## Ham Cachets August, 2001 News

GREETINGS – Since the last mailout I have made four trips: Laredo, Laughlin, Salt Lake City and Denver. The Convention in Denver was very nice, and it was fun greeting old friends and making new ones. Margaret and I drove and made a two week trip out of it. We spent one night in Vail at the fabulous summer home of an Island friend, and the rest of the time in Denver visiting my cousin and Margaret's daughter. The long trek across Texas to and from Colorado was uneventful, except for the rock that hit the windshield and cracked it.

It was an honor to have my oil paintings hanging in The Island Dining Room during July.

I'd greatly appreciate it if each of you would make the effort to vote on your favorite cachet each mailout. You can just write Fav. & cachet # on the memo section of your check. Ham Cachets are made for standing order customers, and it's YOU I want to please. Your likes do make a difference in the planning of future Ham Cachets, so please vote! As much as I enjoy your great compliments, please feel free to include any suggestions and/or criticisms too!

THIS SHIPMENT				
#485	FLOWERS (notice the overlay)	108 B	\$18.00	
#486	LOVE .55 + .34	119 C	\$20.00	
#487	DIABETES	105 S	\$15.00	
#488	<b>NOBEL PRIZE JOINT/SWEDEN</b>	12PS 98 S	\$18.00	

The next shipment will include Peanuts, Fed. Duck Hunting, Lucille Ball & Woody Wagon or Amish Quilts.

**LAST SHIPMENT:** Thank you for your votes and comments:

VOTES: You voted **DEEP SEA CREATURES** favorite, **Space Achievement** second.

COMMENTS FROM YOUR MAIL: "Your covers are the ones I'll always collect; Thank

you once again for the best covers on the market; I always look forward to receiving the new cachets; Loved the cachets, they were all just great; I see in the latest FDC by Mallone, your cachets are really on top!; You make it most difficult to pick a favorite; Your covers are in a class by themselves; Covers gorgeous as usual – do not know how you keep out-doing yourself; Outstanding, as usual; Always the best."

Wolfe: "Angel is adorable - too bad snakes can't be cute, too; Wonderful cover; Especially like the Wolfe cover - one of the best angels I've seen in a long time; Loved the way angel looked with her basket."

Liberty: "Really neat the way fireworks were done with little sparkles of color; Perfect cachet." Snake: "The snake is your best yet of any of the cork designs. It's outstanding; I especially enjoy the snake, one of the most unusual covers I've ever seen, and with the gold in the back ground, it almost looks like real goldflake!; Your cork paintings for the Chinese New Year set more spectacular with each outing. They now match the duck covers as your best; Definitely best of the litter."

Bush: "I also enjoyed DuBya!"

\*\*5 FDSs or LESS IN STOCK: Ham #122, 138, 141, 151, 153, 160, 178, 292, 298, 300, 312, 313, 315/6, 396, 425, 428, 429, 431, 434, 435, 437, 443, 457, 466.
SOLD OUT SINCE May: Ham #432, 441.

HAPPY COLLECTING

LOIS HAMILTON