UNITED NATIONS POSTAL HISTORY - THE FORERUNNER PERIOD (1942 - 1951)

Purpose:

The purpose of UN postal history collecting is to document, through postal evidence, development of the UN's organs and agencies, and the temporary sites they occupied before completion of UN Headquarters in 1952. In addition, the early UN period contains a wide variety of meters, cancels, postal markings and indicia, which makes this collecting area extremely interesting and challenging.

The "forerunner" period of United Nations philately runs from 1942 through October 23, 1951. Most collectors date the beginning of this period from the Declaration By United Nations, signed on January 1, 1942, in which the term "United Nations" was first applied to the Allied Powers in World War II.



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Exhibit Outline:

INTER-ALLIED INFORMATION OFFICE
UNCIO
LONDON, 1945 - 1946
FORERUNNER METERS AND METER SLOGANS
UNITED NATIONS POSTAL OPERATIONS
OFFICES IN NEW YORK CITY
OFFICES AT LAKE SUCCESS, NEW YORK
OFFICES IN LONG ISLAND CITY, NEW YORK
LOCATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES OUTSIDE NEW YORK
UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK

Exhibit Highlights:

- 1. Inter-allied Information office cover (1 of 2 recorded)
- 2. Slogan II Trial Pull (1 of 3 recorded)
- 3. Slogan II Essay 1 (1 recorded)
- 4. Slogan II Essay 2 (1 recorded)
- 5. Slogan IV Essay (1 recorded)
- 6. 1600 Broadway usage (1 of 2 recorded)
- 7. 2 East 103rd St usage (1 of 2 recorded)
- 8. Lake Success "Courrier" slogan essays (1 recorded)
- 9. Long Island City Meter examples
- 10. UNPO "Courrier" Proof (1 recorded)