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50c REGULAR PROVISIONAL ISSUE – FIRST PRINTING

US 1p Barasoain Church small Commonwealth issue of 1938 overprinted by the Bureau of Printing in Manila with black deleting bars, obliterating the words “UNITED STATES OF AMERICA” on top and partially obliterating the “COMMONWEALTH” overprint. There was no basic postal rate of 50c, but the value was useful for multiple-rate postal matters. A great majority of the stamps of the First Printing display a small triangular upper space in the 'A' of 'CENTAVOS', compared to the Second Printing which shows a tiny round space as through made with the point of a pin.

ORIGINAL US ISSUE



OVERPRINTED ISSUE



Printed in plates of 100 subjects, set up in four Post Office panes of 25 stamps (5x5). Each pane has two plate numbers on two stamps on the bottom left (positions 21 and 22). Two plate numbers: 129955 (orange) / F129954 (black) and F129955 (orange) / F129954 (black).

