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These 'Watergate commemorative' stamps are causing some problems in Chicago area

A First Class Watergate Issue

Chicago

Postal officials said yesterday they are investigating the appearance here of illegal stamps with pictures of Watergate figures on letters going through the postal system.

Martin J. McGee, divisional chief inspector in the Chicago area, said that "our main concern is to be sure that any mail does not get through bearing other than an official stamp."

McGee said that so far, investigations have shown that most of the stamps seem to have appeared in the Chicago area and bear a Chicago cancellation. The stamps have pictures of figures in the Watergate investigation, including Martha Mitchell, John Dean, H. R. Haldeman and others.

The stamps, which are not illegal as long as they aren't used with intent to defraud the Postal Service, were designed by Tiburon artist Peter Martin, a former magazine publisher.

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