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RIZAL MONUMENT DEFINITIVE

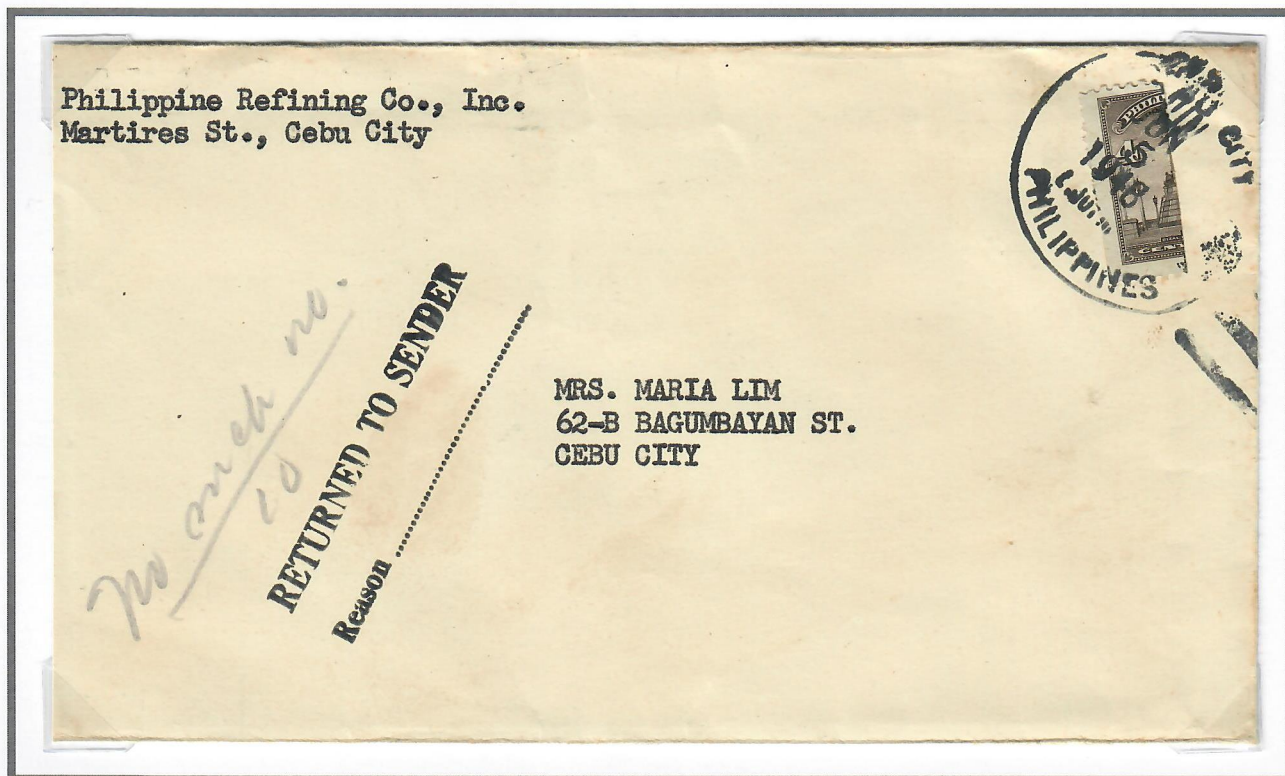
4-CENTAVOS

BISECT USAGE ON COVER

A shortage of 2-centavos stamps prompted Andres Abella, the then acting Postmaster of Cebu, to authorise the bisection of the 4-centavos Rizal Monument Definitive stamp. The stamps were cut vertically in half and immediately used by the Cebu Postal Service as 2-centavos value stamps beginning from January 5, 1948.

This action earned a reprimand from the Postmaster-General. Postmaster Abella felt that his action was for the good of the Service and filed a case at the Regional Trial Court. He was not only absolved, but he was also commended by the presiding judge for his initiative and dedication to his duty. Bisection of stamps authorised by the Philippine Postal Service occurred only once, and this event is unique to Cebu City.

COMMERCIAL COVER WITH BISECT USAGE



June 5, 1948 - 2c Bisect value paying local domestic single weight rate, Cebu Circulating
Return to Sender handstamp on front stating "No Such Number"
Cebu City (June 7, 1948) Duplex Return Date Cancel on Reverse