

**Take another
look at those
Guatemala
officials**

At first glance, they all look alike, but closer examination reveals that there are at least three varieties—depending on the number of holes in the C. The cover shown here (courtesy of Rudy Roy) has a pair of 1p OFICIAL perfins. In the one on the left the C has nine holes; the one on the right has only eight holes. The other single stamp has a nine hole C. *The World Perfins Catalog* illustrates three varieties of the OFICIAL pattern: with seven, eight, and nine holes. The eight and nine hole varieties are found in pairs; the seven hole, so far, has not shown up with the other two.

Bruce Brunell, who is coordinating the update to the Americas Section of the *World Perfins Catalog*, says he would like to hear from members who have any of the OFICIAL varieties in pairs or in pairs on cover. Clearly the eight and nine hole varieties came from different dies on one machine, but was there a second machine with the seven hole variety? If you can add to the information on this issue, contact Bruce at 425 East Gobbi #98, Ukiah, CA 95482. You can e-mail him at blueboy@thegrid.net.

