

My Mail

HW 7/16/76

In yesterday's mail was a Post Office envelope. We receive these regularly and I never open them so I'll keep accurate records. They contain stamps or almost daily receipts for insured packages and change from the money we leave for the mail carrier.

In this envelope were two receipts for minimum insurance on books sent to Mass. and N.C., as cash receipt from the local post office and a form in the name of the Baltimore postmaster. The blanks for clerk and date are not filled in.

The form says "The enclosure herewith was found loose in the mails at this office." That can't be true. They were not attached together and without that if they were loose there was no way of connecting them. In addition, the local post office always puts them in an envelope that has its printed return address.

It concludes, "it is transmitted to you in accordance with the address found in the article."

Also false.

The form for minimum insurance does not include the name or the address of the shipper. None was added, either.

The unattached cash receipt, PS Form 1096, has my name written in, not very legibly, but no address. The form does not include a space for the address and in fact does not even include the city. Except for the signature it has my name, the 6-19-76 date and the fact that the sum is \$.92.

There may be an easier and innocent explanation but on the face of it there seems to be none. Much mail goes from here to Baltimore. Perhaps the envelope, without an address, went there and in time someone opened it and just used this form.

How they reached me may be explained by the Frederick stamp on the insurance receipts. But we were told nothing by the route man of the local post office if they were called.

I'll keep these receipts because they are necessary with the damages and losses in the mails.