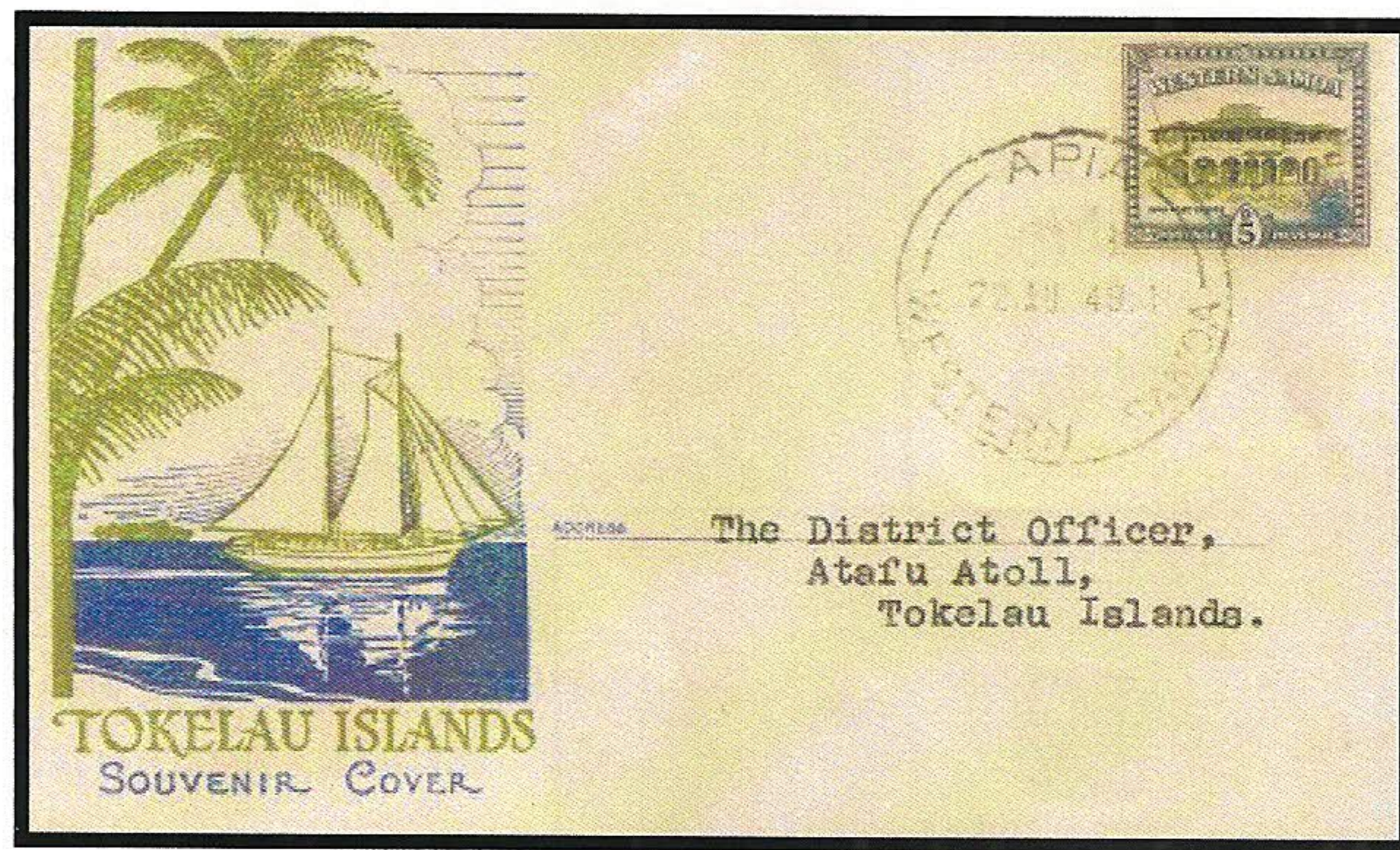


Tokelau - 1st Official Flight Covers

In the 1998 edition of the Tokelau Handbook, only one “Inwards” cover was recorded; two almost identical covers have now been found in a member’s collection.

In addition another is included in Mowbray Auction dated 8 March 2011; I suspect that this is the cover described in 1998 edition of the Handbook.

Auction lot description: Lot 2649 - Samoa 1949 5d Post Office, 1st official airmail Samoa-Atafu, Tokelau Isl. Illustrated cover Apia 22AU49 cds to District Officer, Atafu with Atafu 22AU49 arrival b/s. Burgess (1998) records only 1 inwards cover to Apia – addressed to Mr. H. Gow and approx 25 FFC’s from Atafu RARE Estimate NZ\$ 250



“Inwards” cover [see page 13-3 in 1998 book] backstamped Atafu 22AU49.10. Illustrated one of two currently in a collection.

U.S.P Micronesia – More on the “Chinese” 20th Anniversary Issue.

From Steven Zirinsky, Chris De Haer, & Bryan Jones.

We speculated in the April edition of Pacifica (p47) that there might have been four stamps produced by the Chinese authorities and issued by Federated States of Micronesia to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between F.S.M and the People’s Republic of China, of which, at that time only three had been identified.

Thanks now to Steven Zirinsky we can now confirm that there were now no less than eight different values in this set, these are illustrated below.

Thanks also to Chris de Haer who supplied details of the relevant entry in the latest Scott catalogue, in which six of the eight stamps listed are included, all with a value of 44c, (cat reference 860C to 860H), with a release date of 2009 (no day or month).



The six stamps in the upper two rows are shown in the order in which they appear in the Scott catalogue. The two stamps in the bottom row are the latest two discoveries which do not appear.