

The 1968 United Nations 6¢ Headquarters Stamp

PURPOSE & SCOPE: This is a first day cover exhibit of the 1968 6¢ Headquarters definitive stamp issued by the United Nations.

TREATMENT: The 6¢ definitive was issued on May 31, 1968 to meet the first-class surface letter rate of the United States which had risen to 6¢ on January 7, 1968. The exhibit begins the stamp including a section focused on the scarce “damaged ventilator” error. Following that is the first day of issue and then FDCs. Both official U.N. FDCs and covers issued by traditional servicers are shown. The exhibit concludes with in period commercial usage of the stamp.

PERSONAL STUDY & RESEARCH: Personal study over the past 15 years has led to the discovery of several scarce on cover uses of the error as well as cachet production material.

CONDITION & RARITY: Much of the material included, especially the pre-production material and the hand drawn/hand painted FDCs are either unique or exist in populations of fewer than ten. As a result, this exhibit could not be duplicated.

Items of significance are highlighted with a double line blue border.

Olav S. Mathiesen – stamp designer

This FDC has been autographed by the stamps designer.



Complete Pane

The pane is shown to illustrate the layout and position of the marginal markings.