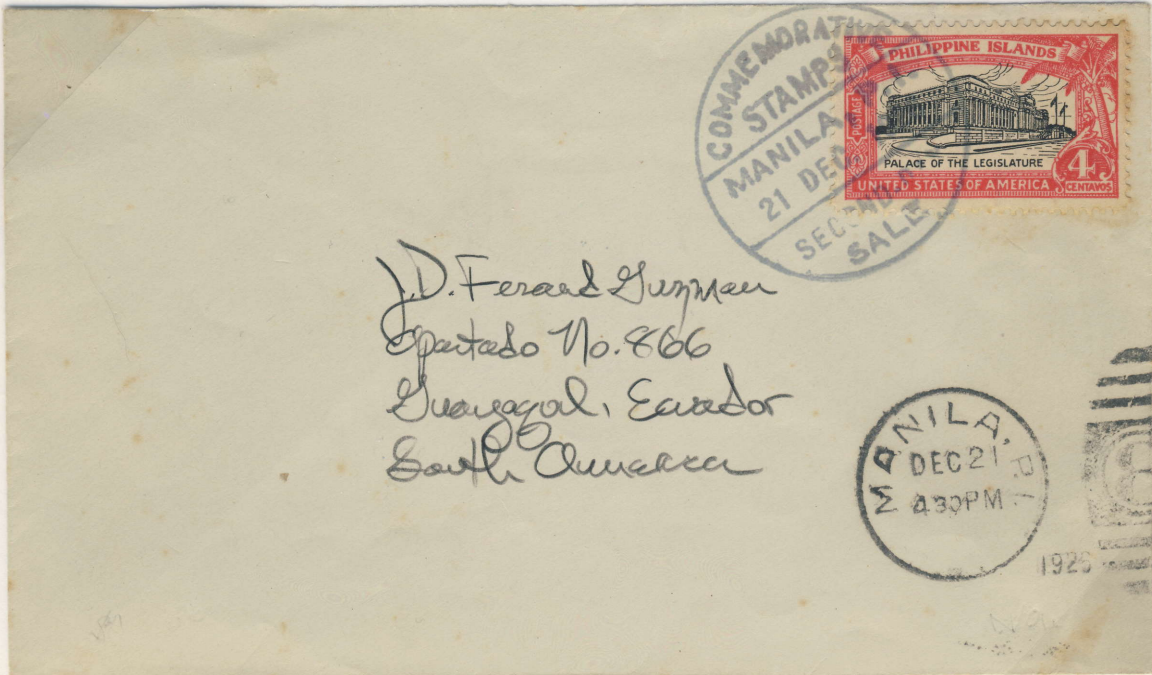


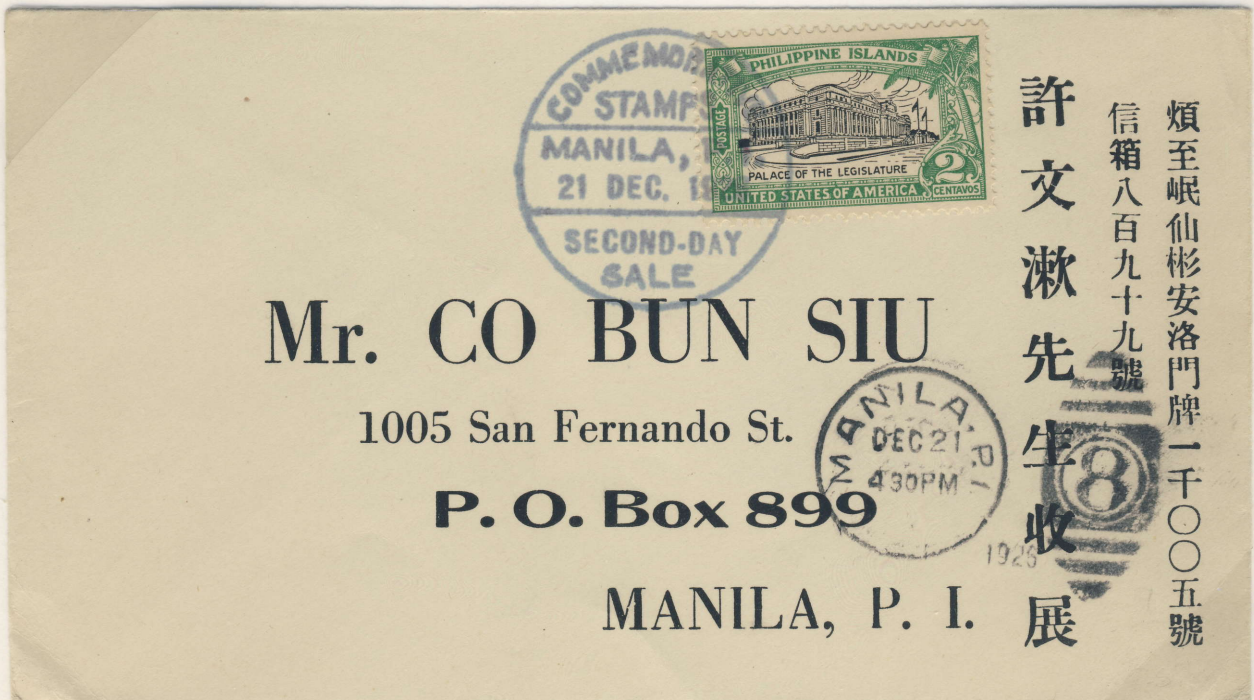
**SECOND DAY COVERS**

The Director of Posts sought to create something new and exciting for the world to commemorate his first stamps, and designed a Second Day Cancel, the first time in postal history a "Second-Day" cancellation was used for a new stamp issue. The circular cancellation, divided horizontally through the middle by two lines, contained the following inscription: "Commemorative / Stamps / Manila, P.I. / 21 Dec. 1926 / Second-Day / Sale." The cancel was applied with a grayish blue ink. With the average salary of a well-paid government employee being 35 pesos a month, and the cost of a set of regular postage stamps at P1.84, most collectors simply could not afford the great expense of the stamps, First Day and Second Day covers. Thus, despite great interest in the new "Second-Day" cancel, few covers were made. *Approximately, Twenty-Five Covers are Recorded.*



Manila to Guayaquil, Ecuador,  
4c First Class Rate to Spanish-American Postal Union Country, up to one ounce.

*Only Example Recorded to Destination*



Manila Circulating, 2c Internal First Class Rate, 1-20g