

NOTES ON INTERNATIONAL CANCELS
OF TAIWAN 1960-61

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For a very long time I have been holding some covers with international cancels from Taiwan. I always thought that perhaps I would run across a sizeable holding of them and could work out further details on their date of usage. As with such projects – one never seems to get beyond a certain point!

H1 to H6 CANCELS



Figure 1, cover from Saigon to Taiwan

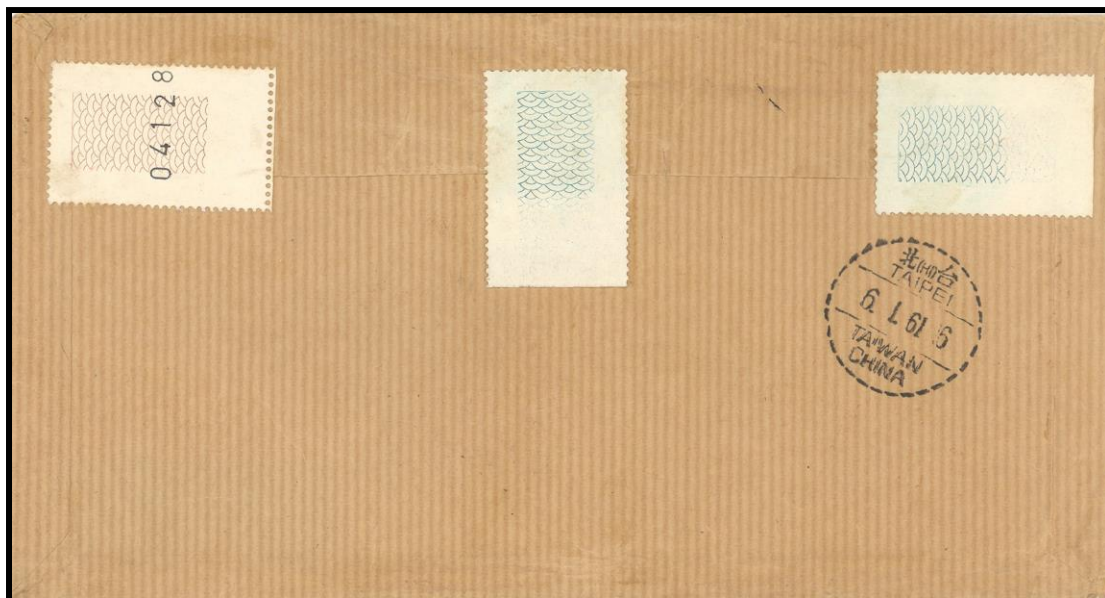
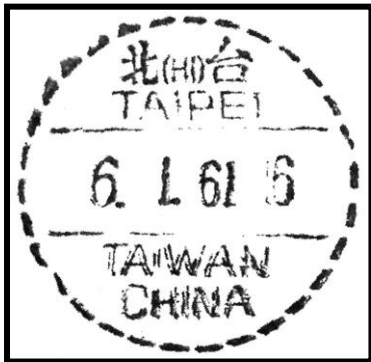


Figure 2, reverse of cover with "H-1" cancel



This receiving cancel was applied by the international mail section in Taipei, January 6, 1961

Summary of "H" Covers

Marking	Receiving	Dispatch	Date	Cover from	Cover to
H-1	X		1961.6.1	Vietnam	
	X		1961.7.26	Japan	
H-2	X		1961.3.2	Japan	
H-3	X		1960.10.7	Japan	
	X		1961.11.02	Japan	
H-4 HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED					
H-5		X	1961.12.9		U.S.
		X	1961.12.15		U.S.
H-6		X	1961.7.5		U.S.
		X	1962.4.1		U.S.

A and B CANCELS



Figure 4, "A" international mail cancel



Figure 5



Figure 6

I have only seen the “A” used from Taipei, canceling stamps – not used as a receiving back stamp. Only one example of the “B” has been seen, it was used as a receiving back stamp for surface mail.

Summary of “A” and “B” Covers

Marking	Receiving	Dispatch	Date	From or to
“A”		X	1960.8.17	to U.S.
		X	1960.10.1	to U.S.
Both covers sent airmail, with the “A” used for canceling the stamps				
“B”		X	1960.11.25	Surface mail, back stamped at Keelung for transmittal to the U.S.

As you can see – I have a very small number of these cancels. Please check your covers from Taiwan for the 1960-62 period. Hopefully, with more covers the dates and usage can be more accurately determined.