

SOLOMON ISLAND POSTPAID ENVELOPES

PRIVATELY PRINTED OR GOVERNMENT ISSUE?

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Illustrated here are four examples of postpaid envelopes used in the Solomon Islands not seen previously. The island postal authorities in the Solomons and other island nations have reduced the amount of information available to the philatelic world, so discoveries are made all the time about what is going on in the islands.

Postpaid envelopes merely indicate that the postage on the item has been paid, even though no adhesive, indicia or meter is present. Typical uses are printed matter or other large scale business mailing operation.

Printed postpaid envelopes are usually printed by the user/mailler; however, these Solomon Islands envelopes

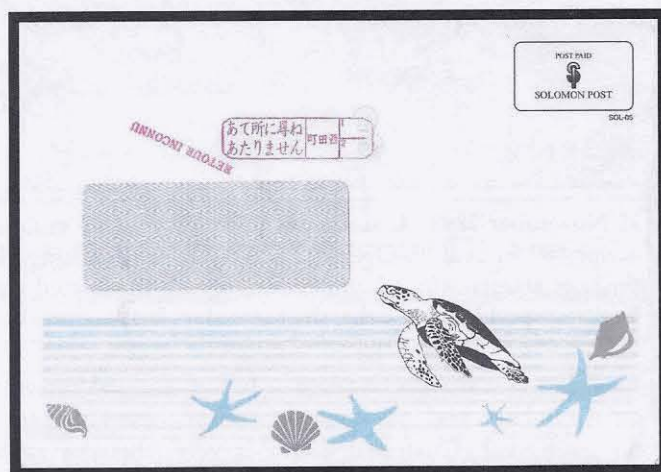
are labeled like they may have been printed by Solomon Post and sold to the user, very much like Prepaid Envelopes sold to the public by most post offices. SOL-04 through 06 are generic, but SOL-07 appears to be customized for users mailing to Asian recipients.

Right now we have more questions than answers. Stay tuned! SAS/O



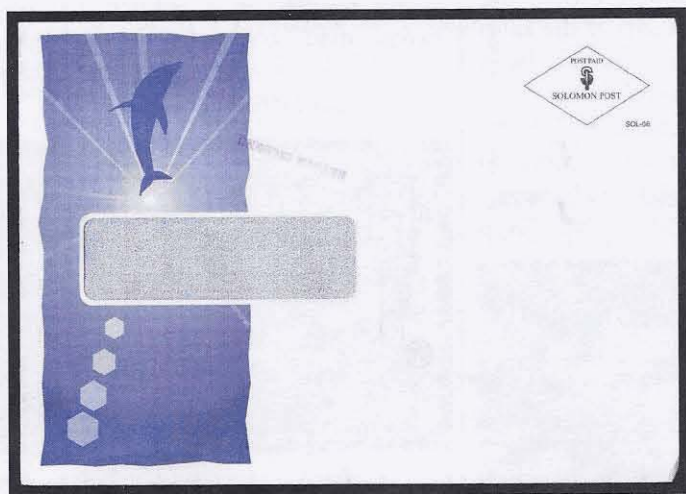
Sol- 04

Numbers SOL-01 through -03 have not been seen by the author, although they must exist.



Sol- 05

Actual size of the envelopes is roughly 165 x 230 mm or 6 5/8 x 8 7/8 inches.



Sol- 06

THE INFORMER



Sol- 07