

# MAXIMAPHILY OF SAUDI ARABIA

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MAXIMAPHILY IS ONE OF THE BRANCHES OF PHILATELY; ITS OBJECT IS TO COLLECT POSTAGE STAMP AFFIXED ON POSTCARD COMPLYING WITH CERTAIN CRITERIA OF CONCORDANCE. JUSTIFIABLY ALSO CALLED "MAXIMUM CARD" BECAUSE OF ITS THREE POSTAL COMPONENTS:

THE POSTAGE STAMP — VALID FOR POSTAL USE AND BE WITHOUT DEFECTS.

THE POSTCARD — PREFERABLY COMMERCIALY PRINTED AND ITS ILLUSTRATION HAVE BEST POSSIBLE CONCORDANCE WITH SUBJECT OF STAMP.

THE POSTAL CANCELLATION OR POSTMARK — AUTHENTIC, LEGIBLE AND DIRECT RELATION WITH SUBJECT OF STAMP OR POSTCARD.

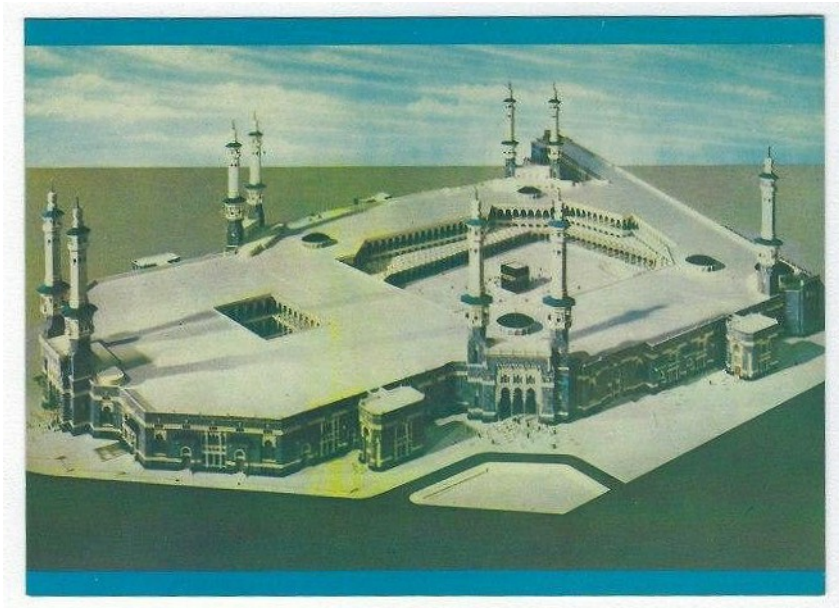
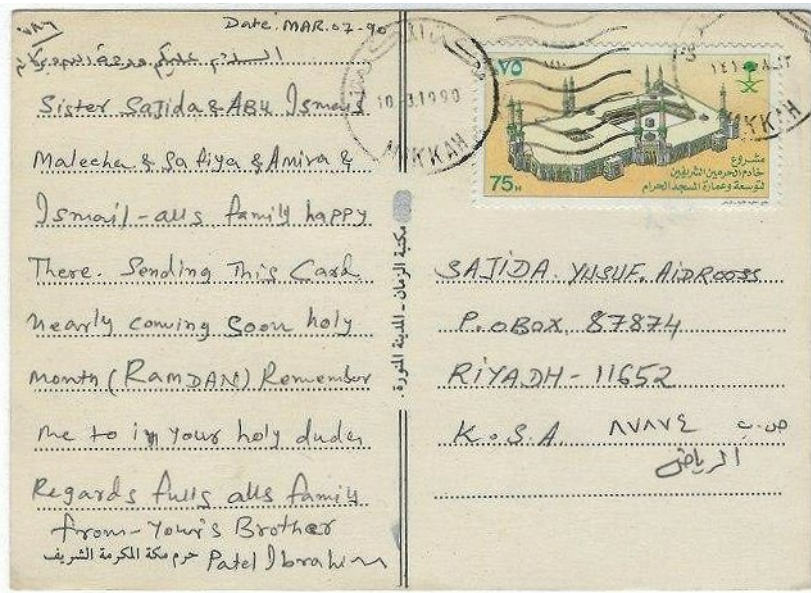
THE MAXIMUM CARDS DO NOT EXIST BY THEMSELVES AND OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO BE CREATED. THEY TOOK INTO EFFECT AROUND 1925. PRESENTLY, MAXIMAPHILISTS ARE SPREAD OVER SIXTEEN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES BELONGING TO F.I.P, INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR PHILATELY. MAXIMAPHILY IS HIGHLY DEVELOPED IN COUNTRIES WHERE IT IS SUPPORTED AND DEFENDED BY THE FEDERATION CONCERNED.

IN THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, POSTCARDS ARE NOT A VERY POPULAR MEANS OF CORRESPONDENCE. FURTHERMORE, THE SOURCE OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR A THRIVING POSTCARD BUSINESS IS CUT SHORT BY MINIMAL TOURIST ACTIVITIES. POSTCARDS ARE UNPOPULAR FOR VARIOUS OTHER REASONS, SUCH AS,

- a) VARIETY AND AVAILABILITY OF POSTCARD IS LIMITED.
- b) WRITING SPACE IS LIMITED AND POSTAGE COST IS ALMOST SAME AS ENVELOPES.
- c) MATTER IS EXPOSED, HENCE LOSING PRIVACY.
- d) REGISTRATION OF POSTCARDS IS NOT OFFERED.
- e) RECEIPT OF POSTCARDS IS SOMETIMES UNCERTAIN IN OTHER COUNTRIES AS THE AESTHETIC BEAUTY OF THE PICTURE LEADS TO PILFERING.

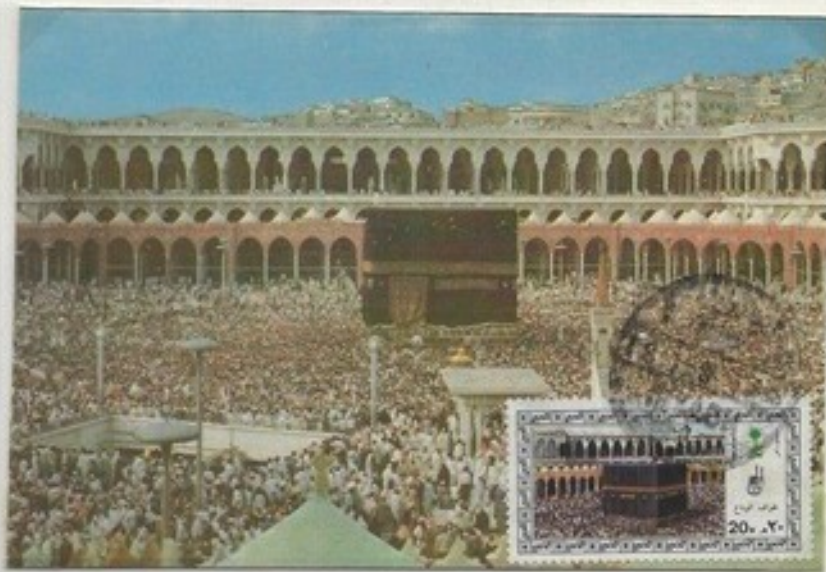
FAVORED CANCELS ARE NOT OBLIGED AND DUE TO THE INTRODUCTION OF FRANKING METER MACHINES IN THE POST OFFICES OF THE KINGDOM, HAND CANCELLATIONS HAVE DECREASED.

IN A VERY SHORT SPAN OF TIME, SAUDI ARABIA HAS ATTAINED HIGH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS IN MANY FIELDS WHICH IS REFLECTED THROUGH THE POSTCARDS AND STAMPS DISPLAYED AND EMPHASISES KINGDOM'S DEVELOPMENT POLICIES, AND LINK WITH ISLAMIC FAITH.





SAUDI ARABIA, THE LOCATION WHERE THE TWO HOLIEST SHRINES OF ISLAM EXISTS AND WHERE YEARLY, PILGRIMS FROM EVERY PART OF THE WORLD COME TO PERFORM "HAJJ", THE PILGRIMAGE. SAUDI ARABIA, THE HOST COUNTRY, ISSUED 8 DIFFERENT TOPICS ON HAJJ FROM 1978 TO 1985 AND IN 1986 COMBINED ALL THESE TOGETHER WITH DIFFERENT DENOMINATION. HERE TWO DIFFERENT DESIGNS OF THE HOLY KABA STAMPS ARE TIED TO THE VIEW SIDES OF THE POSTCARDS MATCHING THE DESIGN OF STAMPS THEMSELVES AND POSTALLY CANCELLED.







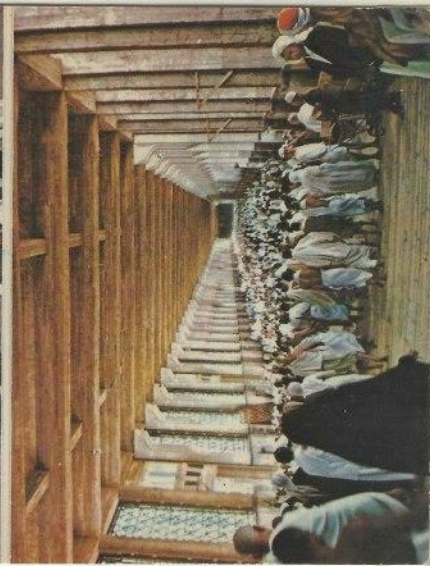
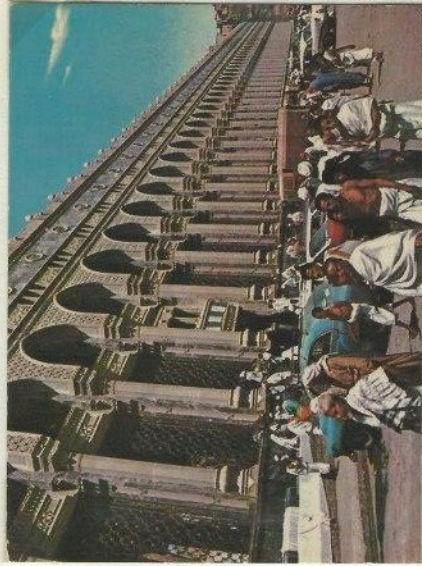
HOLY KABA'S GOLDEN DOOR STAMP CANCELED IN MECCA HAS THE DESCRIPTION ON THE POSTCARD ITSELF WHOSE PICTURE IS IDENTICAL WITH THE STAMP DESIGN.

mailed from Mecca. Jan '82  
 قطر داخل الحرم المكي  
 Dear Steve, <sup>When in Mecca Morning</sup> Holding to his door of the Kaaba, the cubical building built by prophet Abraham 3000 years ago people pray & confess sins to God literally crying. They pray in total submission to him, which Islam is all about. I have been lucky to be one of those people. In the recent past, the door was redesigned by a Meccan architect worked in calligraphy, the verses taken from the Quran. It weighs 200 kilograms pure gold and costed 4 1/2 million dollars (US). The other enclosure at the night is a stone circle with 700 (prophet's) prophet Abraham's feet. See Tom later.

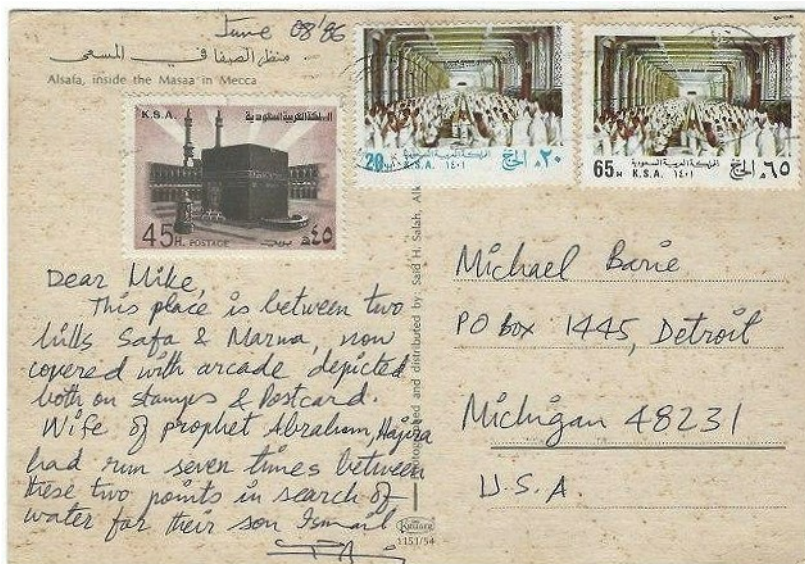



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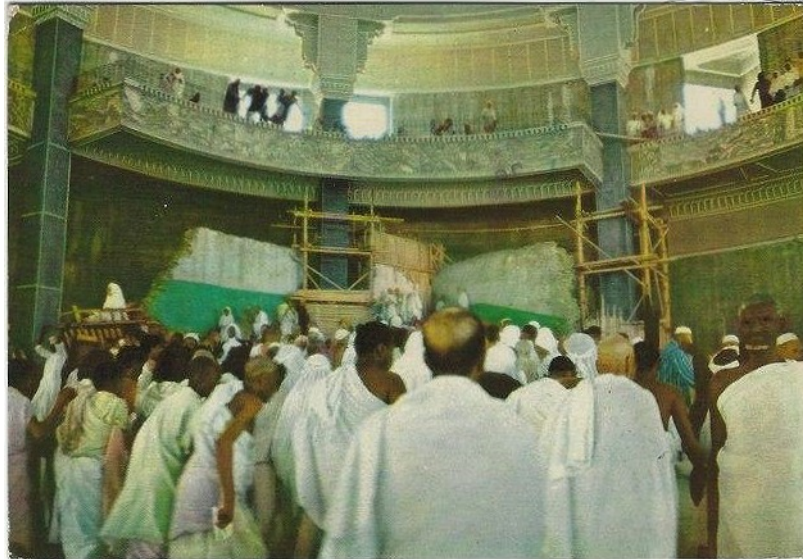




THE STAMP AND THE POSTCARD, BOTH SHOW ARCADE OF  
HOLY MECCA FROM OUTSIDE, EXTENDED IN THE 1960'S.







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 Saudi Arabia.  
 السعي بين العا والبروة Nov 1961  
 Al-Sa'ai between Al-Safa and Al-Marwa

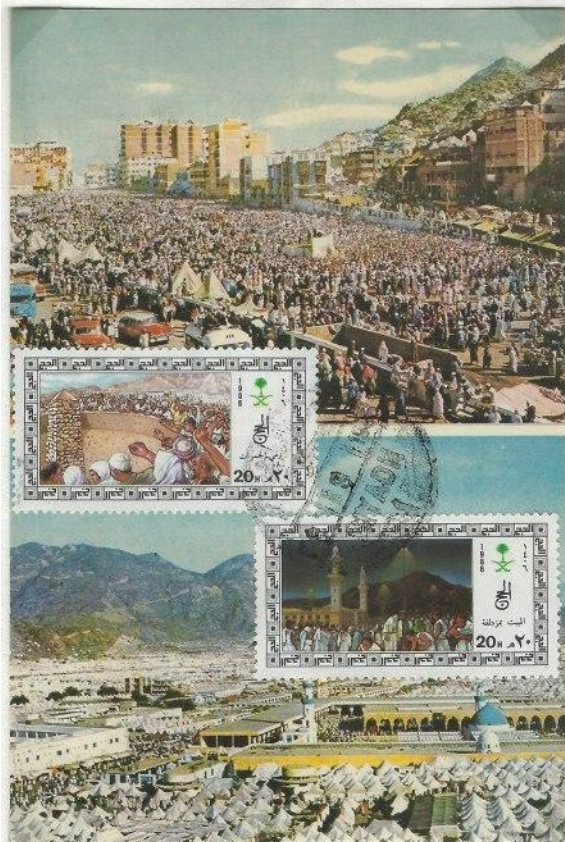
Dear Khaleel & Noor, Salamatin  
 You must be enjoying  
 vacation is Alisha & vice versa  
 Had been to a school, Minarat ul  
 Sharqia for Malecha who  
 probably will start going next  
 week to this English medium with  
 Arabic also, inshallah. last  
 weekend we went to Riyadh in  
 train, which is very much like USA  
 trains except it takes very long.  
 This is the only route in the world  
 Saudi Arabia Dammam - Riyadh.  
 Met our cousin Bilqis and  
 Mohamadi amty & son Khaleel, Safiya & Malecha  
 enjoyed. Your loving Khaleel, levels Khaleel.

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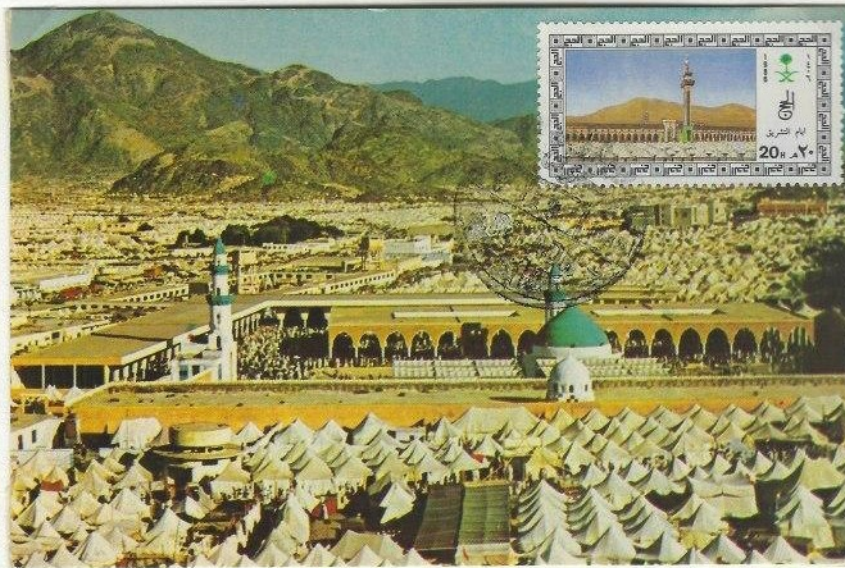


IN THE TOP POSTCARD VIEW IS OF THE PILGRIMS IN MENA WHILE THROWING THE PEBBLES ON SATAN AND THE STAMP TIED ON IT IS IDENTICAL. BOTTOM OF THE SAME POSTCARD THE VIEW AND THE STAMP ARE ALMOST IDENTICAL OF MOSQUE IN ARAFAT.

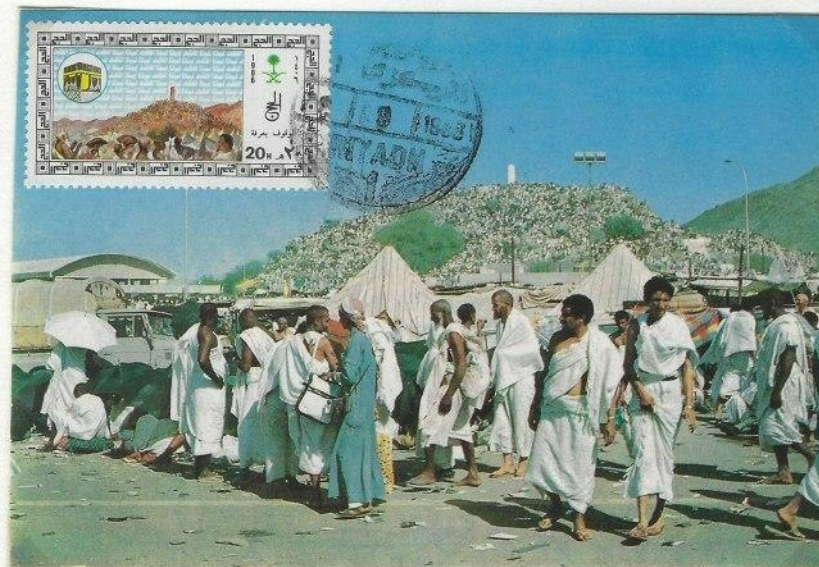
THE BOTTOM POSTCARD IS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THE STAMP SHOWING THE PILGRIMS ARRIVING IN "IHRAM".



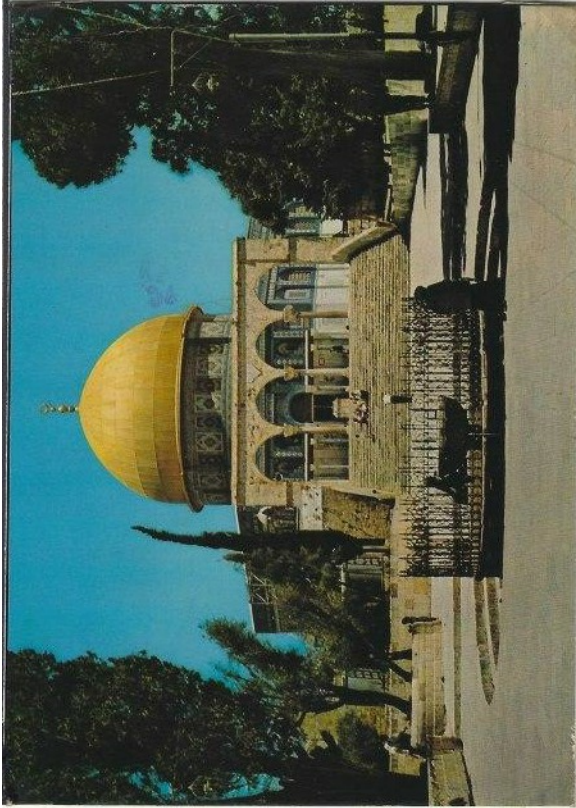




IN THE HAJJ 1986 ISSUE, MASJID IN MINA STAMP IS TIED ON VIEW SIDE OF TOP POSTCARD WITH SAME PICTURE. AND BOTTOM POSTCARD DEPICTS MOUNT ARAFAT WITH IDENTICAL VIEW ON STAMP TIED TO IT.







Dear Mr. John.  
 MASJID AQSA  
 31-3-1982

DOME of the Rock was  
 constructed over a small rocky  
 hill located in Jerusalem where  
 Prophet Mohammed PBUH is said  
 to have ascended to the heavens  
 for a short time to be shown around.  
 It is considered a place of  
 significance in the Islamic faith.  
 Since 1967, Jerusalem is  
 under occupation of Israel, taken  
 from Palestine/Jordan in the  
 middle east war.

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DOME OF THE ROCK, THOUGH IN JERUSALEM  
 IS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT SHRINE IN  
 ISLAM AS MENTIONED IN THE CONTENTS  
 OF THE POSTCARD. K.S.A. ISSUED DOME  
 OF THE ROCK STAMPS FEW TIMES. THIS  
 ONE MATCHES WITH THE POSTCARD USED  
 IN RIYADH.



31-3-1986  
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The 180m high television tower has become Riyadh's landmark. The tower, part of the new TV Centre, is topped by a four storaged diamond shaped structure & antenna Mast of the centre including the tower & theatre in the complex were completed in 1989, whose reinforced concrete structures were finished in white marble while the piazza round its base laid out in colored marble mosaic of french artist Gianferani. West Germany's Dyckerhoff and Widmann were the main contractors who carried out the work on a turnkey basis for the Ministry of Information.

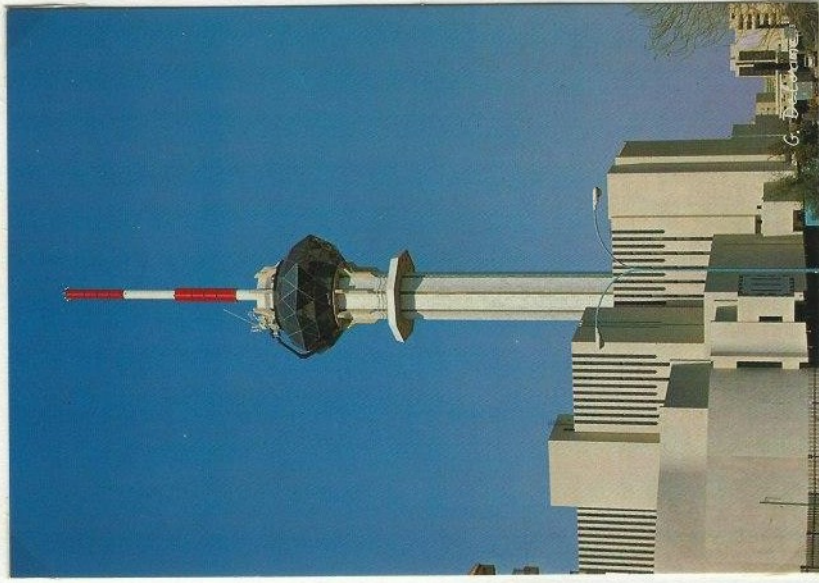
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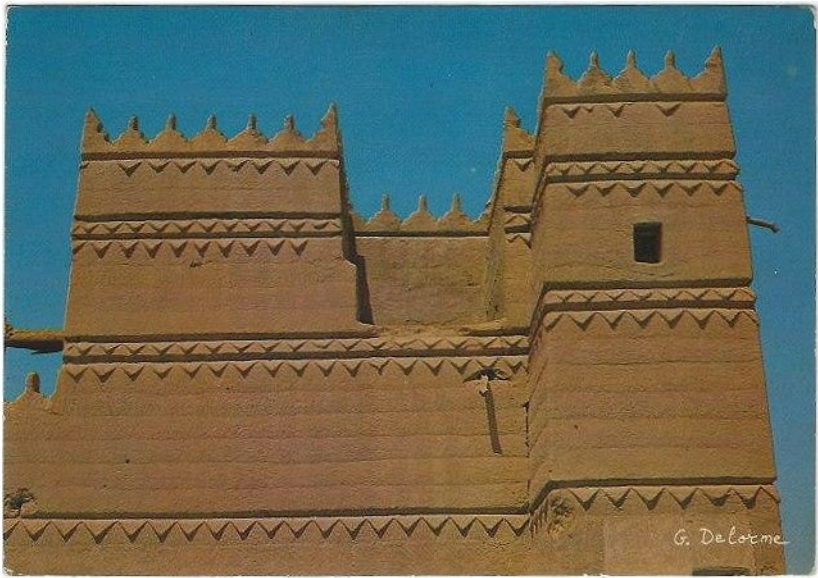
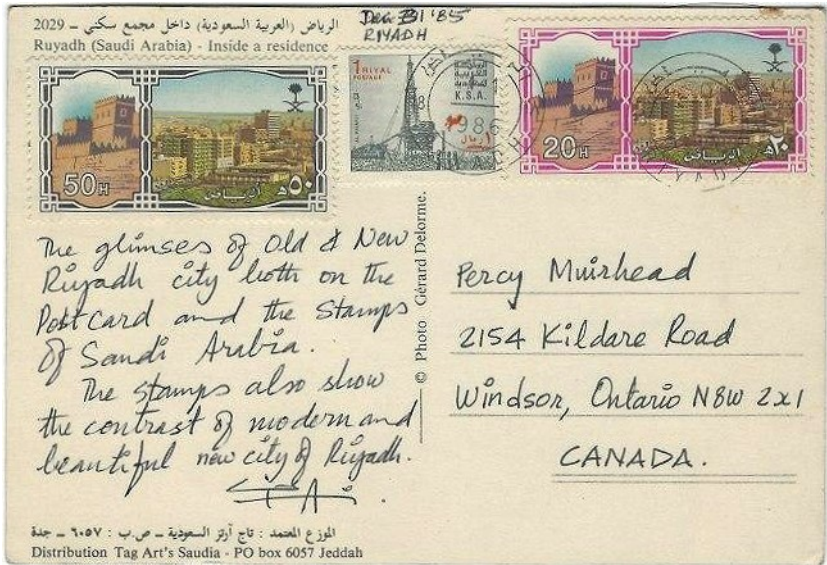
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 RIYADH

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THE TELEVISION TOWER HAS BECOME LANDMARK OF RIYADH CITY, DEPICTED BOTH ON STAMP AND POSTCARD WHICH IS ALSO CANCELLED IN RIYADH.

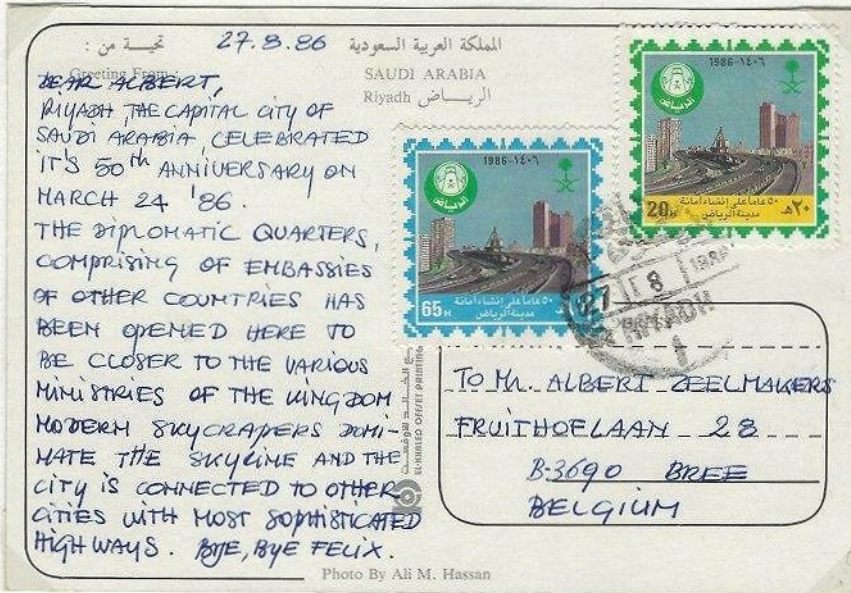






INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE HISTORY OF KING ABD AL AZIZ, THE FOUNDER OF SAUDI ARABIA WAS COMMEMORATED WITH STAMPS AND A SOUVENIR SHEET SHOWING PORTRAIT OF THE KING WITH RIYADH'S MISMAK FORTRESS IN THE BACKGROUND. THE SOUVENIR SHEET USED ON THE POSTCARD MATCHES WITH CLOSEUP OF THE SAME MISMAK FORTRESS ALSO CANCELLED IN RIYADH ON THE FIRST DAY OF STAMP ISSUE.





تحت من :  
 Greeting From:  
 DEAR ALBERT,  
 RIYADH THE CAPITAL CITY OF  
 SAUDI ARABIA, CELEBRATED  
 IT'S 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY ON  
 MARCH 24 '86.  
 THE DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS,  
 COMPRISING OF EMBASSIES  
 OF OTHER COUNTRIES HAS  
 BEEN OPENED HERE TO  
 BE CLOSER TO THE VARIOUS  
 MINISTRIES OF THE KINGDOM.  
 MODERN SKYSCRAPERS DOMI-  
 NATE THE SKYLINE AND THE  
 CITY IS CONNECTED TO OTHER  
 CITIES WITH MOST SOPHISTICATED  
 HIGHWAYS. BYE, BYE FELIX.

RIYADH MUNICIPALITY 50th ANNIVERSARY STAMPS SHOW VIEW OF THE CITY WITH MODERN HIGHWAYS AND HIGHRISE BUILDING. THE POSTCARD PICTURE ALSO MATCHES WITH THE SAME SUBJECT. CANCELLATION ALSO IS OF RIYADH



The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, known previously as a desert country, has developed up to world standards in almost all fields in extremely short span of time. Most water facilities are provided in all buildings including the recently completed King Khalid Intl Airport in Riyadh. It is considered as one of the most beautiful, functional and high quality Airports in the world.

For this turnkey project, S.A. Bechtel Corp. of USA were the consultants and Hanjoo Kim Up of Korea, the main contractors.

Regards,  
Mune.

King Khalid Intl Airport, located about 45 Km from the main city of Riyadh was opened in 1984. Attractive high standards than other buildings. Towers, linked together on Royal highway by distinguished agents and royal family of Saudi Arabia, with a Masjid in the center to accommodate 5000 worshippers at a time.

Main structure is of steel with precast brick hammerhead cone. According to large spanned columns. The steel beams are curved with slanted glass panels providing natural light inside. Flooring is of marble and high quality carpet with accessories in stainless steel and the suspended ceiling in combination of triangular plastic panels. 50 long, Mune.



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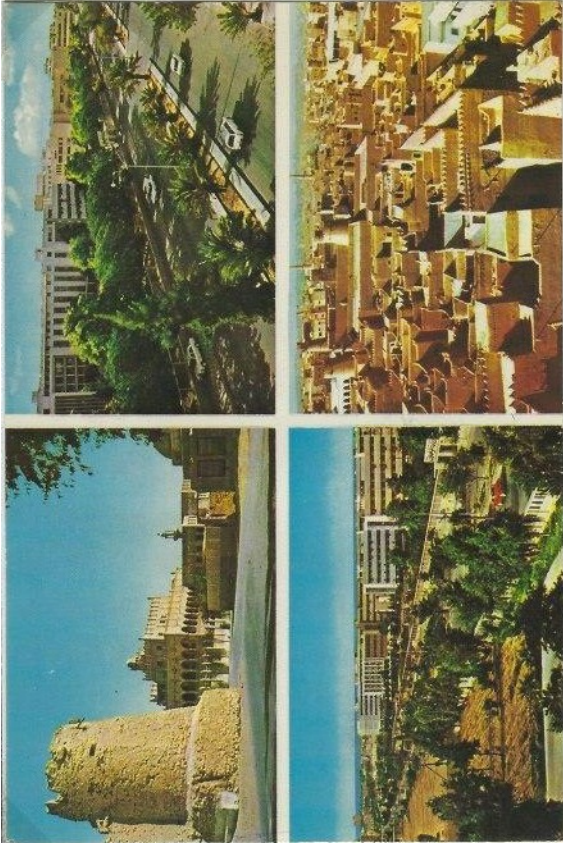


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INAUGURATION OF RIYADH'S KING KHALID INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN 1984 WAS COMMEMORATED WITH STAMPS. BOTH THE STAMPS AND POSTCARD SHOWS VIEW OF THE RIYADH'S AIRPORT WITH CANCELLATION ALSO OF RIYADH.





THE STAMP AND POSTCARD MATCH THE SAME SUBJECT... THE DEVELOPMENT OF RIYADH'S OLD TO MODERN BUILDINGS IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. CANCELLATION ALSO OF RIYADH

26.8.86

DEAR JOCHEN,

القديم والحديث بالرياض

Old and New Riyadh

KSA IS ONE OF THE VERY FEW COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD THAT CAN CLAIM ACHIEVING HIGH STANDARDS IN A VERY SHORT SPAN OF TIME. THE SAUDI FAMILY WHICH HAILS FROM DIRIYAH MOVED ABOUT 25 KM N. MADE DIRIYAH THE CAPITAL ABOUT FIFTY YEARS AGO. THE STAMP PICTURES NEWS OF OLD AND NEW RIYADH, WHILE THE OLD RIYADH IS SHOWN WITH TWO STOREY HIGH MUD HOUSES REINFORCED WITH DATE TREE LEAVES IN THE DESERT AREA, THE NEW ONE IS SHOWN WITH MODERN REINFORCED CONCRETE TALL BUILDINGS SURROUNDED BY GREENERY. PRESENTLY THE POPULATION OF RIYADH IS ABOUT A MILLION.

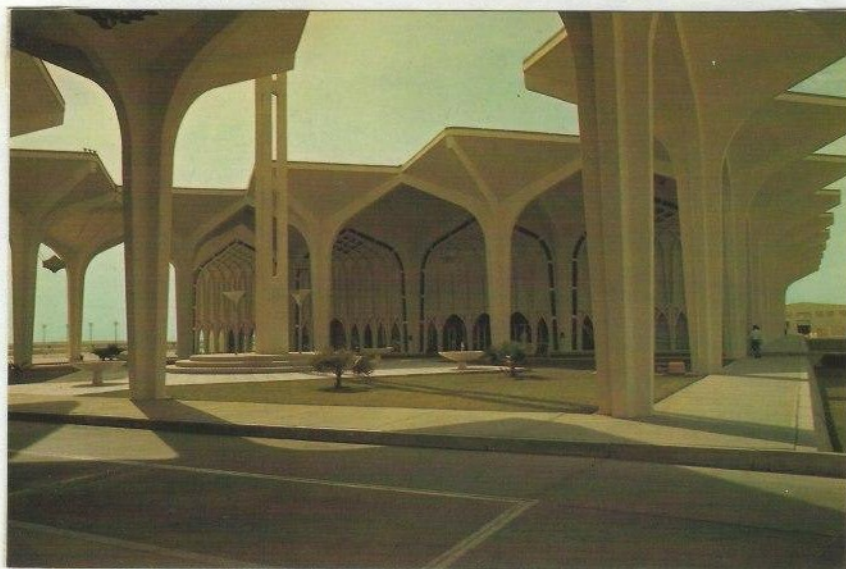


TO MR JOCHEN SCHLITT

PO BOX 47

UNAIZAH





Dec 28/81  
مطار الظهران المملكة العربية السعودية  
Dhahran Airport Building Saudi Arabia  
Dhahran.

Dear Steve,  
This is one of the master pieces of Yamasaki. New ones (airports) has been built along both side of this airport for Domestic & International flights respectively leaving this one for the Royal Guests of Saudi Arabia. The rib-like openings between the columns & the walls is Stainless. The postage stamp corresponds with the Airport Pavilion.  
Happy New Year '82. With Regards.

1 RIYAL  
K.S.A.  
أرطال  
رأسل اسفطان وشركاه بجمبة

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No. 51

ONE OF FIRST UNIVERSALLY WELL KNOWN DHAHRAN AIRPORT DEPICTED ON THE STAMP PASTED OVER POSTCARD WITH THE SAME VIEW CANCELLED IN DHAHRAN.



THE STAMPS ISSUED TO COMMEMORATE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF KING SAUD UNIVERSITY IN RIYADH. THE POSTCARD ALSO SHOWS VIEW OF THE SAME WITH RIYADH HAND CANCELLATION.

الرياض - جامعة الرياض 27/8/86  
 RIYADH - The University

Dear Carl,

The kingdom of Saudi Arabia under the leadership of King Faisal developed its education system. King Saud University established in Riyadh in 1957 celebrated its 25th anniversary. During this period, various educational departments were introduced and the university has now accomplished international standard with English as the medium of instruction.

Regards  
 Cyril.

27/8/86  
 RIYADH

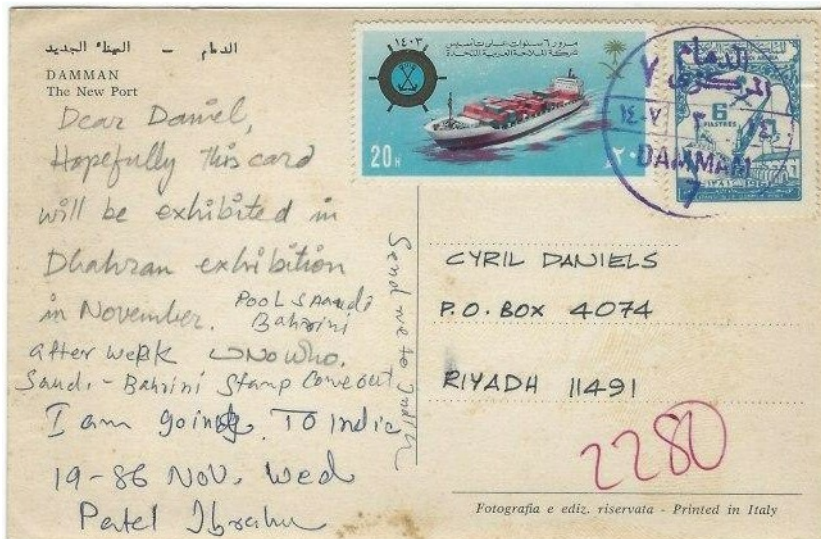
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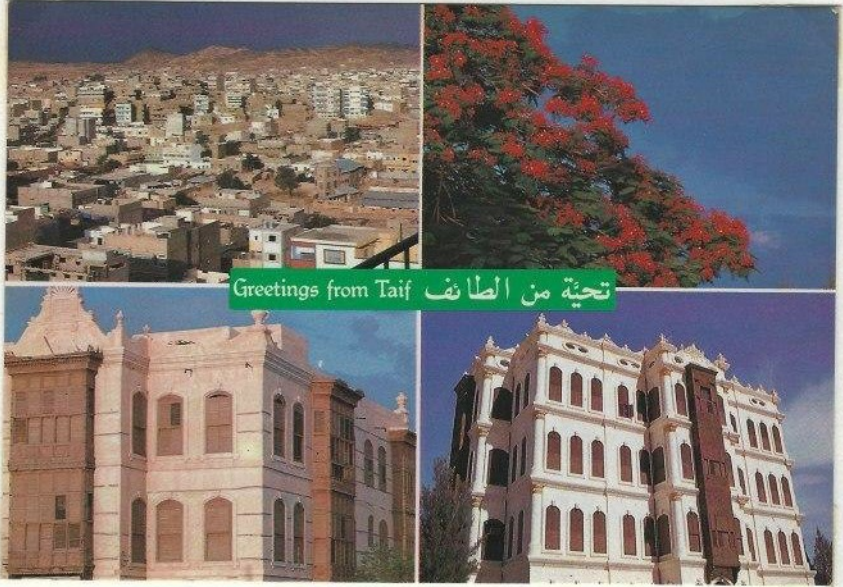
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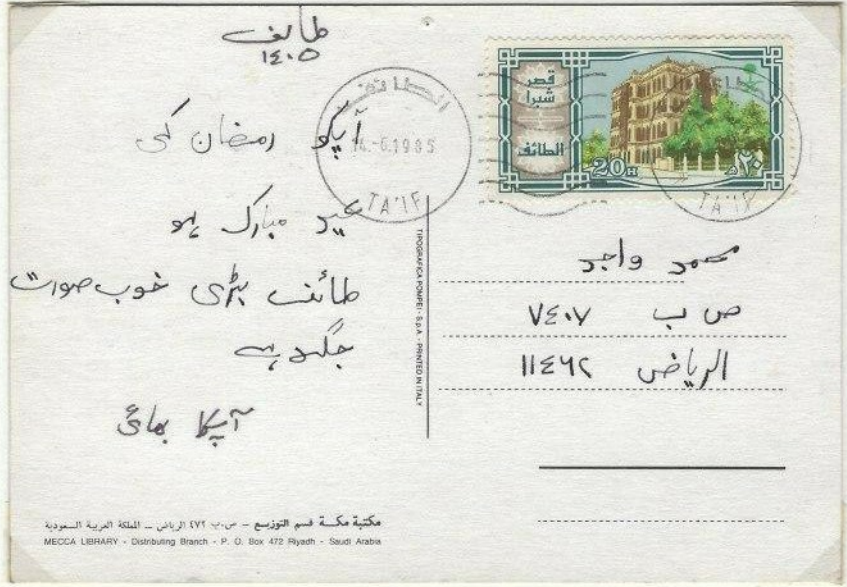
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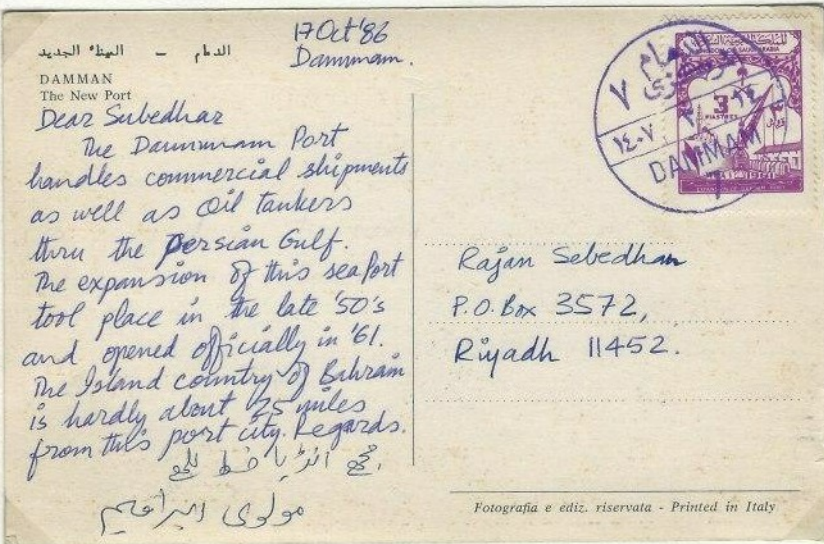


Greetings from Taif تحية من الطائف



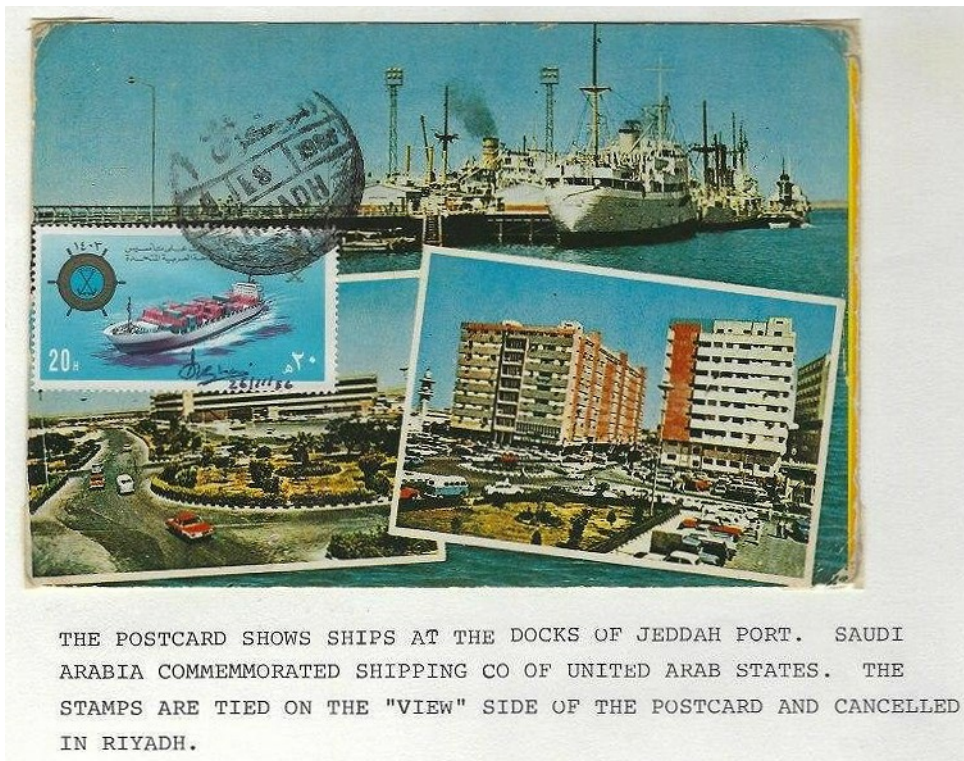
BOTH THE STAMP AND POSTCARD SHOWS SHOBRRA PALACE IN TAIF. CANCELLATION IS ALSO OF TAIF CITY, THE SUMMER CAPITAL OF THE KINGDOM.





QUNFUDAH AND JEDDAH WERE THE OLDER KNOWN SEAPORTS OF SAUDI ARABIA IN THE RED SEA. BUT THE DISCOVERY OF OIL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ARAMCO IN DHAHRAN, THE NEARBY DAMMAM PORT WAS MODIFIED AND ENLARGED TO SUIT THE SHIPMENTS. IT HANDLES COMMERCIAL TRADING AS WELL, SERVING THROUGH THE GULF. THE POSTCARD AS WELL AS THE STAMP, ISSUED IN 1961, SHOW THE EXPANSION OF THE DAMMAM PORT WITH A DAMMAM CANCELLATION.

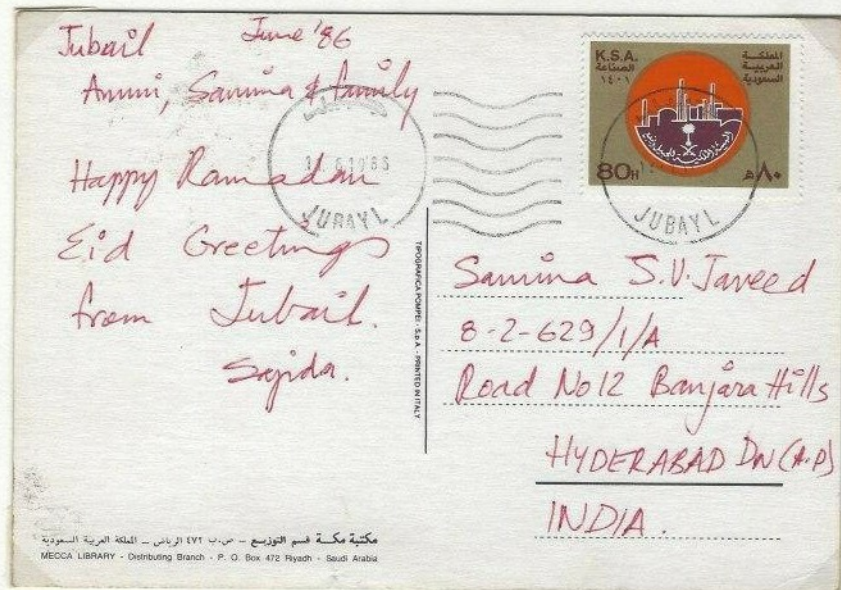
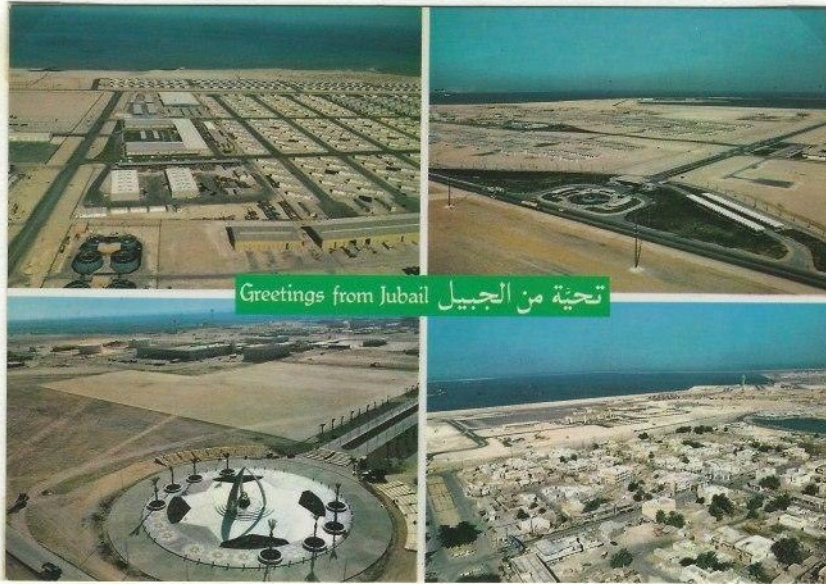




THE POSTCARD SHOWS SHIPS AT THE DOCKS OF JEDDAH PORT. SAUDI ARABIA COMMEMORATED SHIPPING CO OF UNITED ARAB STATES. THE STAMPS ARE TIED ON THE "VIEW" SIDE OF THE POSTCARD AND CANCELLED IN RIYADH.







THE EMBLEM OF ROYAL COMMISSION OF JUBAIL AND YAMBU IS  
 DEPICTED ON THE STAMP CANCELLED IN JUBAIL. POSTCARD  
 SHOWS VIEWS OF THE INDUSTRIAL CITY OF JUBAIL DEVELOPED  
 BY THE ROYAL COMMISSION.



الصيد بالصقور  
 The Arabian Sport of Hawking

Jan 06'82  
 Dammam.

Dear Ali<sup>o</sup> sher,  
 Prayers had been heard after two months. It rained here today. The roads are messed up destroying the shoes. The nights are chilly too, can't do without a heater which I purchased two days ago. Rest is fine.  
 Duas to all. Bhaqin.

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K.S.A. 20H. POSTAGE  
 المملكة العربية السعودية  
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 KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

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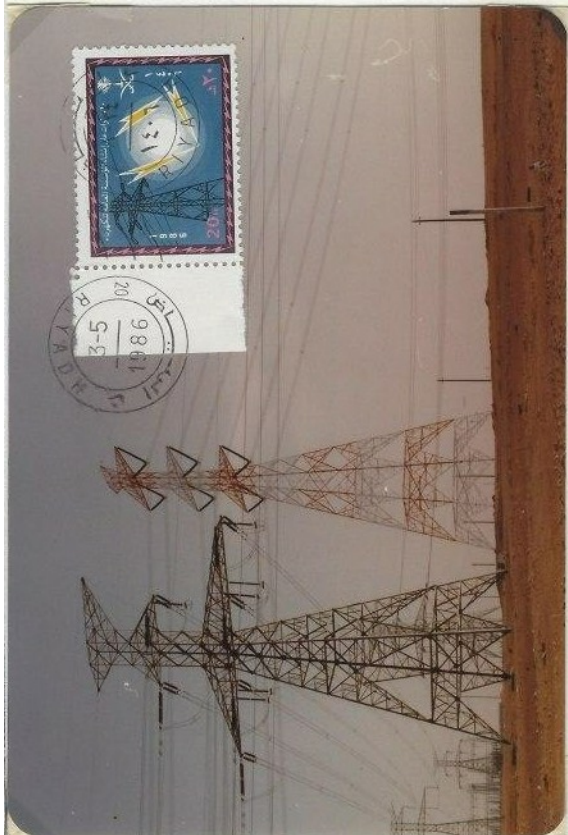
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THE AIRMAIL STAMP WITH FALCON IS PASTED OVER THE SIMILAR DESIGN POSTCARD SHOWING THE ARABIAN SPORT OF HAWKING.



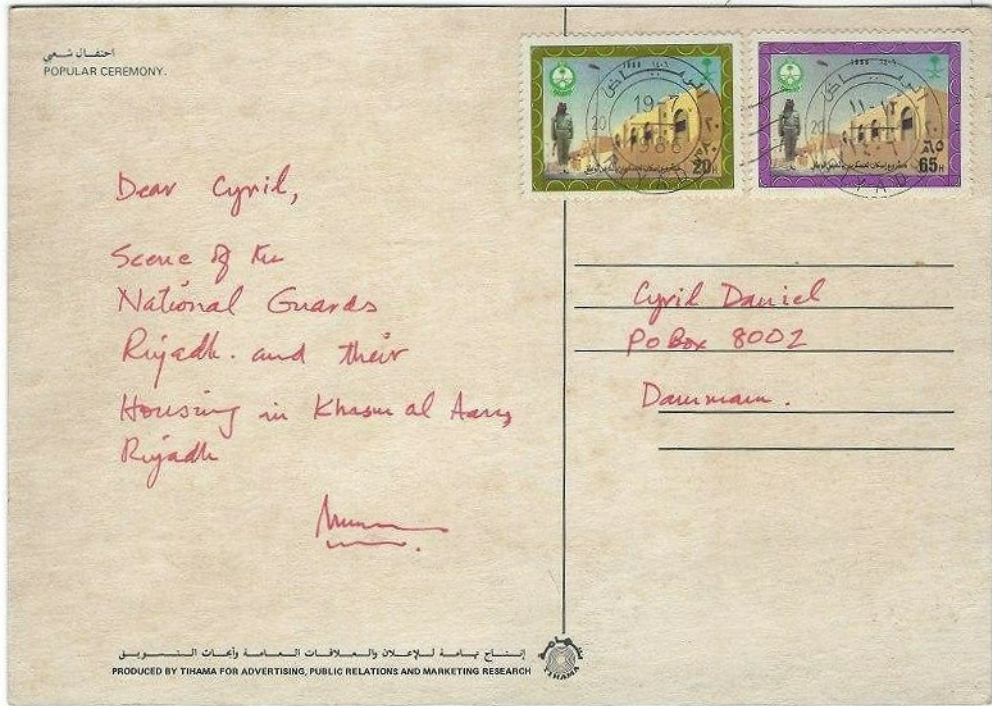




THE 10th ANNIVERSITY OF GENERAL ELECTRICITY  
WAS COMMEMORATED WITH SET OF TWO STAMPS  
SHOWING HIGH VOLTAGE CABLE PILLARS WHICH  
MATCHES WITH THE PICTURE CARDS, CANCELLED  
IN RIYADH. NOTE ONE OF THE RIYADH CANCEL  
IS UPSIDE DOWN WHILE THE OTHER IS REGULAR.









احتفال شعبي  
POPULAR CEREMONY.



Dear Cyril,  
 Scene of the  
 National Guards  
 Riyadh. and their  
 Housing in Khasm al Aary  
 Riyadh

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Cyril Daniel  
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 Dammam.

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الملاعب والمباراة الدولية

The stadiums are usually always occupied by national teams.

my dear Steve,  
 Soccer is the national pastime of Saudi Arabian people. One of the reasons for this popularity is that the results come out in an hour time compared to baseball (5 to 8 hours) Cricket (3 to 5 days!). The other reason is, it's healthier game and tuff and not too tuff (as American foot ball, ice hockey or rolling derby).

Bye Bye

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STAMPS ISSUED FOR WORLD CUP SOCCER ON THE POSTCARD SHOWING ONE OF THE OCCUPIED STADIUMS IN THE KINGDOM, CANCELLED IN DAMMAM. SOCCER IS NATION'S FAVORITE SPORT.