

HANDSTAMPED SPECIMEN OVERPRINT



*Only Example Recorded
Of One Peso*

Only Recorded Complete Set



Double Overprint
Only Example Recorded



Inverted Overprint
Only Example Recorded

The same size and type of Specimen overprint intended for the Palace stamps had been applied in black ink to the preceding issue of definitive stamps produced from 1917-1925 by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, D.C. However, this was the first issue prepared in the Philippines by the Bureau of Posts in Manila. Prior to applying a duplicate of the BEP "Bureau" overprint on the stamps to be sent to the Universal Postal Union in Berne, Switzerland, the Director ordered a handstamp of the Specimen overprint, prepared by the Cacho Hermanos Press, be applied to a small group of stamps for review. Approximately *Twenty Examples are Recorded*, in various denominations.