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Welcome to the Dummy Stamps Study Group's Eighty-second Newsletter

This newsletter is produced quarterly by the United States Stamp Society's Dummy Stamps Study Group for your information and pleasure. We hope that the information included in this newsletter will be informative, useful and encourage your enjoyment of collecting dummy/test stamps. Our goal is to keep you up-to-date with the latest information available to our group. Questions, comments and articles proposed for publication should be directed to Terry R. Scott, Chairman of the United States Stamp Society's Dummy Stamps Study Group at terryrscott@comcast.net

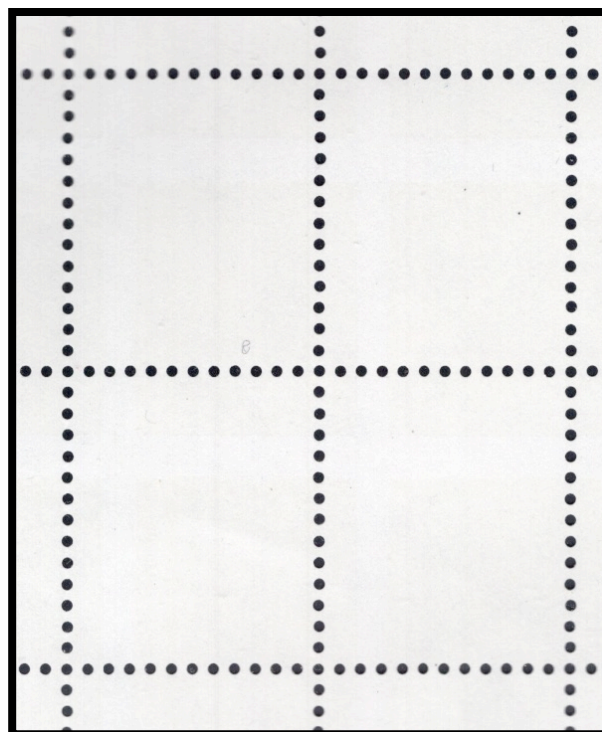
A New Test Stamp Discovery

by Terry R. Scott and Michael O. Perry

Recently fellow Dummy Stamps Study Group member Terry R. Scott reported the discovery of another previously unknown test stamp. The newly reported test stamp was produced by an unknown company.

The new discovery is a completely blank sheet stamp with dry gum that has yellow-green block tagging. It is perforated 11.25 x 11.0.

The stamp dimensions are 21.5 mm x 25.0 mm and the yellow-green block tagging is 19 mm x 22 mm. As can be seen in the scan of a part of the sheet, the block tagging is off-center from the stamp images. Our intention is to propose to the Scott Publishing Company that this new discovery be listed as #TD142, blank in the Scott Specialized Test Stamps Section.

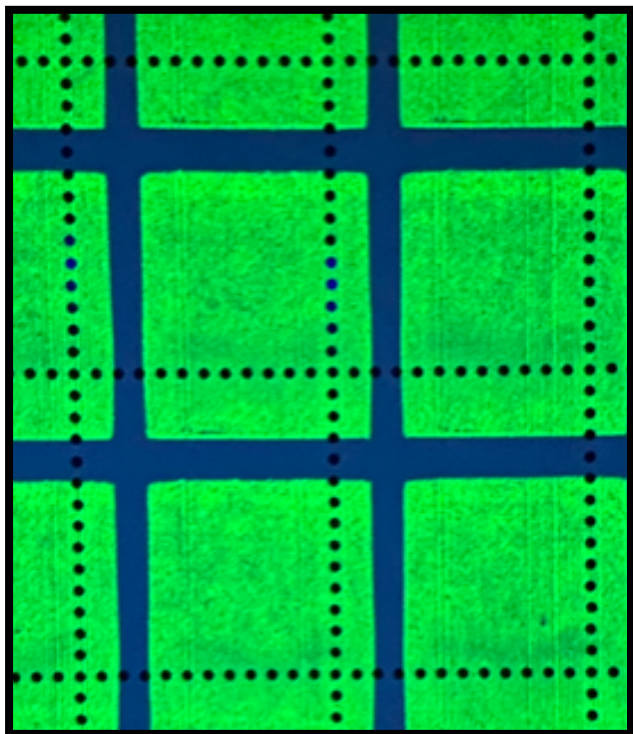


A block of 4 image that is cropped from the discovery piece.

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The proposed new Scott Catalogue #TD143 with an image number of TE73 is a Banknote Corporation of America Test Coil. The stamp design is blue but the plate number "B11" has both black and blue printing. The very small 2 mm x 0.5 mm 2016 date on each stamp at the bottom right corner is also black as are the vertical printed perforations.

The newly discovered Banknote Corporation of America Test Coil is untagged. It is serpentine die-cut gauge 11 vertically. Note that in the stamp design there are also printed perforations vertically between the stamps which are black. The printed perforations also gauge 11 vertically.



On the stamp design, you can see the initials "B C A" shown in blue that are 12 mm wide and 4 mm tall. Barely visible under those letters are the words "BANKNOTE CORPORATION OF AMERICA". Those words are 16.5 mm in length and are 0.5 mm tall.

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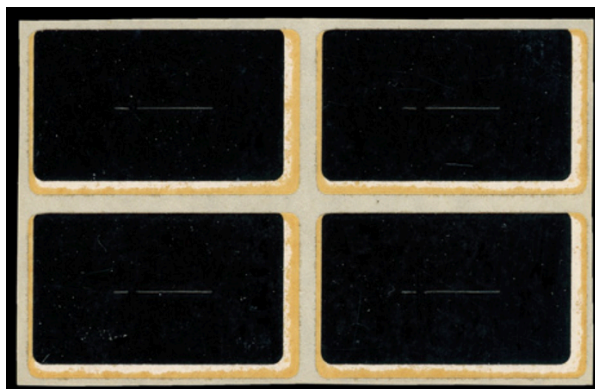
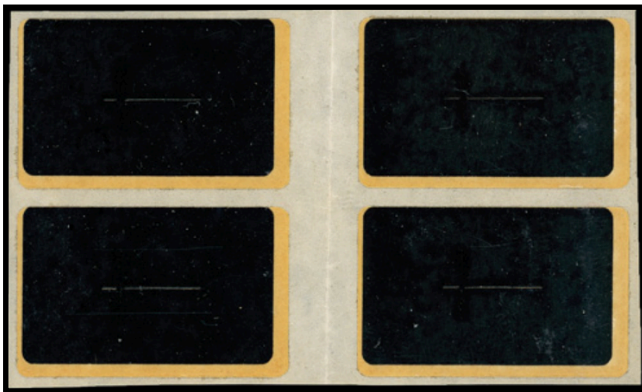
We proposed to Scott Publishing Company to list the stamp as a “Blue and Black” color.

This TD143 test coil is on backing paper taller than the stamps. There is a 3 mm vertical gap between the tips of the serpentine die-cut perforations, and a 1 to 2 mm horizontal gap above and below the stamps where the paper matrix was removed from the liner after the web was die-cut. There is a Plate #B11 every 24

stamps. The first “1” in the plate # is blue, the “B” and the second “1” are black. There is a small printed black date “2016” at the bottom right of each stamp. There is a 4-digit black inverted counting number on the back of every 10 stamps, on the items that were observed. Those numbers are 6 mm in length and 2 mm tall and were inverted on the examples seen by us.

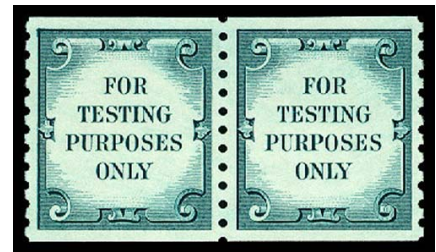
Recent Auction Results

On January 11, 2026, Daniel F. Kellerher held LLC Sale - 2016 Kelleher Club Sale including Expositions & Fairs that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this auction.



Lot 7084 Lot 7084 **  TD117a **Test Stamp, 1973, Christmas issue, black, self-adhesive, on imperf backing paper (Scott TD117a), o.g., never hinged, two blocks of four, one normal, one with vertical gutter (adhesive discoloration as always on these early self-adhesives); gutter creased between stamps, each with slight glossing from prior plastic holders, Very Fine nonetheless. Photo. Suggested bid \$160.00. Not sold.**

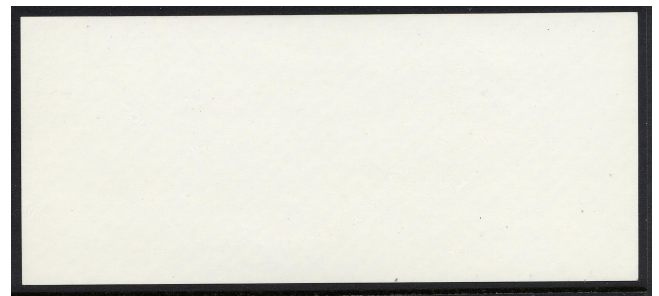
On January 23, 2026 Michael Aldrich held Auction Sale - 117 that contained the following test stamps. It was an On-Line Only sale. There was a 15% Buyer's Premium for this auction.



Lot 2247 ** TD109 Pair, NH, sharp color, fresh and VF. Photo. Scott \$180.00. Not sold.

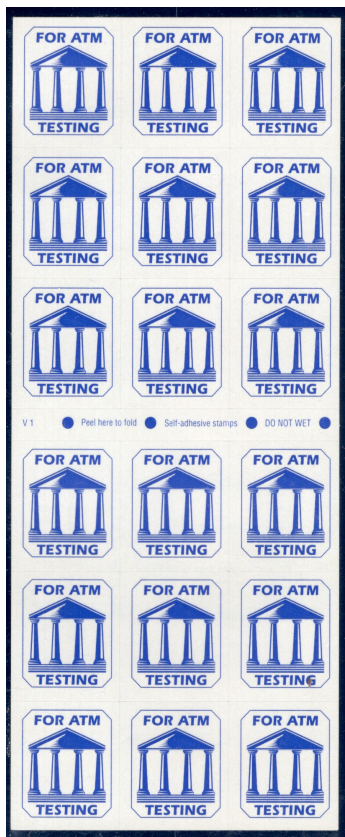


Lot 2248 ** TD133A Plate # Coil Strip of 5, NH, XF. Photo. Scott \$300.00. Not sold.



Lot 2249 *  TDB85b, Booklet Pane of 18, unused, no die cuts, XF. Photo. Scott \$300.00. Not sold.

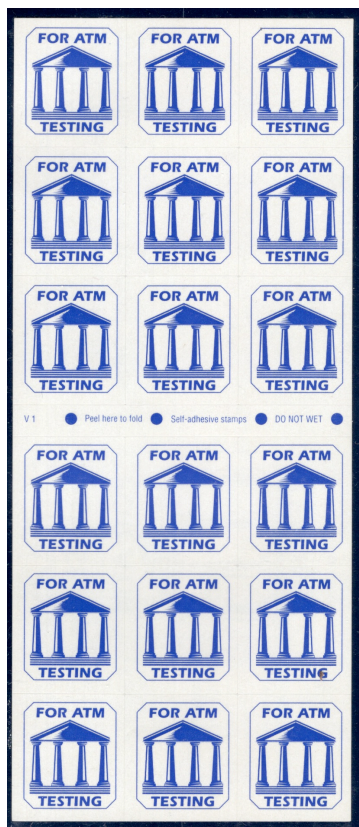
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Lot 2250 * [] TDB89a, Booklet Pane of 18, unused,"V1", XF. Photo. Scott \$225.00. Not sold.



Lot 2252 * [] TDB90a, Booklet Pane of 18, unused,"V1", XF. Photo. Scott \$130.00. Not sold.

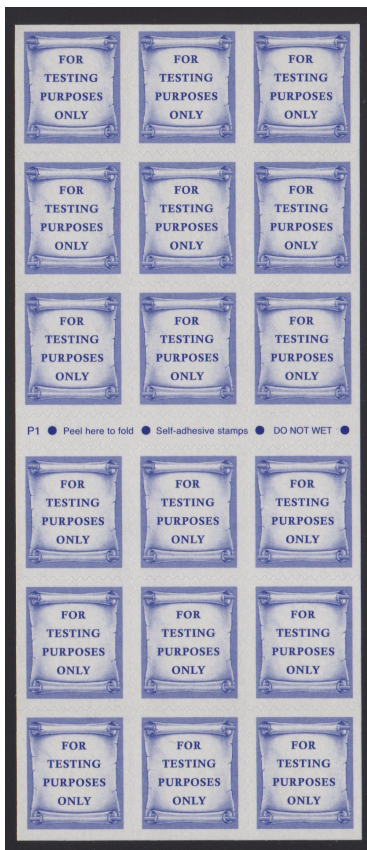


Lot 2251 * [] TDB89a, Booklet Pane of 18, unused,"V1", XF. Photo. Scott \$225.00. Not sold.



Lot 2253 * [] TDB100a, Booklet Pane of 18, unused,"V1", XF. Photo. Scott \$110.00. Realized \$75.00.

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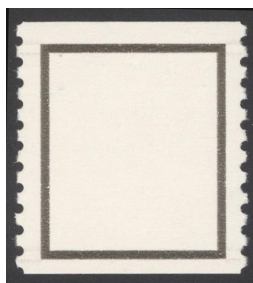


Lot 2254 * [] TDB101a, Booklet Pane of 18, unused,"P1", XF. Photo. Scott \$150.00. Not sold.

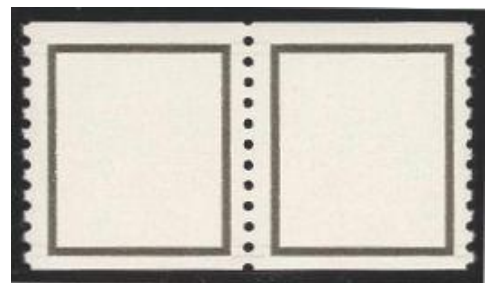
On January 28, 2026 Vance Auctions held Sale #378 that contained the following test stamps.



Lot 4126 * TD33, Standard stamp affixer Test Stamps Coil Strip of 3 & single. F-VF, 2 VLH. Photo. Catalogue \$80.00 Not sold.

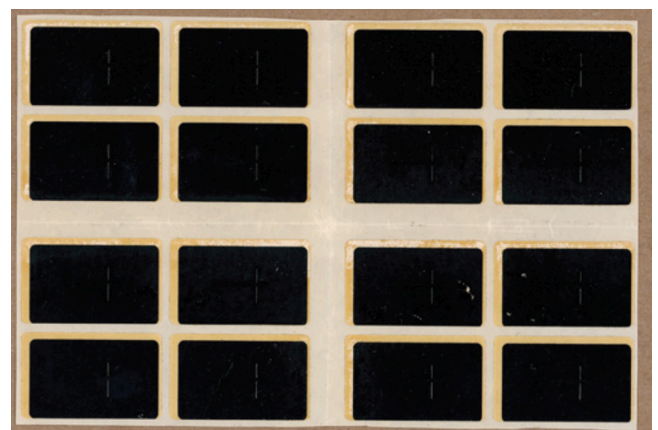


Lot 4127 * TD125a, Gray Coil TEST STAMP, shiny gum, VF, NH. Photo. Catalogue \$100.00 Not sold.



Lot 4128 * TD125a, Gray TEST STAMP Coil pair, shiny gum, VF, NH Catalogue \$200.00. Realized \$80.00 CDN.

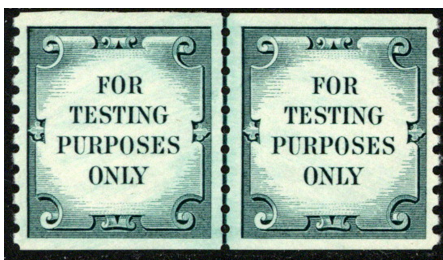
On February 1, 2026 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kellerher Auctions - held Sale 5307 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this auction.



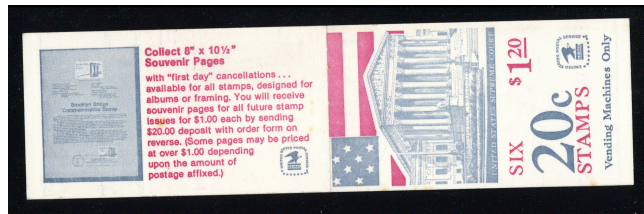
Lot 5529 **  TD117a Test Stamp, 1973, Christmas issue, black, self-adhesive, on imperf backing paper (Scott TD117a), cross-gutter block of 16, o.g., never hinged, exceptional positional from center of press sheet, with strong color; creased within gutters, light glossing or spots of color loss from prior storage, Very Fine nonetheless. Photo. Suggested bid \$240.00. Not sold.

On February 14-15-2026 Rasdale Stamp Company held Sale #466 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 16% Buyer's Premium for this auction.

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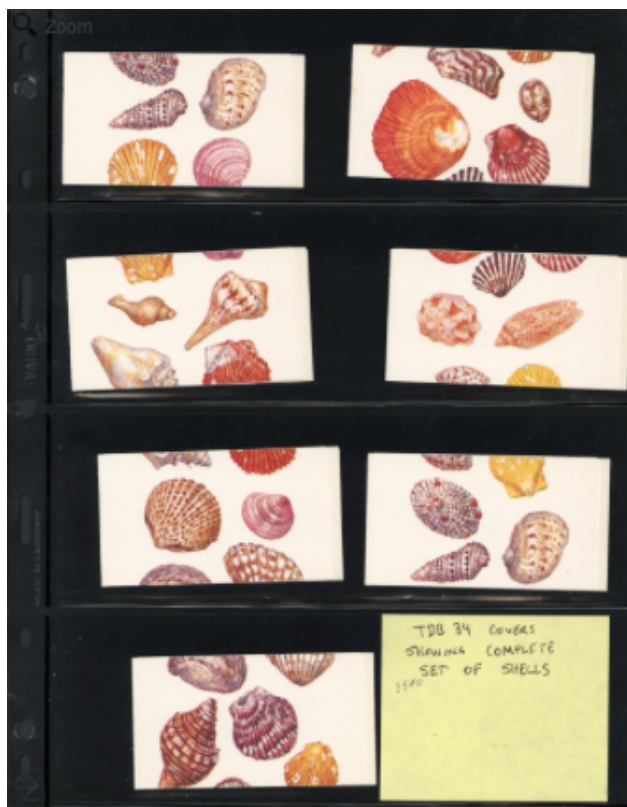
Lot 1309 ** TD109 line pair NH, F-VF, Photo. Cat. \$400.00. Realized \$75.00.



Lot 1310 ** TDB31 Flag Over Supreme Court. NH. VF Photo. Cat. \$1,500.00. Realized \$450.00.



Lot 1311 ** TDB31 Flag Over Supreme Court. NH. VF Photo. Cat. \$1,500.00. Realized \$450.00.
(Ed. Note: Inside covers of above two lots **MUST** have same printing as BK144 - not BK139.)



Lot 1312 ** TDB33 complete set of covers w/o text. VF. Photo. Cat. \$3,500.00. Realized \$850.00.



Lot 1313 ** TDB33 complete set of covers with gray text. VF. Photo. Cat. \$2,800.00. Realized \$500.00.



Lot 1314 ** TDB33 complete set of covers with grey text and 2 with red ink smudges VF. Photo. Cat. \$2,800.00. Realized \$375.00.

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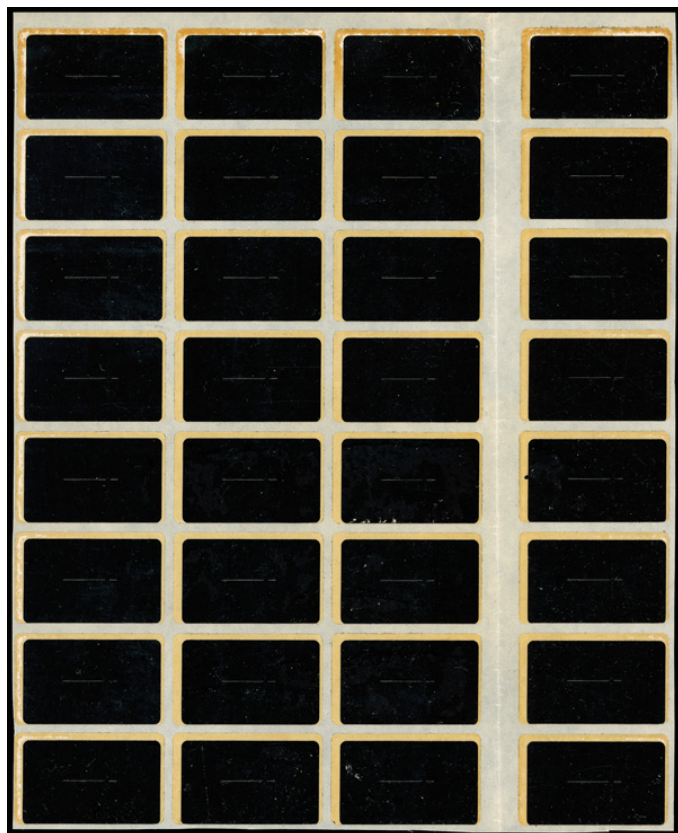


Lot 1315 ** TDB154 unlisted NH, VF. Photo.
Suggested bid \$130.00. Realized \$120.00.

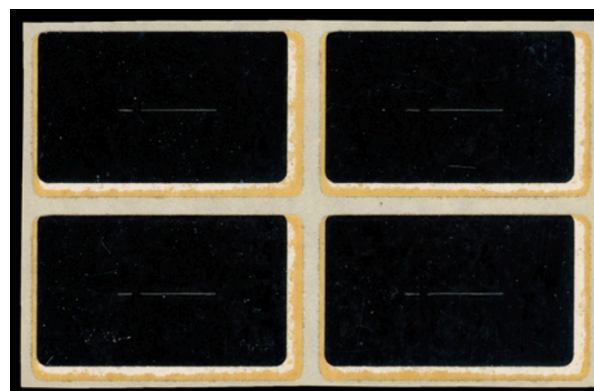
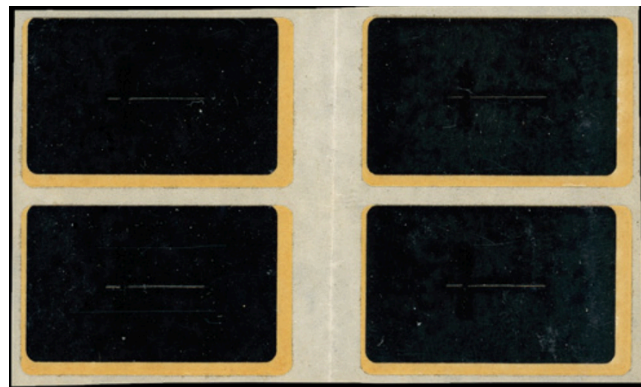


Lot 1316 ** TDB154 unlisted NH, VF. Photo.
Suggested bid \$130.00. Realized \$140.00.

On March 1, 2026 Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kellerher Auctions - held Sale 5311 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this auction.



Lot 5249 **  TD117a Test Stamp, 1973, Christmas issue, black, self-adhesive, on imperf backing paper (Scott TD117a), vertical block of 32 with vertical gutter, o.g., never hinged, useful large multiple, offering 16 normal pairs and 16 gutter pairs; creased within gutter, light glossing or spots of color loss from prior storage, Very Fine nonetheless Photo. Suggested bid \$325.00. Not sold.



Lot 5250 **  TD117a Test Stamp, 1973, Christmas issue, black, self-adhesive, on imperf backing paper (Scott TD117a), o.g., never hinged, two blocks of four, one normal, one with vertical gutter (adhesive discoloration as always on these early self-adhesives); gutter creased between stamps, each with slight glossing from prior plastic holders, Very Fine nonetheless. Photo. Suggested bid \$130.00. Not sold.

Requests for Articles for *The United States Specialist*

Andrew Kelley, Editor of *The United States Specialist*, is always looking for articles of interest for inclusion in our society's monthly publication. The type of articles Martin needs most are the shorter ones, one or two-page articles. If you are considering writing an article for *The United States Specialist*, please contact him for instructions. If the article is regarding dummy stamps, I would appreciate knowing about it also. Many members of the DSSG have written articles on dummy stamps and other stamps for this publication. It is rewarding and other USSS members benefit greatly from the information that is published in *The United States Specialist*.

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