

JUNE 26, 1944**5c OFFICIAL ISSUE**

US 6c La Dalaga large Commonwealth issue of 1936 overprinted by the Bureau of Printing in Manila with black deleting bars, obliterating the words "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" on top and partially deleting the "COMMON- / WEALTH" overprint, with additional overprint of Japanese kanji "Koyo" and the initials "K.P." (Kagamitang Pampamahalaan), both translating to mean "Official Business." These stamps were overprinted shortly after the discovery that a sheet of the Large Commonwealth issue was overprinted along with the 5c Official Issue of April 7, 1943. Prompted by collectors who were able to exert pressure upon the Bureau of Communications in the name of "curbing speculation", it was decided to reproduce and release for sale a limited number of "replicas" of the original error. These stamps were printed solely for the benefit of collectors and did not fulfil any bona fide postal need.

