate not used

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33790 8c Pharmacy master plate not used













33793-33795 8c Wildlife offset plates unavailable

33796-33797 8c Eisenhower book unreported

33798-33801 8c Tom Sawyer offset plates unavailable

33802-33804 8c Wildlife offset plates unavailable









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33806 8c Wildlife offset plates unavailable

33807 8c Pharmacy not used



















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33821-33822 8c Eisenhower book unreported

33823-33827 8c Pharmacy offset plates unavailable

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33829-33832 8c Tom Sawyer offset plates unavailable

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33835-33836 21c Giannini not used 33837 15c Aerogramme unavailable



33839 8c Stamp Collecting master plate not used

33840-33844 8c Pharmacy offset plates unavailable

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33845-33846 21c Giannini not used



33848-33849 8c Stamp Collecting offset plates unavailable







33853-33854 8c Stamp Collecting offset plates unavailable 33855 8c Pharmacy offset plates unavailable







33859-33860 8c Stamp Collecting offset plates unavailable



33862-33863 8c Stamp Collecting offset plates unavailable 33864-33865 15c Aerogramme unavailable



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33867 8c Flag unreported

33868 8c Flag unreported 33869 8c Flag not finished

33870 8c Flag unreported



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33872 8c Flag unreported

33873 8c Eisenhower side coil unreported

33874 8c Eisenhower side coil not finished 33875-33879 8c Flag unreported 33880-33886 8c Flag not used





33889 8c Eisenhower side coil unreported

33890 8c Eisenhower side coil see plate 34052 33891-33902 8c Flag not used 33903-33904 1c Jefferson side coil (missing)

33905-33910 8c Flag not used

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33912-33923 8c Flag not used



33925-33930 8c Flag not used





33936 8c Love not used

33938-33949 8c Flag not used







33962-33963 8c Eisenhower side coil unreported



33965-33970 8c Flag not used

33971-33982 8c Flag side coil unavailable



33985 2c Wright book (missing)

33986-33987 11c Airmail book not used

33988-33999 8c Flag side coil unavailable



8c Eisenhower book