

INTERESTING RE-USABLE POST OFFICE BUSINESS ENVELOPE

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Many years ago I purchased a rather interesting post office business envelope that was meant to be reused. The cover Fig. 1 has the post office form 211 applied to the envelope. To those of us that collect the various forms, this has to be a rather scarce form. It could be that this form had many printings and were used much later. However, I have never found another example. You will note the bottom of the form, fig. 1, has the quantity of ,000,000. Unfortunately that portion of the form is missing.

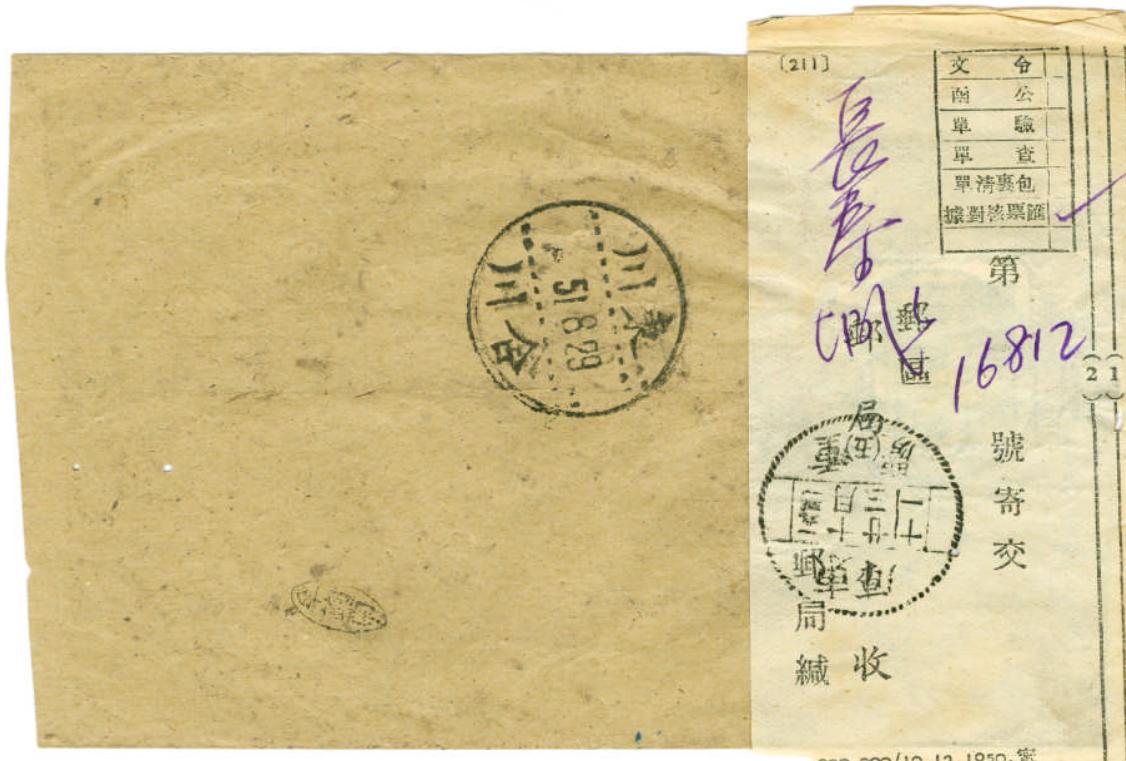


Figure 1

1950.10.12. 16812

Figure 2

On the form, the upper right box has the various type of usage , i.e. Business, Package, Money Remittance, Check etc. In this case the Money remittance is checked. The form reads from right to Left. 16812 send to this number. The two character is for the area code, then Post Office ----- Received. three characters - Post Office Cancel. The back of the form is shown in figure 3.

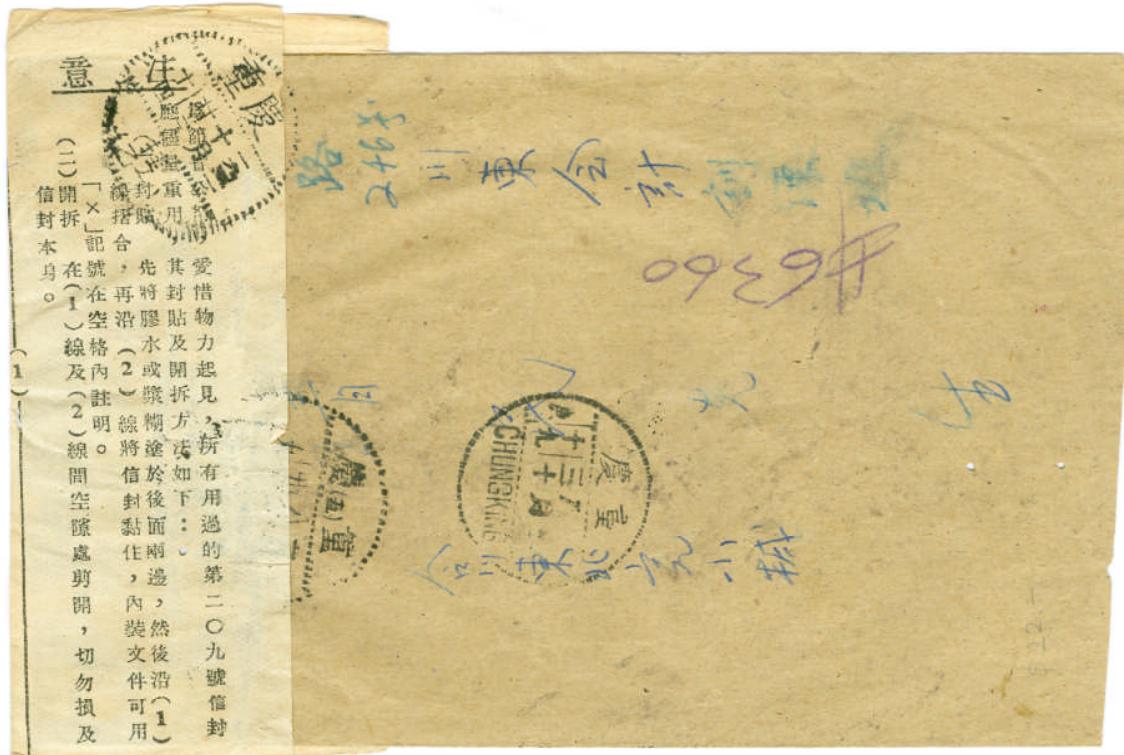


Figure 3

At the top of the form reads ATTENTION, with the purpose of the form is an austerity measure to save supplies. It states that the form is to be used with envelope 209. Specific directions are then given to the type of adhesive to use on the envelope after opening a resealing. You will note the "cut" line to be used each time. The order of usage of the cover is as follows:



Figure 4
Tungchuan, Ho Chuan 1951.8.29



Figure 5
Chungking 1951.8.30



Figure 6
Chungking 1951.8.31
(this cancel under the slip)



Figure 7
Chungking, Registered section



Figure 8
Tungchuan, Chungking
1951.10.22

All of the offices are located in East Szechwan. The envelope had been opened on the bottom, probably the last place received.

If you have an example of the postal form 209, please send a scan to the editor. It would be interesting to see if it is a regular envelope or perhaps printed for post office business.