

unknown or at least unverified. Lougee in writing to Dave, asked if he had any of the smaller letters with his holdings.

As was usual, at that time, Larry Murray made the excellent picture of the pair. Both Lougee and Murray, pioneer Perfin Club officers, have passed on, leaving us much richer in the knowledge that they accumulated and passed on to later collectors. I don't know who "Dave" or "ASB" or "Breck" are, but would appreciate a note if you can identify them.

1847-C Euclid Street,
Santa Monica Calif
August 14 1962

Dear Dave-

Recently one of our newer members sent me a small lot of perfin asking that I identify them for him.

Among the various patterns was a PAIR on one stamp the letter N appeared, and on the other the letter B. Each letter is just under 11 mm tall, and I believe that this pair is the first real evidence of the elusive perfin NBREPUBLIC,

The B, which apparently is the first B of the pattern, and seems to be our #2 on the B list.

The N, apparently is #3 on the N list.

Probably the R is of the same height.

Since these two letters are apparently the first two letters of the pattern, I am assuming that the letters EPUBLIC are of smaller size probably somewhere around 8 or 8½ mm.

I would appreciate your checking your holdings and see if you have any other letters which might be a part of this perfin.

A photo of the pair is enclosed for your file.

I have written to the owner of this pair seeking to learn, if possible where he obtained the pair from, and any other information concerning the pair.

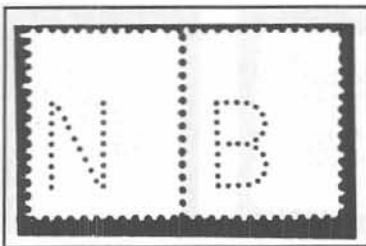
Photos courtesy of Mr. L. R. Murray.

Your comments please.

Sincerely,
/s/ K F Lougee

When luck was on our side

Harry Rickard (#1802) and John Lyding (L126)



Some members will recognize the perfin pattern shown below as a part of National Bank of the Republic pattern which is "NB Republic". The letters NB and R are upper

case and the remainder is in lower case.

However, as recently as 1962, as may be seen by the copy of K.F. Lougee's letter which is provided below, it was not known that the N and B were part of the bank's name. Submission of this pair of stamps to Lougee for identification, was the lucky break.

The chances of these two stamps being used as a pair and being salvaged intact is remote. I am not aware of the denominations; however, I expect that it is the single letter domestic rate. Whoever has the pair, might drop us a line and let us know what the rate is.

Have any other NB pairs been found since then? Apparently in 1962, all of the smaller letters were