

2C GREEN OFFICIAL POSTAGE



“Balloon” var.  
Constant variety pos. 47

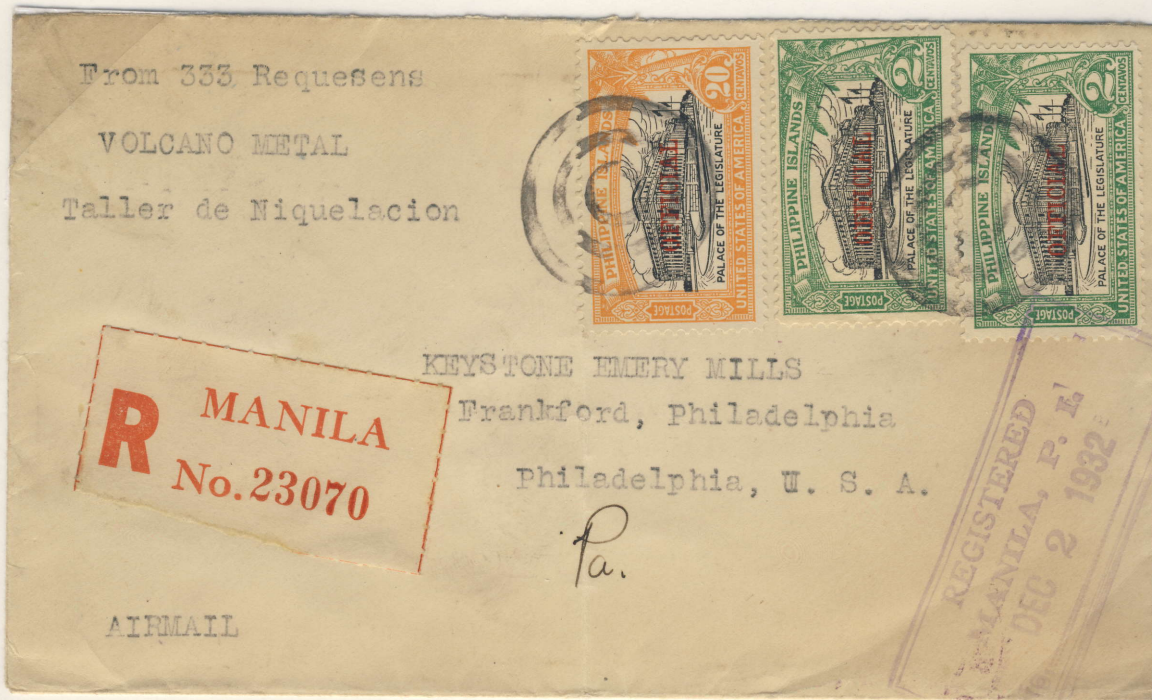


Central Vignette Shifted Down and Right



Central Vignette Shifted Up into Frame  
“Balloon var.” pos 3 of block

2C GREEN OFFICIAL POSTAL HISTORY



Manila to United States, Dec. 2, 1932. Rec. Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
4c First Class Rate, to one ounce, 20c Registry

While it was the intent of the Bureau of Posts the four stamps overprinted “OFFICIAL” be used only for official business, the reality was far different. From the beginning the official stamps were sold to the public along with the seven “regular” postage stamps and were used interchangeably with the non-official stamps for all postal needs.