

HELP REQUESTED IN FOREIGN RESEARCH PROJECT

Bob Schwerdt (#505) of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., has requested publication of the letter quoted below. As one of the more active researchers in the Perfins Club, Bob states that he is doing this checklist both for his own personal collecting interests and for any helpful information it may develop for the membership. The editor feels that this is a worthwhile project on Bob's part, and urges members to cooperate. Following is the text of Schwerdt's letter:

"For some time I have been checking the accuracy of the "World Perfin Checklist" (February 1973 Bulletin), particularly those countries reported with only one or two dies. Some members reported "specimen," "canceled," "officials" and dated as Perfins, and although these are interesting adjuncts, I feel the official census should distinguish between private (commercial) Perfins and those aforementioned related punches. I would be interested in hearing from members who can prove the existence of private Perfins on any of the countries listed below. Please draw or Xerox the dies and give the Scott country name and number on which the Perfin occurs (or send copy for examination). It would be helpful to know on which stamps (other than postage) the Perfins occur. Postage will be reimbursed and credit given to contributors either by name or membership number.

"I have already corresponded with many individuals, but I am hopeful that the anonymous members, who reported in the last census, will confirm their findings by the method suggested above. When the results are completed, I shall notify the members via the Bulletin or the Library.

"The following list represents those countries on which I presently have no confirmation of private Perfin designs. I should very much like to purchase any Perfins from these countries (if they exist):

Austrian Offices in Crete
Basutoland
Bermuda
Bolivia
British East Africa and Uganda
British Honduras
British Solomon Islands
Costa Rica
Slovakia
Dominican Republic
East Africa and Uganda
East India
Eupen (Belgian Occupation)
Finland (Russian Occupation)
Fiji
French Offices in China
French (Alsace and Lorraine)
French - AMG
German - AMG
Berlin
Germany - DDR
Great Britain - Tangier
Great Britain - Offices in Turkey
Great Britain - Isle of Man
Guatemala

India - Chamba
India - Faridkot
Indonesia
Iran
KSH - Slovenia
Malacca
Manchukuo
Morocco (independent)
Northern Rhodesia
North Borneo
Nyasaland
Panama
Papua
Portuguese Guinea
Macao
Puerto Rico (not on U. S. stamps)
Reunion
Rhodesia and Nyasaland
Russian Offices in Turkey
St. Vincent
St. Lucia
Salvador
Schleswig
Sierra Leone
South West Africa
Federated Malay States
Tanganyika
Uganda
Valencia (Spain)
Venezuela
Virgin Islands
From 1962 Census
Corfu
French Sudan
Iraq
Ivory Coast
Memel
Kedah
Turkey in Asia."