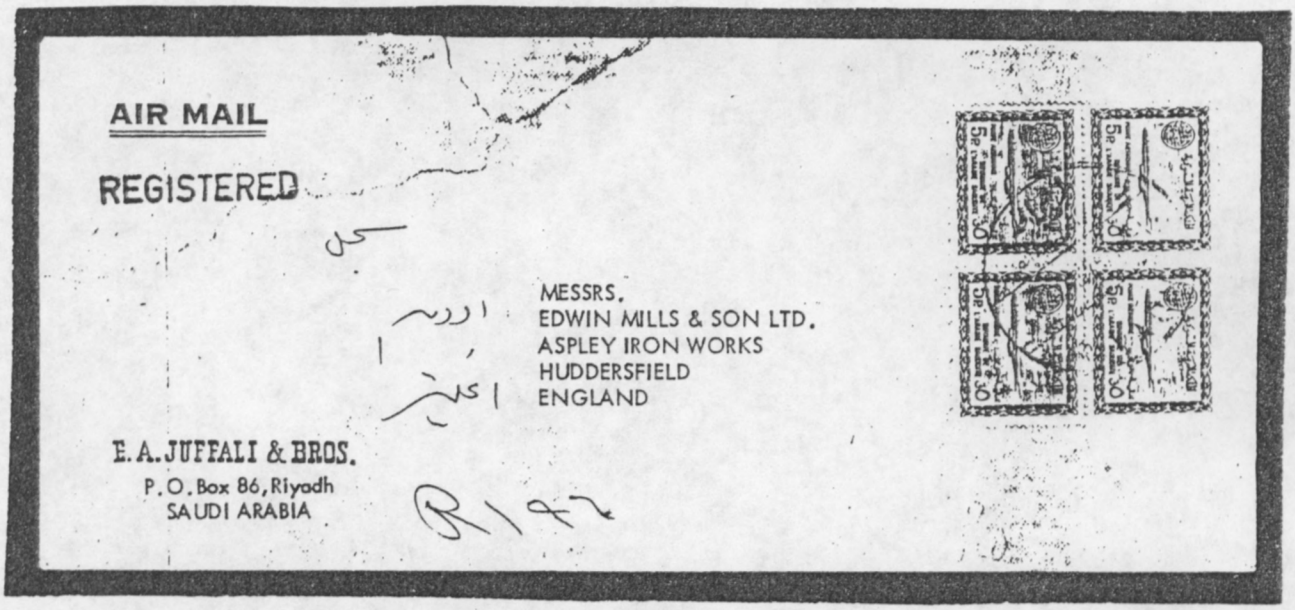
7. A new price list from one of our subscriber dealers has the scarce 50p Faisal GOSP (Scott 448 - $80) used at $450! The same list also offers the used 5p Faisal airmail (Scott C63 - $300) at $350, and the used 100p Faisal airmail (Scott C86 - $250) at $300. These stamps are almost never seen in mint condition.

8. Shown below is a recent discovery, a cover with a block of four of the rare 5p Saud airmail (Scott C37). Scott's 1989 price is $3000 per stamp, however, this is undoubtedly an error, and should probably be $300. The cover was found in an auction lot of mixed covers at the Hibbert sale in 1987. There are still some goodies out there waiting to be found by the knowledgeable collector!



9. Newspaper stamps (Scott P1-3) which are fake by A.P.A. standards seem to be appearing more frequently at auction lately. Lot 50600 (shown in color on the front cover of the catalog) in the Habsburg, Feldman sale of December 7 and lots 1473 and 1474 of the Stanley Gibbons sale of December 8 were apparent fakes. We'll try to have an article on how to identify these forgeries in the next RANDOM NOTES.

10. Peter Feltus advises that someone has printed up a batch of forgeries of Types III and VIIIA Egyptian Interpostal seals. Peter has not reported any fakes of the "GEDDA" seals yet, but considering the prices commanded by these, prospective purchasers should be careful.

11. Mr. Y. Al-Zoubi has shown me a copy of the 115h First Gulf Olympics Day stamp of 1985 (Scott #950) showing abnormal colors. Most of the shades on this multi-colored stamp were produced by blending colors. The abnormal stamp has a "dry print" of the blue, which has affected all the blended colors except the cerise at the right of the stamp. The normal bright green is yellow green, the grays are pale browns, the brown is orange brown and the blue itself is very pale and blotchy.

    Mr. Al-Zoubi says one sheet of 50 of this variety was found at a Riyadh post office, but the upper half of the sheet was defective. Thus only 25 copies of this variety exist in good condition.