



Presidents and National Leaders on Worldwide Covers

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Hearing the term “president” tends one to think of “the President of the United States.” That’s not always the case!

Many other countries around the world have a “president” as their leader, or he/she may bear any number of other titles. But no matter the designation they can probably be found on a postage stamp during their term of office or sometime afterwards.

This presentation will show a few of them on worldwide covers. How many do you recognize?

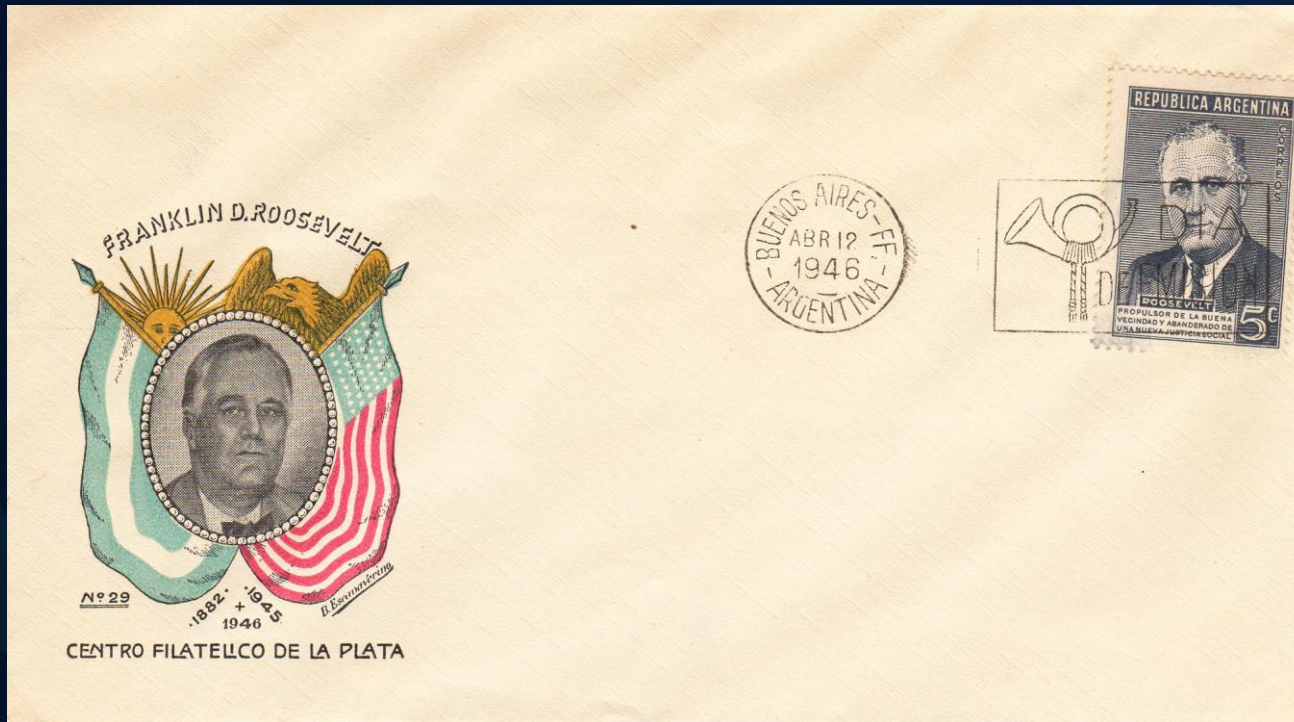


04/12/47 – Gutter pair first day cover, issued on FDR’s 2nd death anniversary

Franklin D. Roosevelt, U.S. President

“Cuba Honors a Good Neighbor”

Cachet by the Philatelic Club of the Republic of Cuba

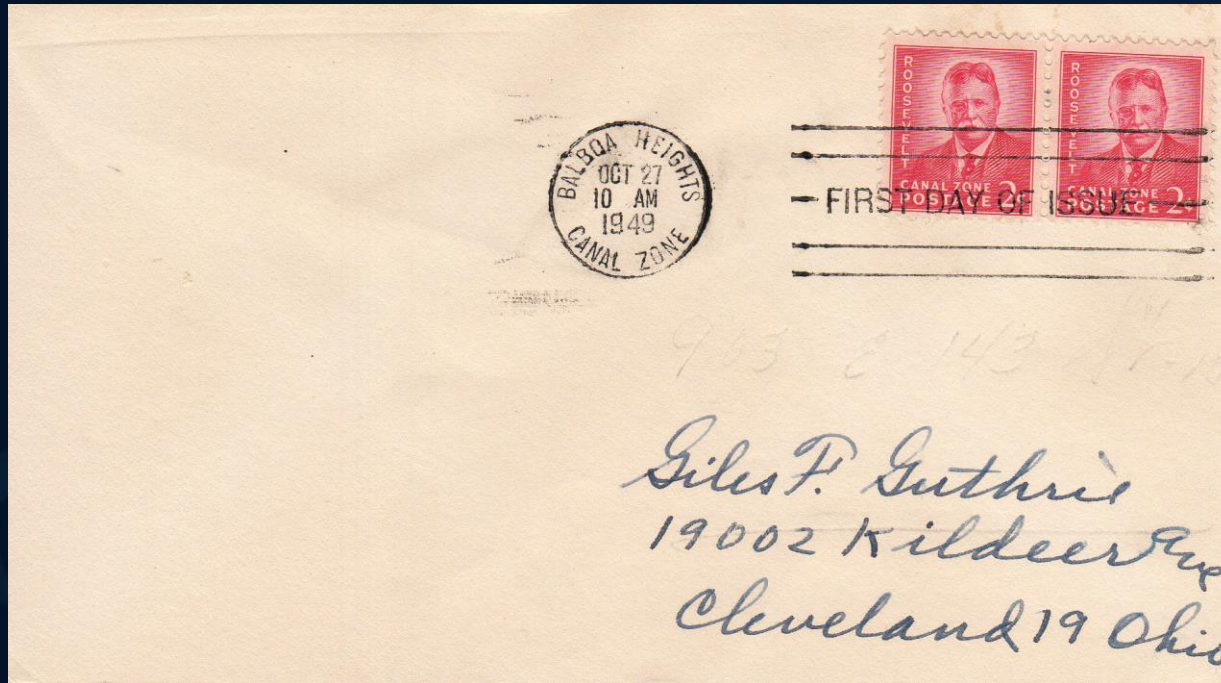


04/12/46 – First day cover, issued on FDR's 1st death anniversary

Franklin D. Roosevelt, U.S. President

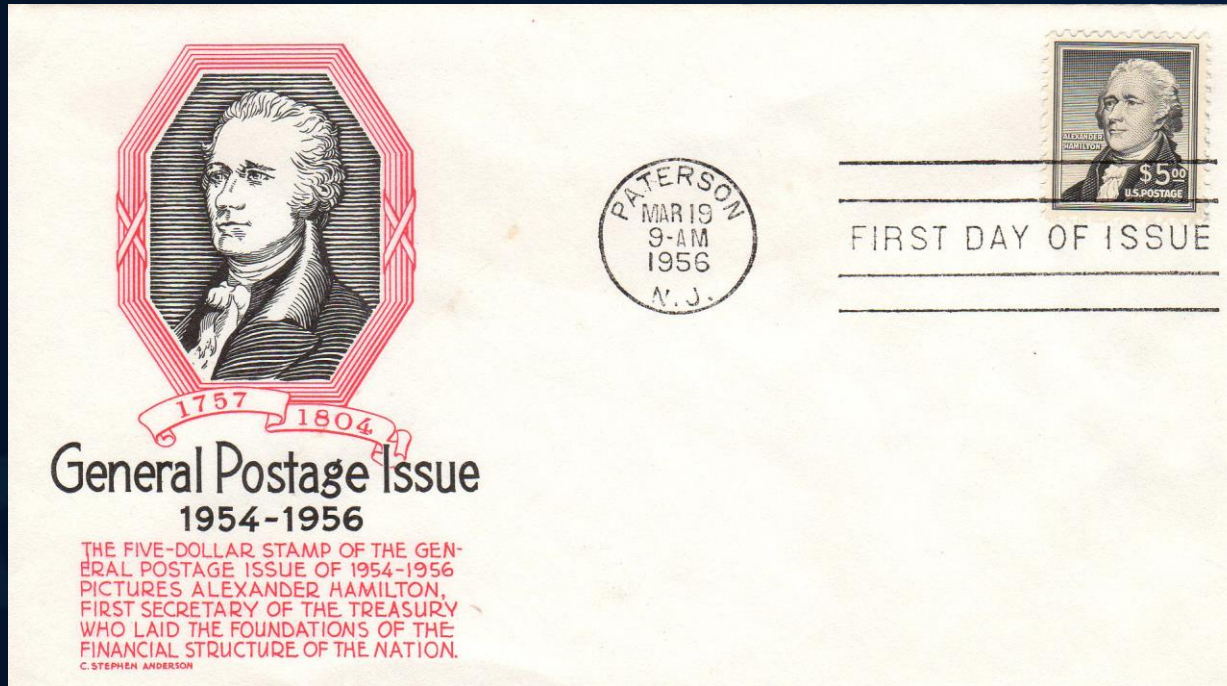
Cachet by the Central Philatelic Club of La Plata

Canal Zone



10/27/49 – First day cover

Teddy Roosevelt, U.S. President



03/19/56 – First day cover

Alexander Hamilton, first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury
C Stephen Anderson cachet

St. Christopher, Nevis and Anguilla



01/11/57 – First day cover

Alexander Hamilton, first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury

Birth bicentennial, born in Charlestown, Nevis

Fleetwood cachet



02/12/59 – First day registered cover

Abraham Lincoln, U.S. President

Sesquicentennial birth anniversary

Also depicts Ghana's president Kwame Nkrumah

Ryukyu Islands



06/19/60 – Commemorative cover and cancel

Dwight D. Eisenhower, U.S. President

Honoring a presidential visit to the islands under U.S. control since the end of World War II



12/30/60 – First day cover

Dwight D. Eisenhower, U.S. President

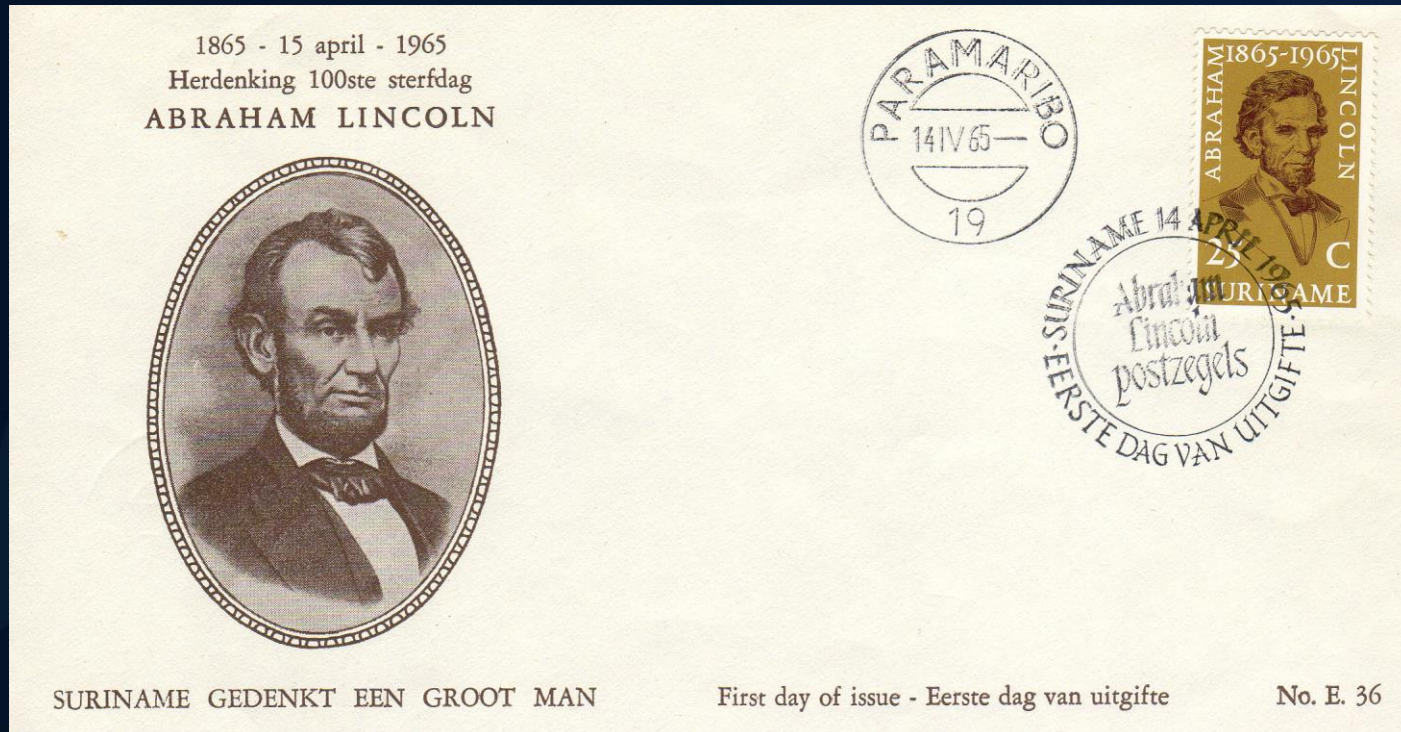
Honoring the presidential visit earlier in the year

Ike is shaking hands with Philippines president Garcia



12/28/61 – First day cover

Haitian president Dr. Francois Duvallier, “Papa Doc”
1907-1971, medical doctor of contagious diseases
Semipostal stamps surcharged for urban rehabilitation



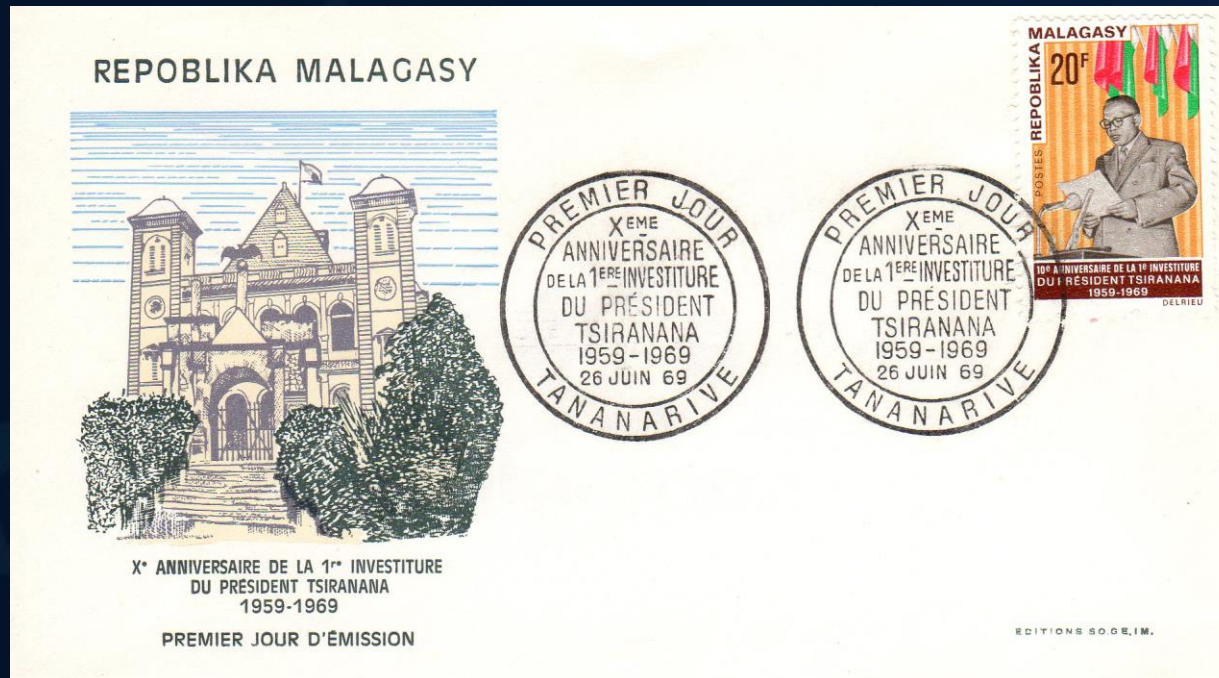
04/14/65 – First day cover

Abraham Lincoln, U.S. President
100th anniversary of his death



10/24/66 – First day cover

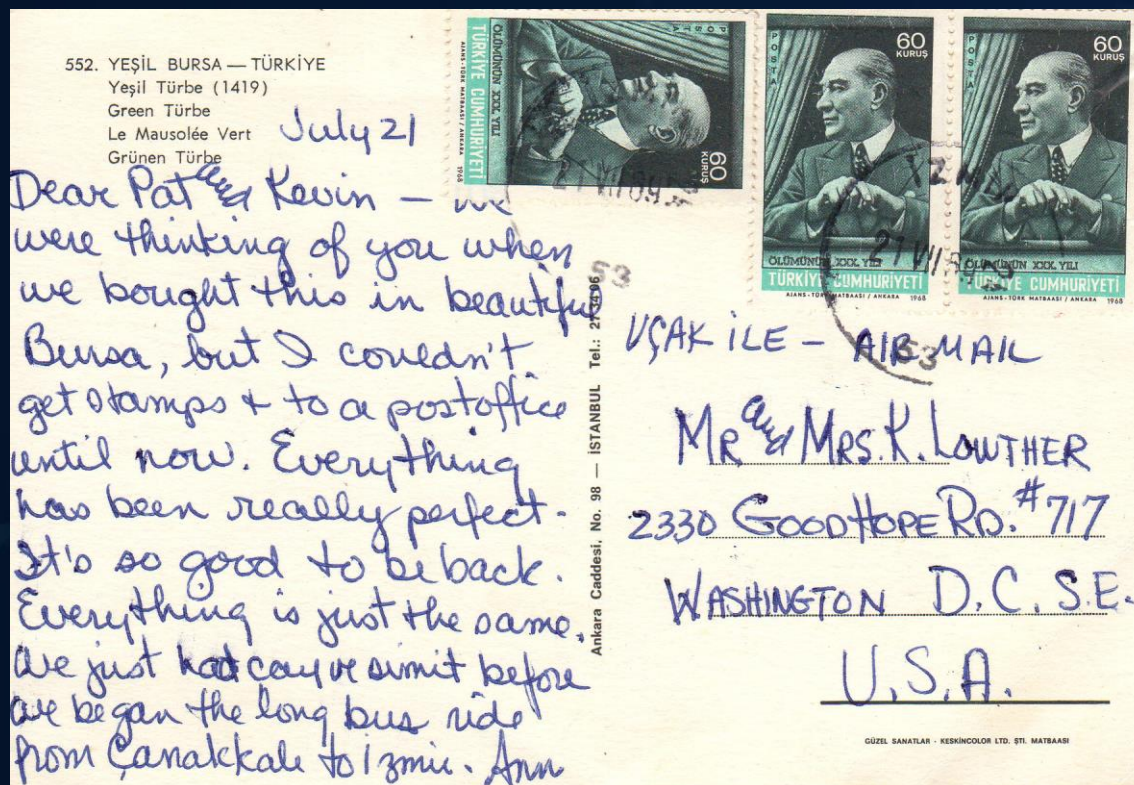
Philippines president Ferdinand Marcos
Stamp originally issued for his inauguration on
12/30/65, overprinted for Manila conference



06/26/69 – First day cover

President Philibert Tsiranana

10th anniversary of presidential service



07/29/69 — Postal use cover

Mostaffa Kemel Ataturk~ First president of the republic

Stamp issued 11/10/68

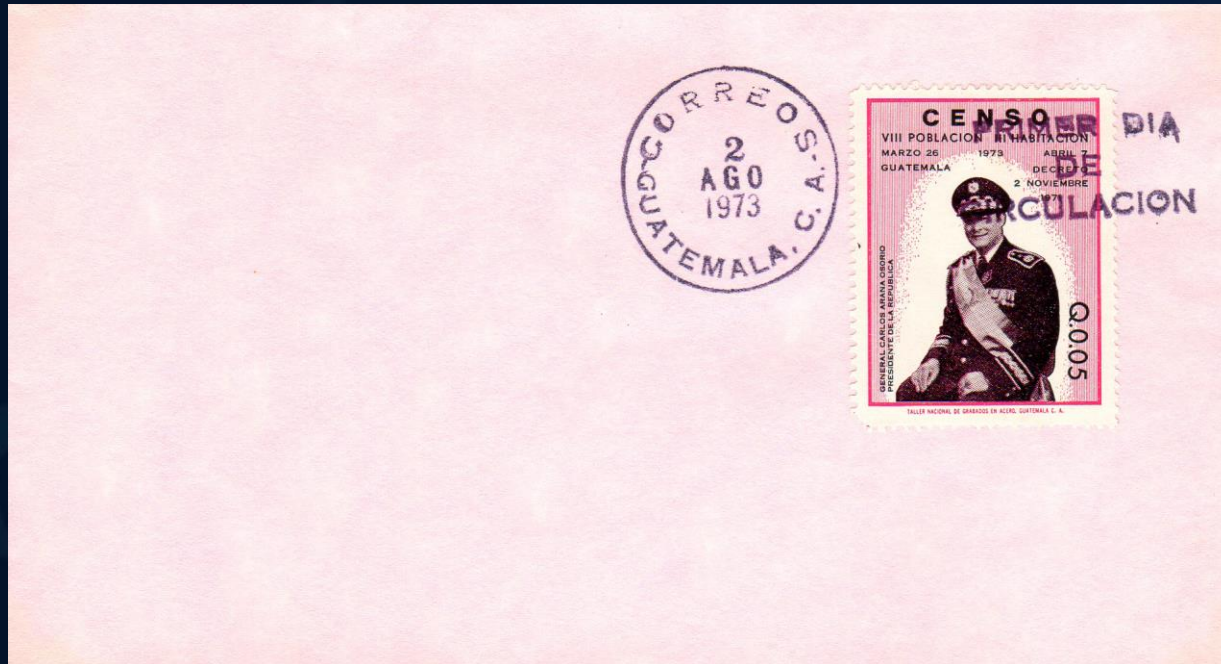
“Ataturk looking out of a train window”



05/20/70 – First day cover

Abraham Lincoln, U.S. President

Opening of a new Universal Postal Union HQ in Bern,
Switzerland.



08/02/73 – First day cover

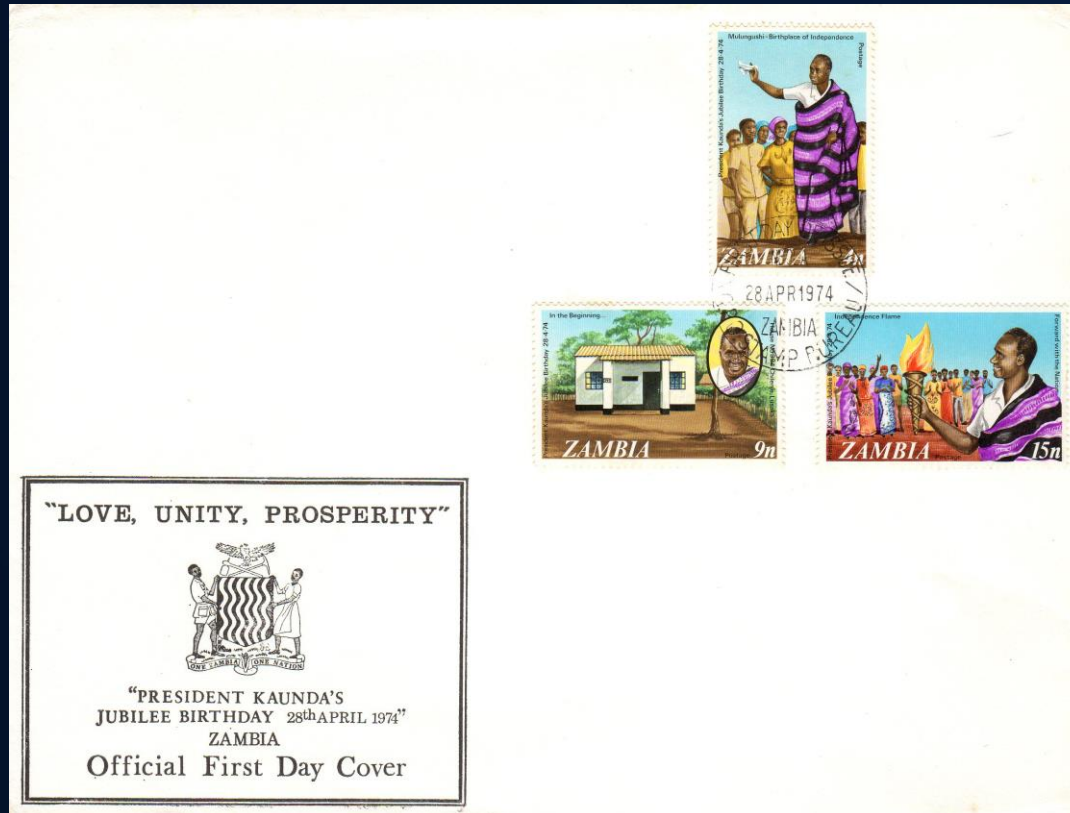
General Carlos Arana Osorio, Guatemala President



02/18/74 – First day registered cover

John F. Kennedy, U.S. President

Tribute to John Kennedy and Apollo 11-17 missions



04/28/74 – First day cover

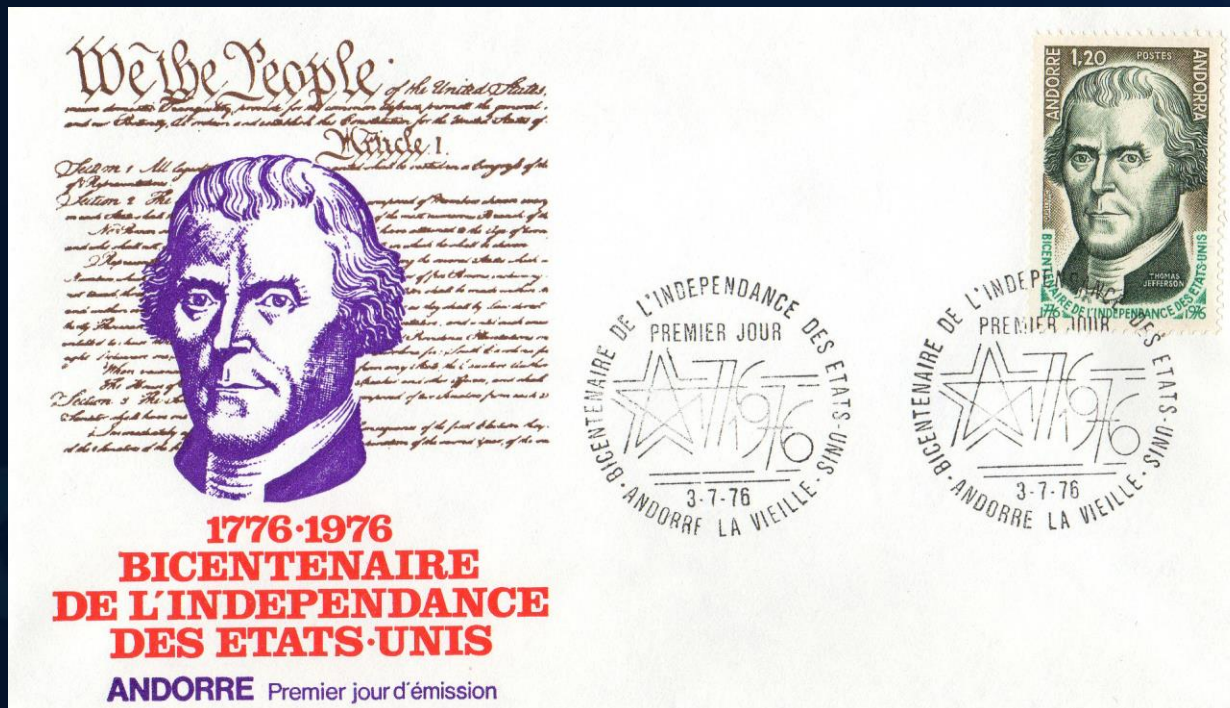
Dr. Kenneth Kuanda, Zambia founding president
Honoring the president's 50th jubilee birthday



05/29/76 – First day cover

U.S. Presidents on Mt. Rushmore: Washington, Jefferson, Teddy Roosevelt and Lincoln

Honoring the U.S. Bicentennial



07/03/76 – First day cover

Thomas Jefferson, U.S. President
Honoring the U.S. Bicentennial

Republic of Liberia



First Day of Issue



10/26/78 – First day cover

Jimmy Carter, U.S. President

William Richard Tolbert Jr., Liberian president

Honoring the April 3, 1978 visit by the U.S. President



10/02/79 – Commemorative cover

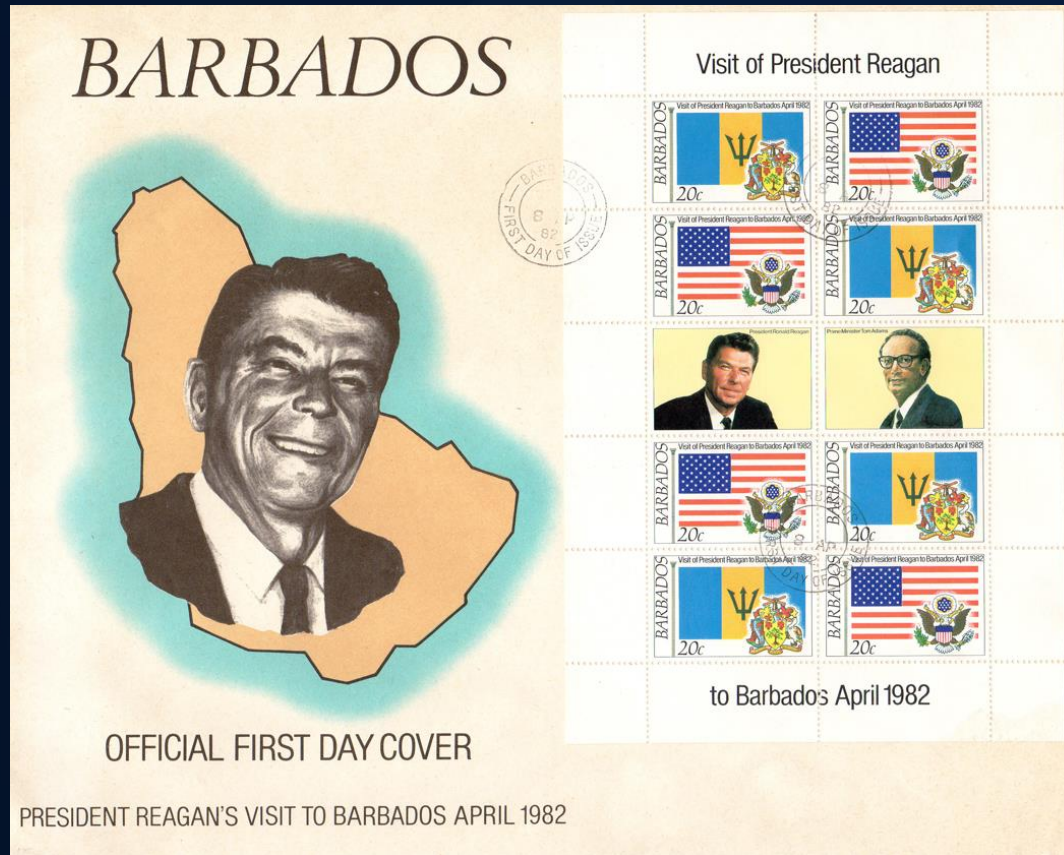
Jimmy Carter, U.S. President

General Omar Torillos, "Maximum Leader of the
Panamanian Revolution" Carnival cruise line visit



03/26/79 – Commemorative cover

Jimmy Carter, U.S. President; Anwar Sadat, Egyptian president; Menachem Begin, Israeli Prime Minister
Signing of the historic Egypt/Israeli Peace Treaty



04/08/82 – First day cover

Ronald Reagan, U.S. President

John "Tom" Adams, Barbados Prime Minister

President Reagan's one day visit to Barbados, April 8

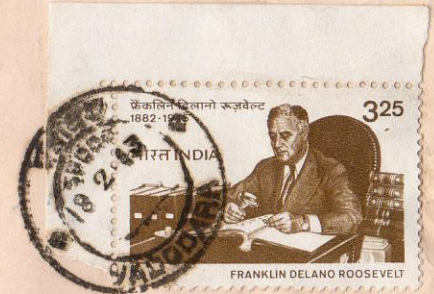


10/14/82 – First day cover

Éamon deValera, Irish president 1959~73

Centenary of his birth, born in New York City, Irish mother and Spanish father

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02/18/83 – Postal use cover

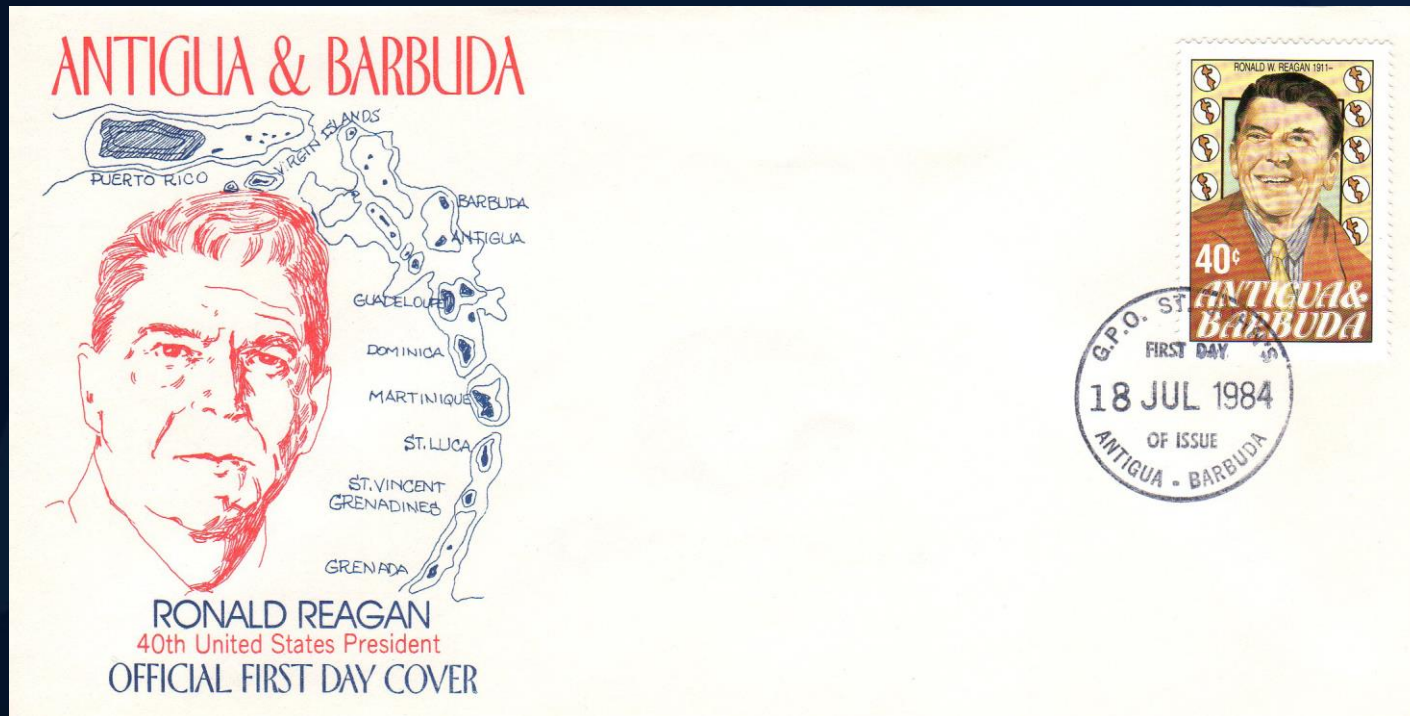
Franklin Roosevelt, U.S. President



06/08/84 – Postal use cover

Chun Doo-hwan, Korean president, with: Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko; Liberian President Samuel K. Doe; Indonesian President Suharto on State visits

Antigua and Barbuda



07/18/86 – First day cover

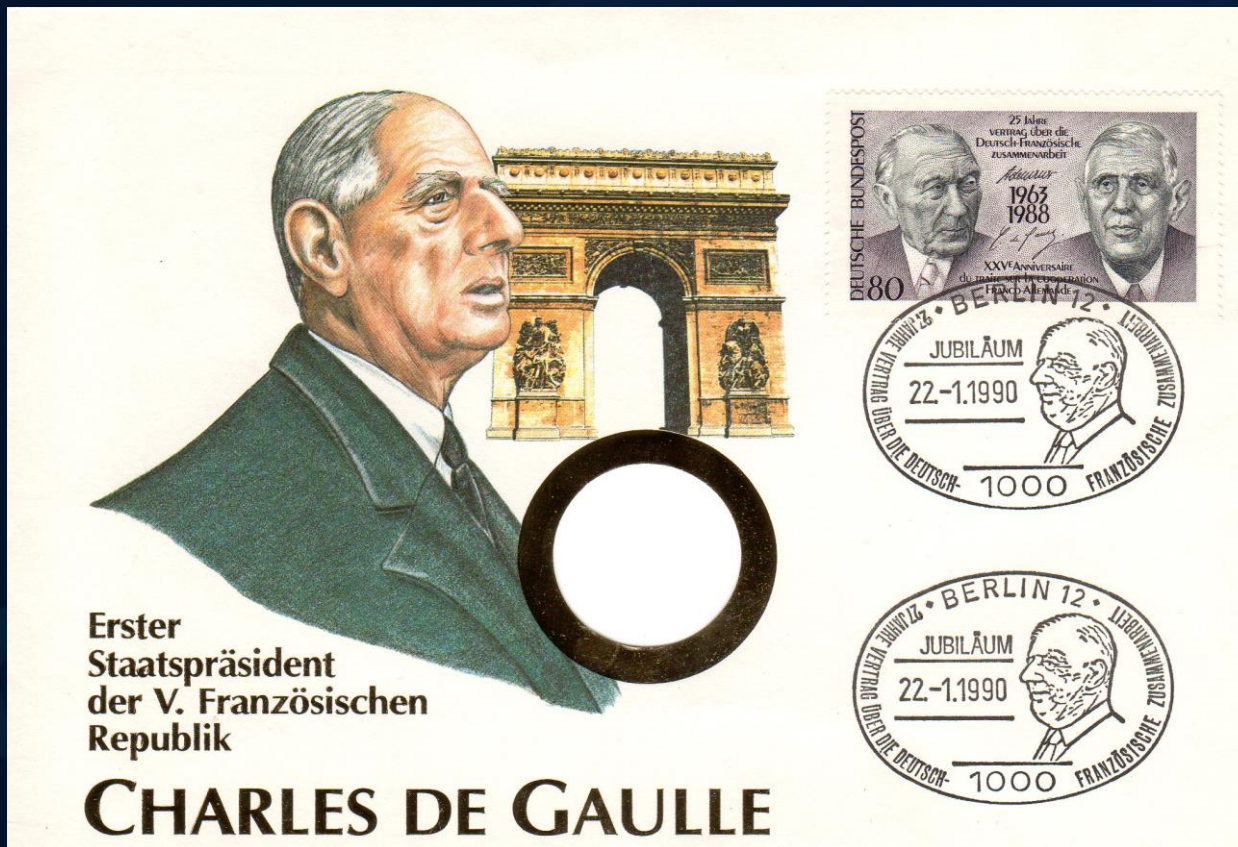
Ronald Reagan, U.S. President

Honoring the Reagan Caribbean Basin Initiative



05/25/89 – First day cover

Marshal Josip Broz Tito, Yugoslav president 1953~1980



Erster
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der V. Französischen
Republik

CHARLES DE GAULLE



01/22/90 – Commemorative cover, 27th year of German-French Cooperation Treaty

Charles de Gaulle, 1st President of the Fifth French Rep.

Konrad Adenauer, German Chancellor 1949-1963

Joint 1988 stamp issue between France and Germany



05/20/96 – First day cover

Lee Teng-hui, Republic of China President

Lien Chan, Republic of China Vice President

First direct vote for top leadership in Taiwan

Philippines



12/19/95 – Postal use cover

Bill Clinton, U.S. President

Fidel V. Ramos, Philippines President

Stamp honors President Clinton's Philippine visit



08/26/96 – Postal use cover

Moammar Khadafy, Libyan leader 1969~2011



12/06/96 – First day cover

Alexander Grigoryevich Lukashenko, Belarus President

Turkish Northern Cyprus



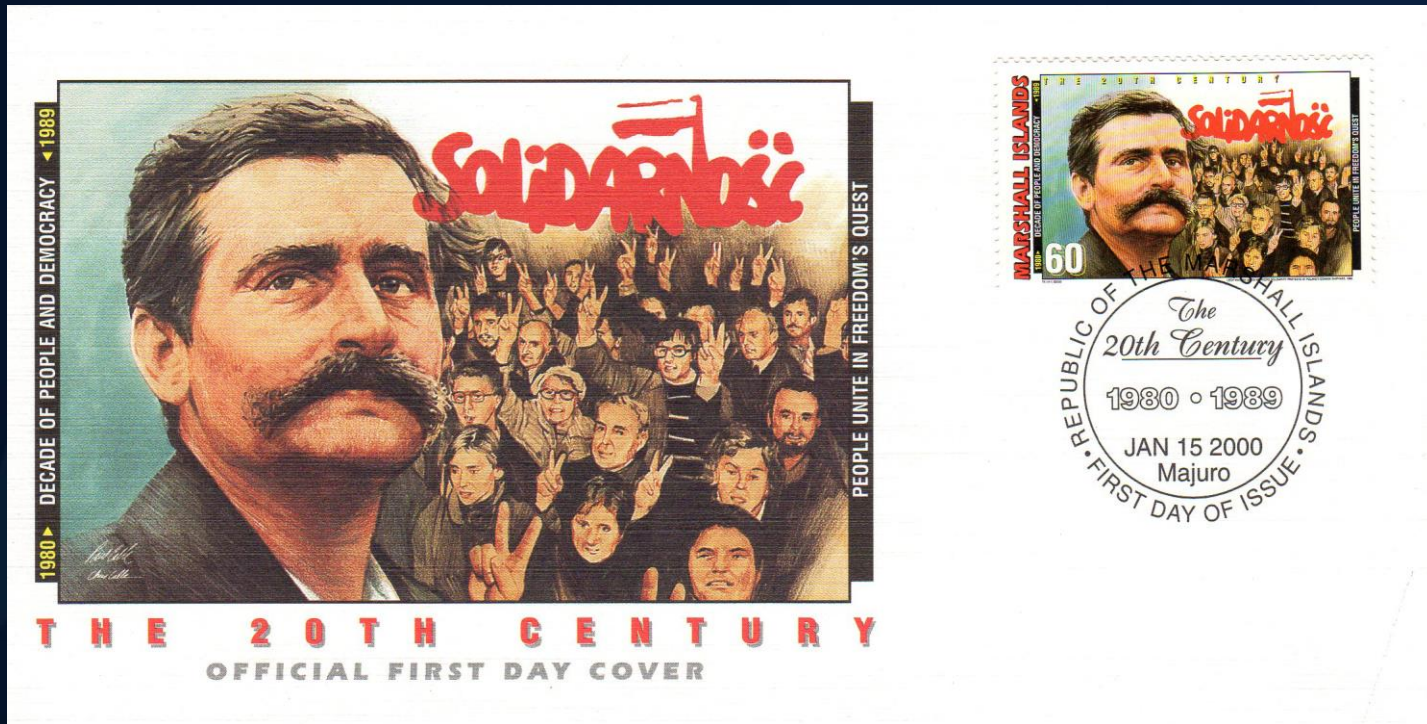
07/25/98– First day cover

Suleyman Demirel, Turkish President

Rauf Denktaş, Northern Cyprus President

Stamp honors the visit of the Turkish leader to Cyprus

Marshall Islands



01/15/00 – First day cover

Lech Walesa, President of Poland

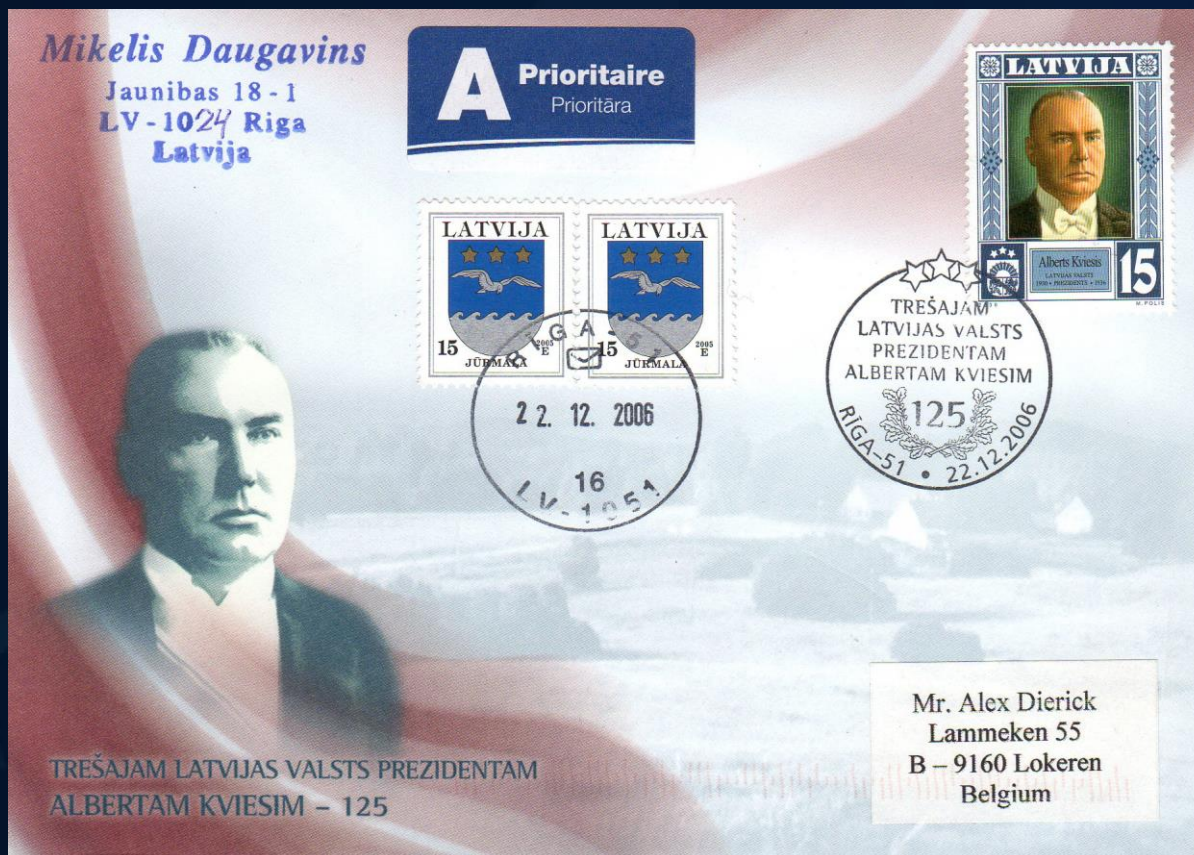
South Africa



02/15/01 – Postal use cover

Pieter Willem Botha, South African Prime Minister and President (1978~84, 1984~1989)

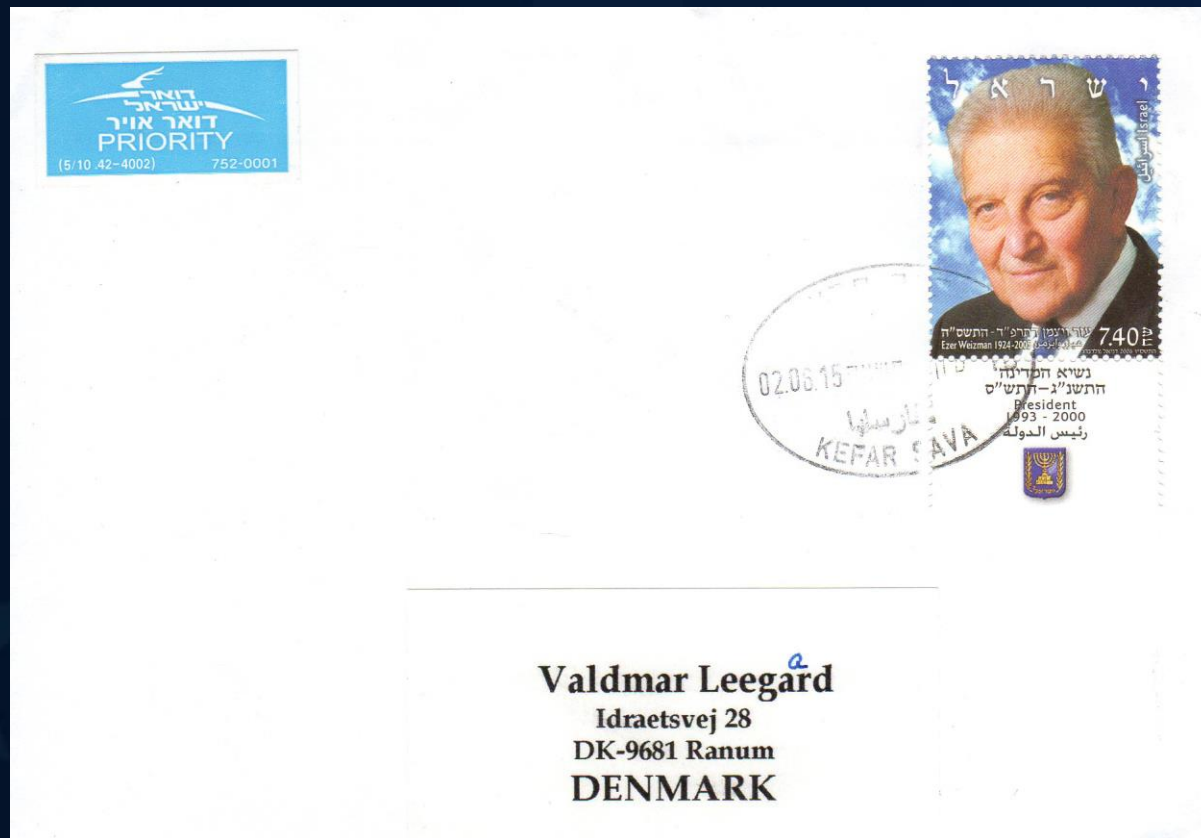
Nelson Mandela, South African President (1994~99)



12/22/06 – First day cover

Alberts Kviesis, Third President of Latvia (1930~36)

125th year of his birth



06/02/15 – Postal use cover

Ezer Weizman, 7th President of Israel (1993~2000)

Former commander of the Israeli Air Force and
Minister of Defense

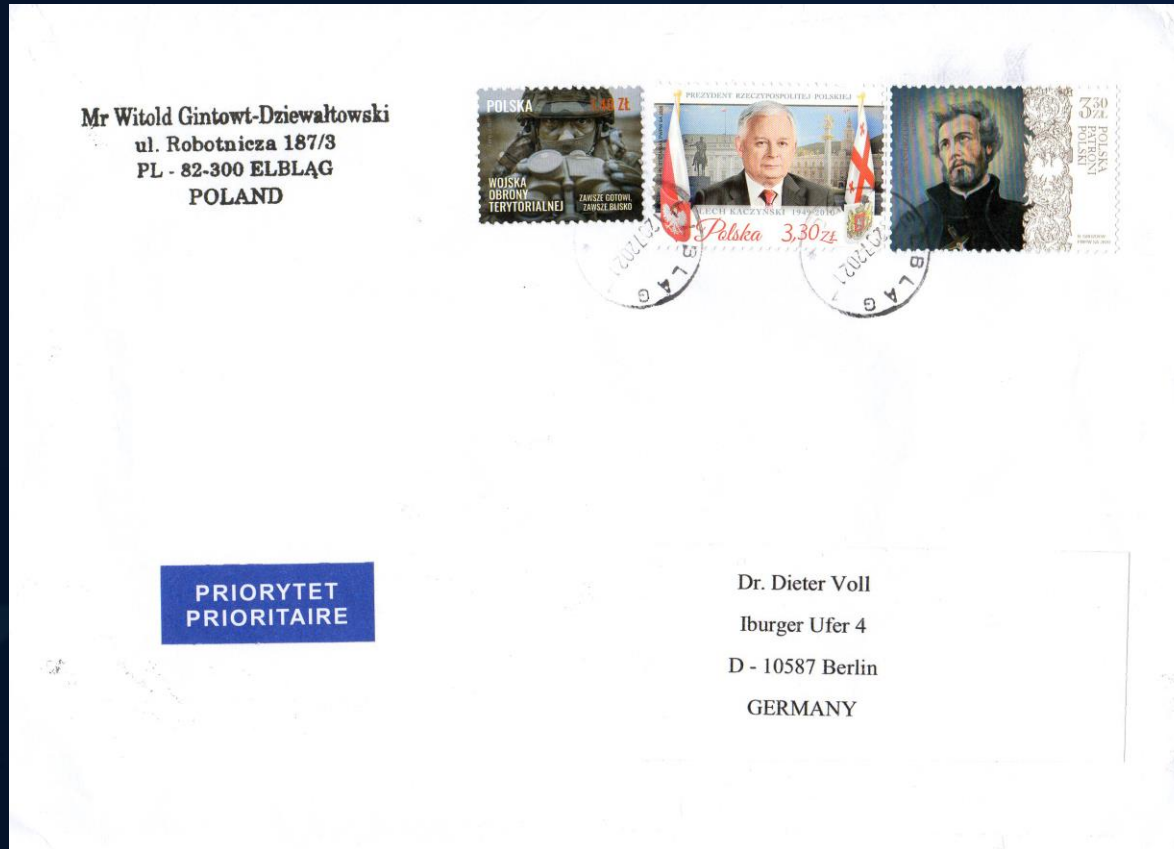


12/15/15 – Postal use cover

Nawaz Sharif, Pakistani Prime Minister

Muhammad Ali Jinnah, First Pakistani Prime Minister

Xi Jinping, People's Republic of China President



07/12/21 – Postal use cover

Lech Kaczyński, President of Poland (2005~10)

Died with his wife in a Polish Air Force jet crash during an attempted landing at Smolensk North airport, Russia

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