

CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Founding of the United Nations, San Francisco - 1945

San Francisco, California hosted perhaps the single most important event in the history of United Nations development; the Conference on International Organization (UNCIO) from April 25th to June 26th, 1945. Official representatives from the countries signing the 'United Nations Pact of 1942', as well as advisors and observers from peace organizations, attended to complete an agreement known as the 'Charter of the United Nations' by which future international peace would be guaranteed. Plans for a Conference on International Organization germinated from discussions during the Moscow conference of October 30, 1943. During that meeting, representatives from the United States, Great Britain, Russia and China agreed to host a meeting creating a new world-wide peace organization to replace the 'League of Nations'.



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Exhibit Scope

This exhibit documents conference events and participants. Some mail is franked by leased postage meter machines and corner cards verify device users. Original research is used throughout and it is the most comprehensive showing of this period of United Nations development to date. Important items have dark blue mattes.

Exhibit Plan

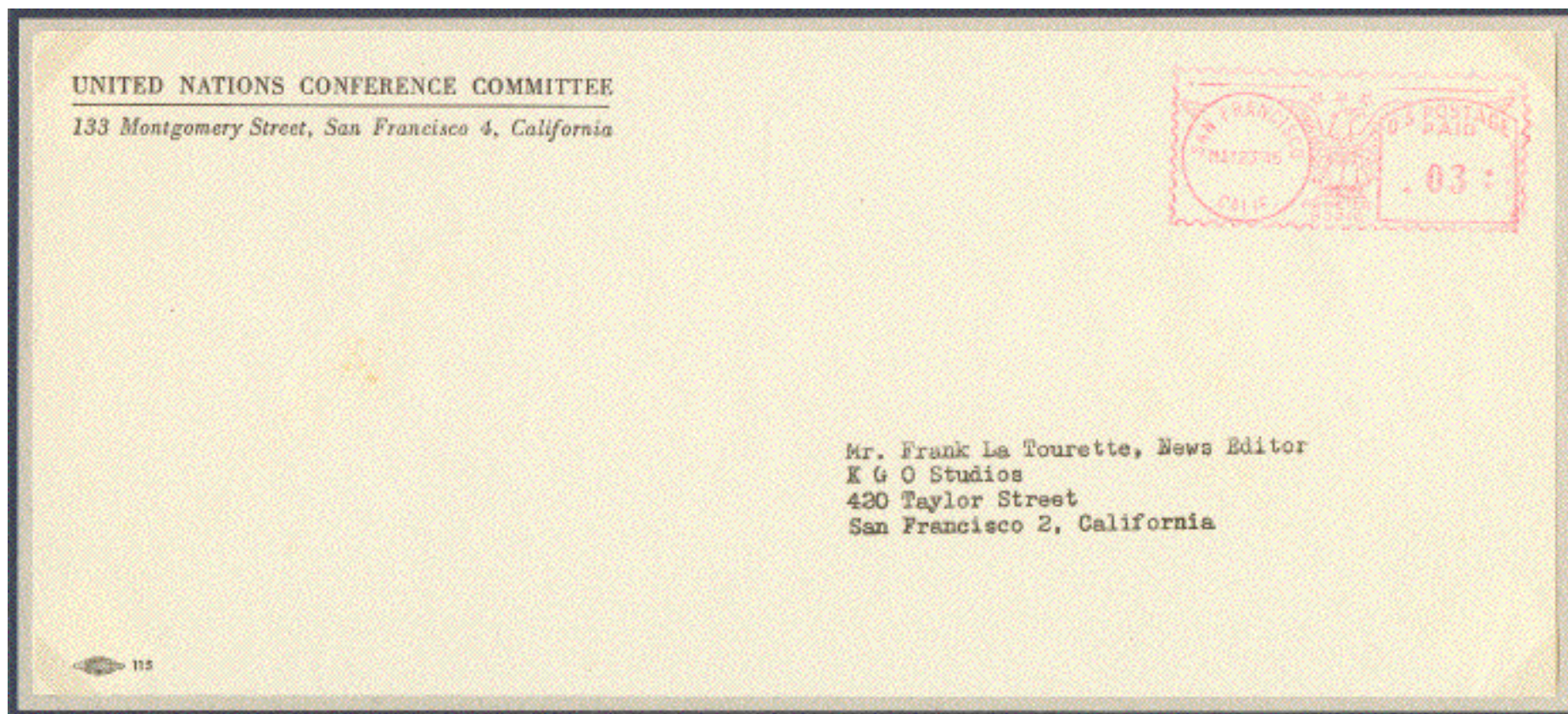
- Conference planning
- Commemorative stamp issue
- Location and meeting facilities
- Delegations and representatives
- The Charter and Signing of the Charter
- Mail addressed to Conference representatives
- Mail from the conference

Exhibit Highlights

- Conference Planning. Featuring:
 - Conference Committee Cover (1 of 2 recorded examples).
- Location and Meeting Facilities. Featuring:
 - Serialized die proof in issued color.
- Delegations. Featuring:
 - Argentine origin handstamp on delegate cover (only recorded example).
- Service mail from the Conference. Featuring:
 - Belgian delegation service cover.
 - Service cover mailed on day of Charter Signing (only recorded example).

Conference Committee

The conference committee provided coordination for meetings, lodging, entertainment, publicity and the various attendees needs.



Conference Committee stationery containing publicity announcement mailing to the news editor of a local radio station; one of two recorded