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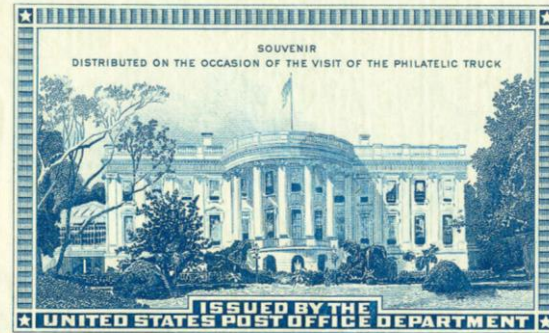
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The Philatelic Truck was the brainchild of stamp-collector ***President Franklin Roosevelt.***

He ordered the traveling exhibit to show Americans how stamps were made.

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The "Philatelic Truck" housed a unique stamp exhibit, stopping at hundreds of places and handing out special souvenir cards.

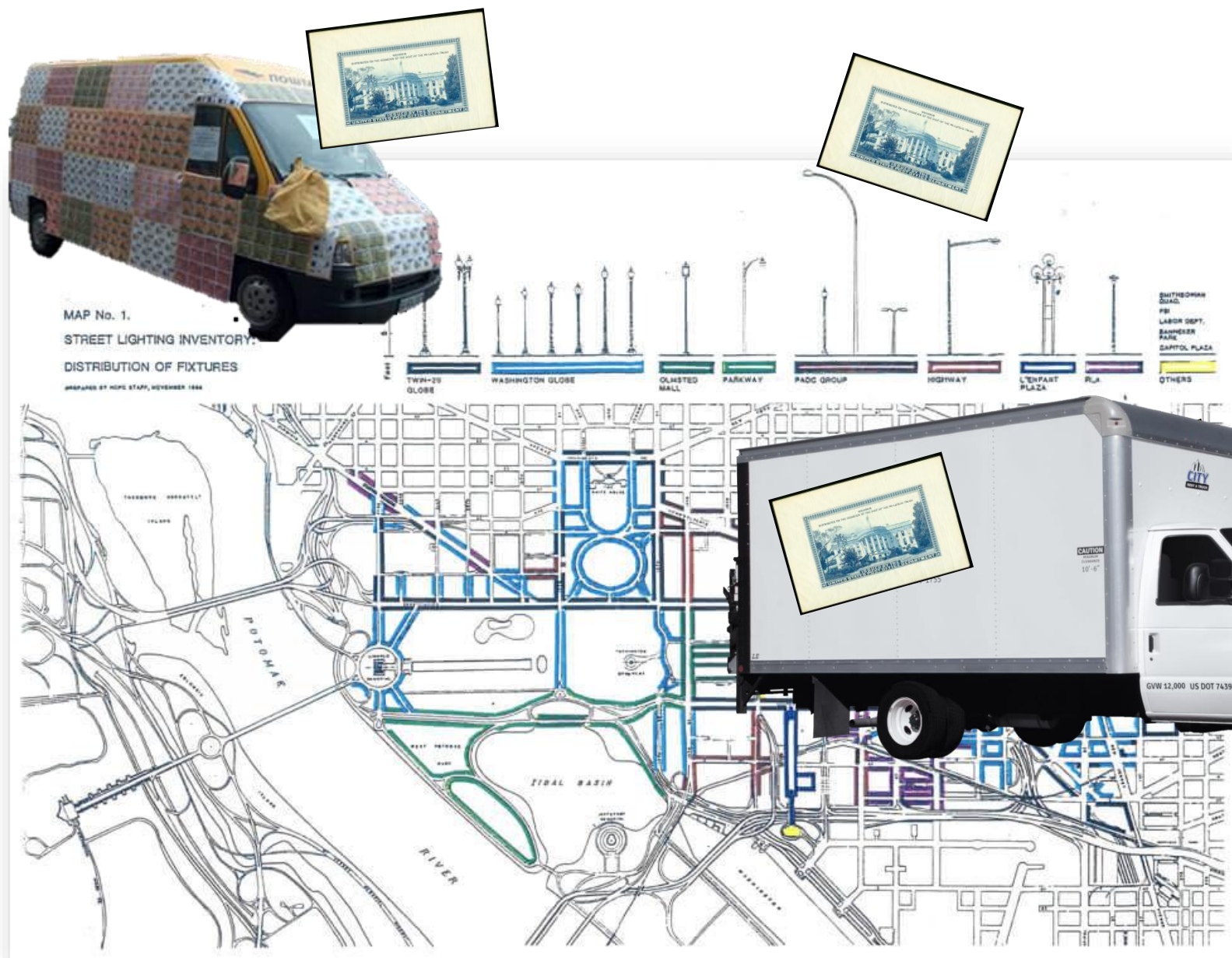
These cards, depicting the White House, were actually printed aboard the truck!

As visitors exited the truck, they were given one of these White House cards as a souvenir – hence the name.



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How many mailboxes?

How many light poles?

How many vans?

How many box trucks?



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The truck was a custom-made **armored vehicle** that served as a mobile philatelic museum.

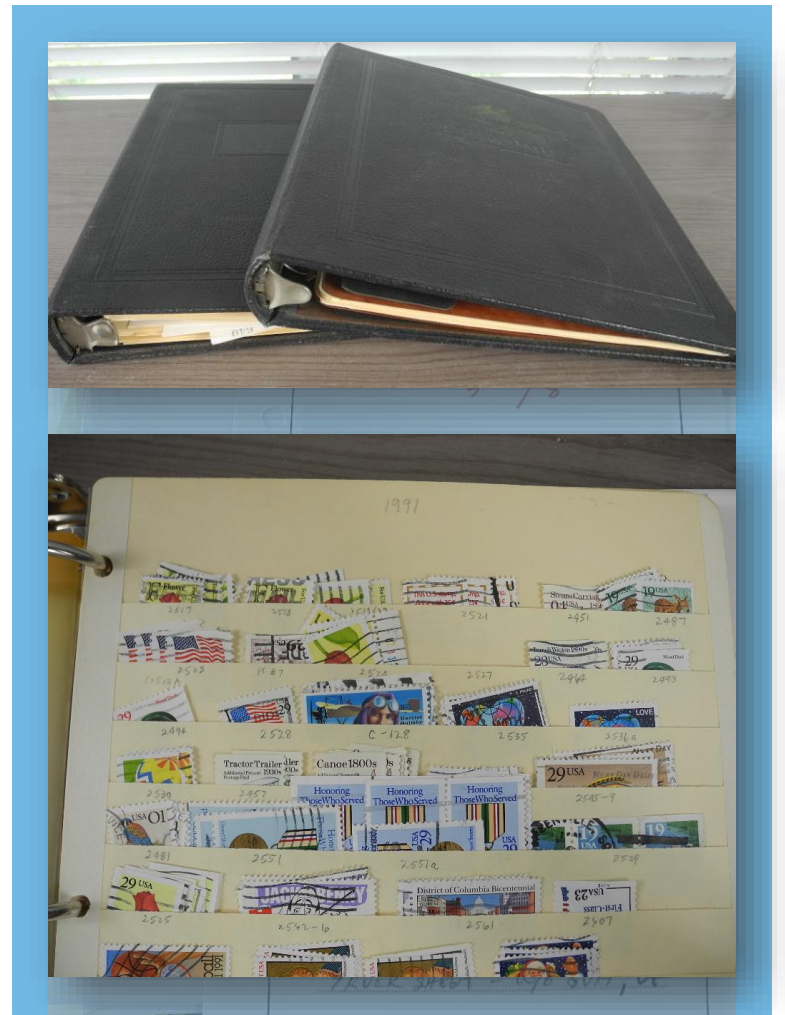
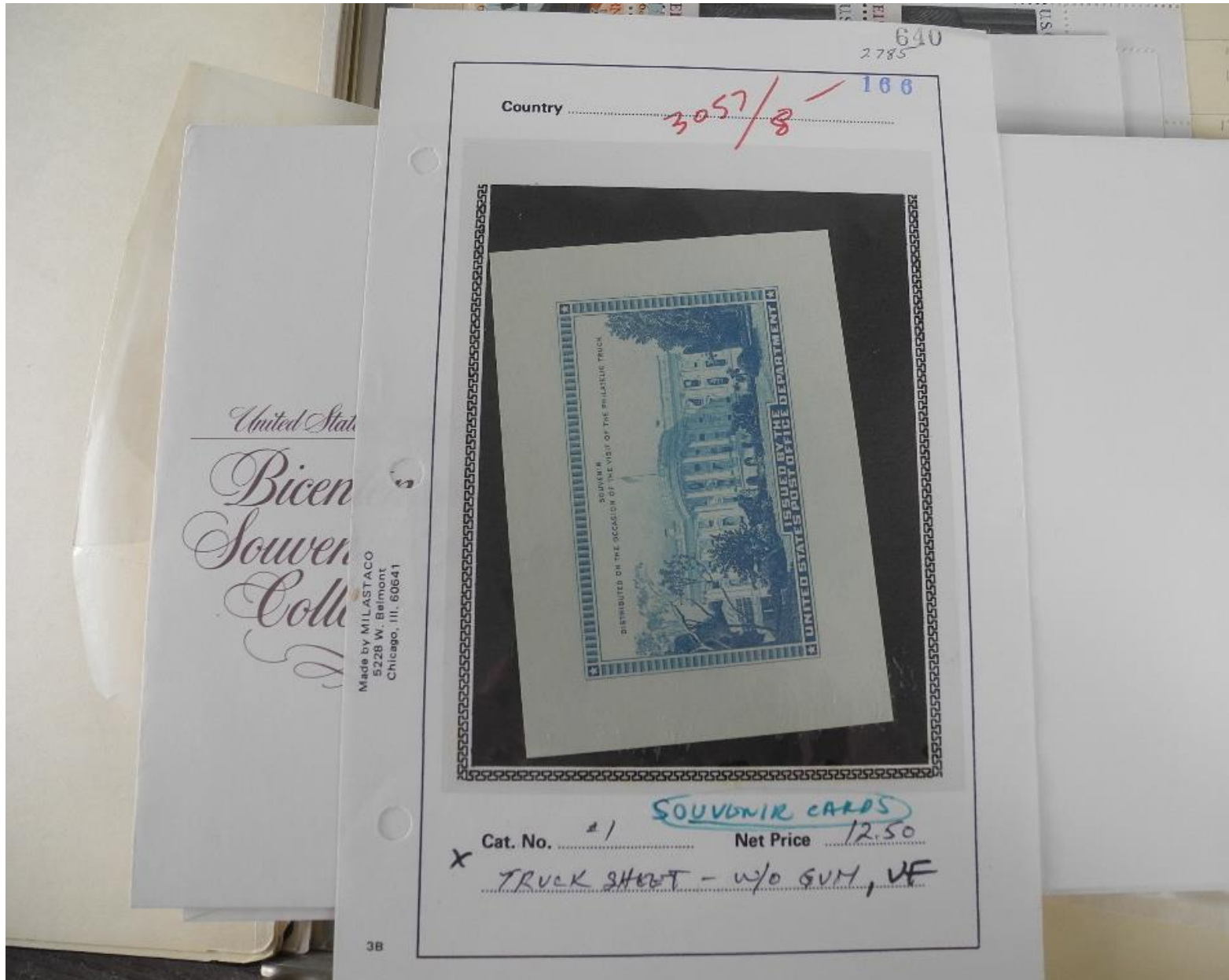
It carried specimens of every US stamp issued from the 1847 Franklin and Washington issues to those issued at the time of the tour.

The tour officially began on **May 9, 1939.**

Postmaster General **James A. Farley** performed his final inspection of the truck before it set out on its journey.



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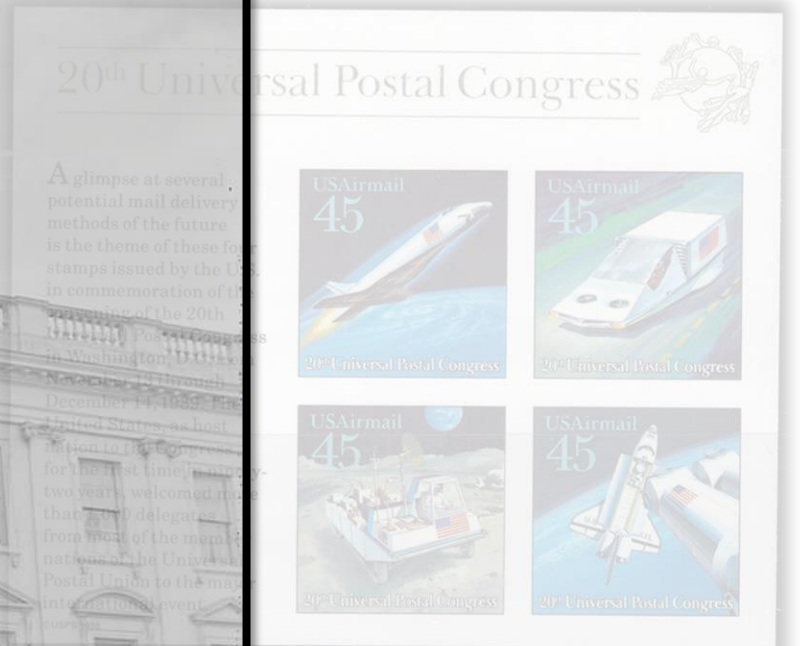
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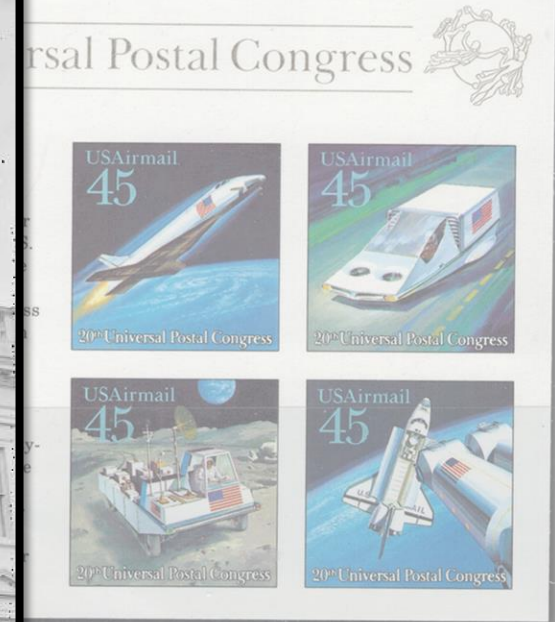


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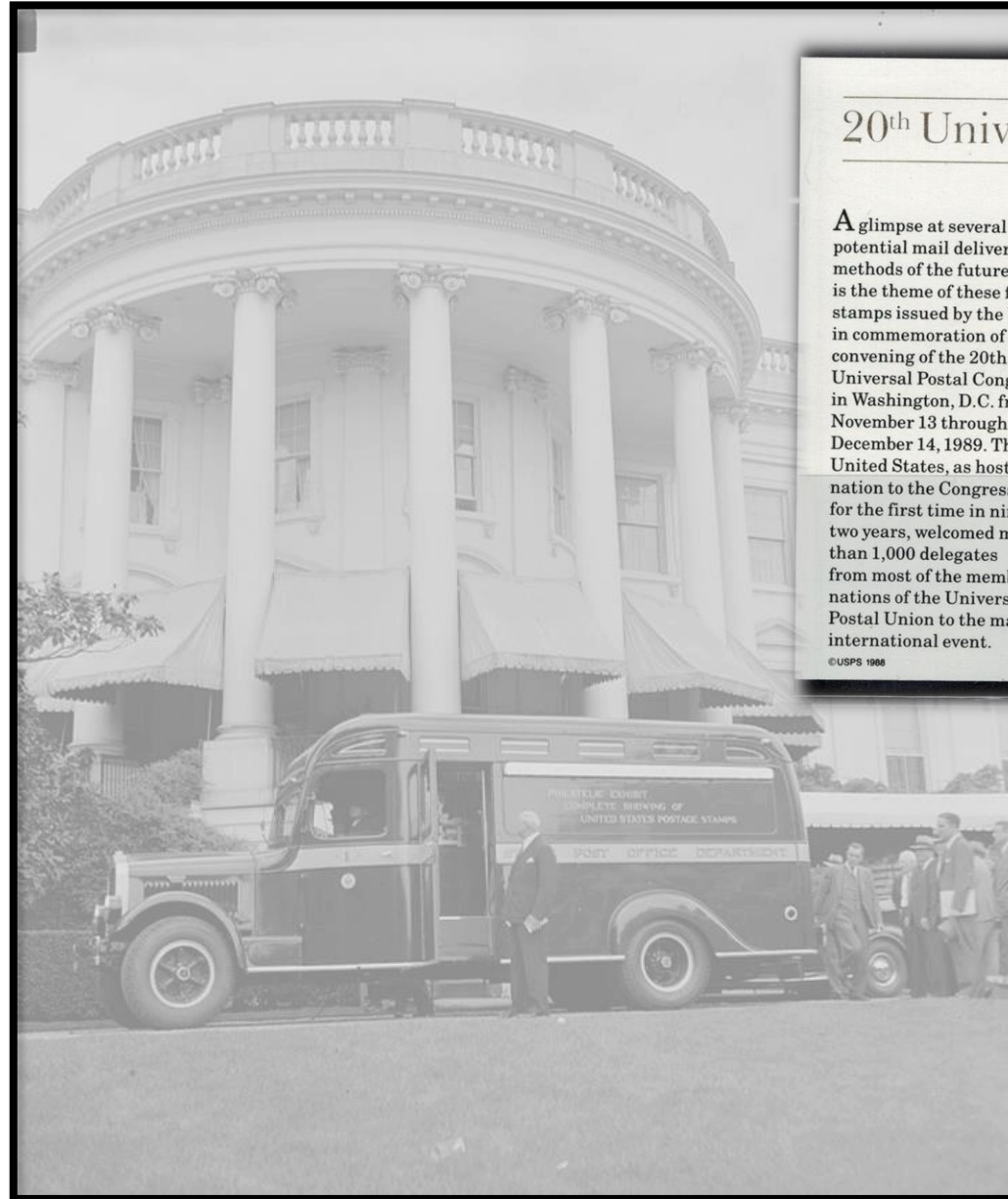


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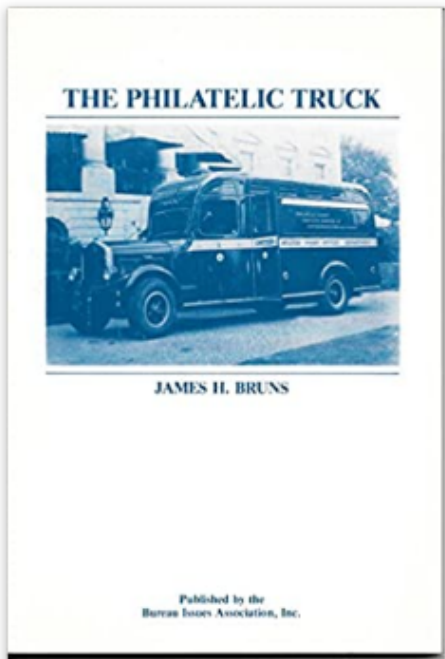
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This book is an indepth pictorial study of both the truck and the souvenir sheet

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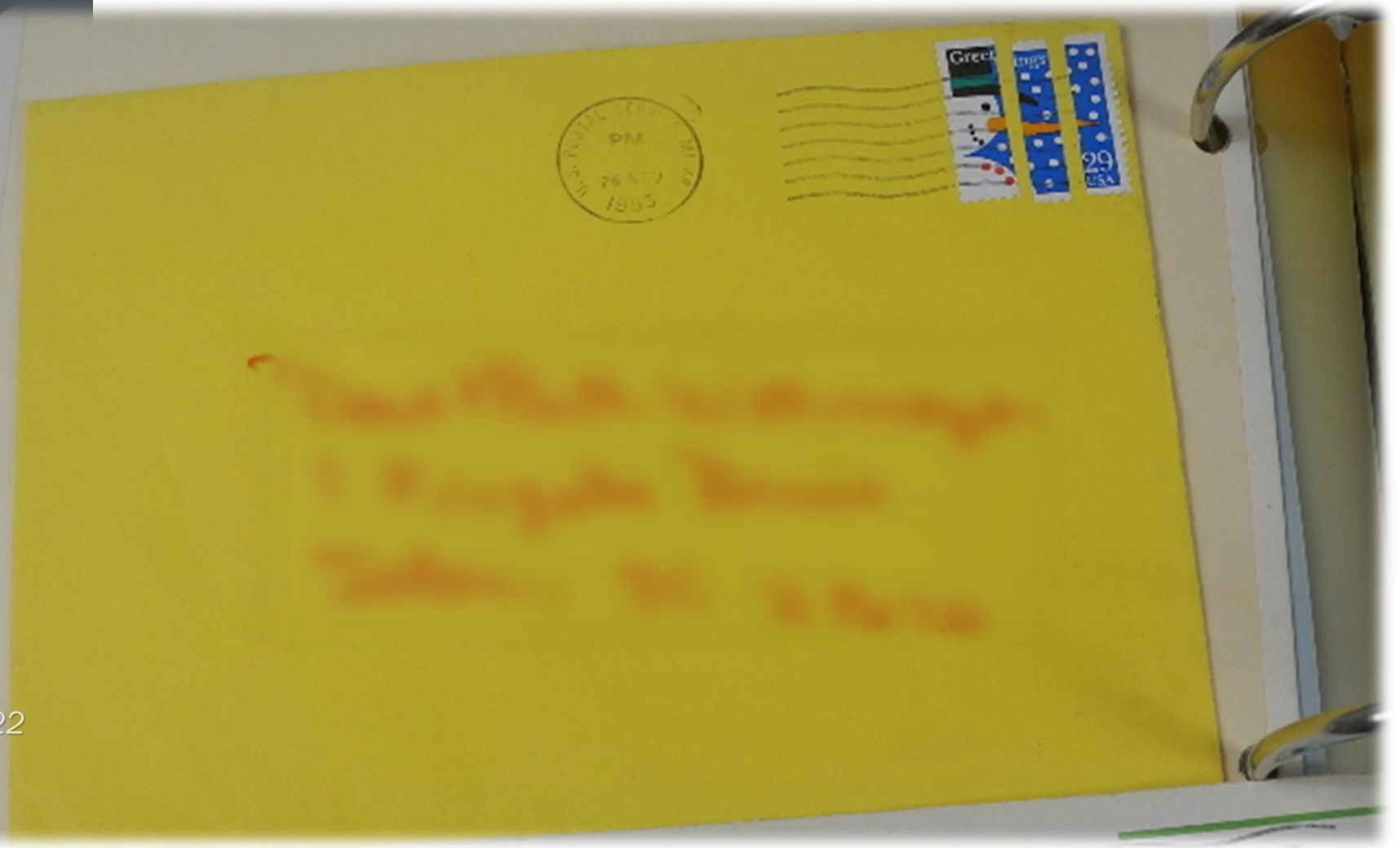
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