

THE NOVEMBER 1982 70c ON 80c KENYA PROVISIONAL



Figure 1

Most of what follows is tentative, and any additional information would be gratefully received (in particular as to numbers overprinted and dates put on sale).

When the local inland up-to-20g postage rate was increased from 50c to 70c on 15th February 1982, this rapidly led to a local shortage of 70c stamps. With the Flowers definitives due to be released in February 1983, the decision was made to overprint existing local stocks of the 80c mineral definitives rather than have more 70c mineral definitives printed. The overprinting was done in Nairobi by Messrs Walimohammed & Sons. The overprinting was very much a rushed job, with the overprinted stamps being delivered within two weeks of the application being made.



Figure 2

The overprinting consists of a black rectangle blocking out the 80c value, superimposed with a white 70c. This appears to have been done in separate run-throughs as the 70c does not always centre on the black rectangle, as it was presumably intended to do. Presumably the overprint was intended to be flush with

the bottom right hand corner of the 80c (see Figure 1) but more often than not this was not the case, due to the rushed nature of the work, so a wide variety of positions are seen (see Figures 2-6). I have seen one example where the 70c is double (Figure 7).

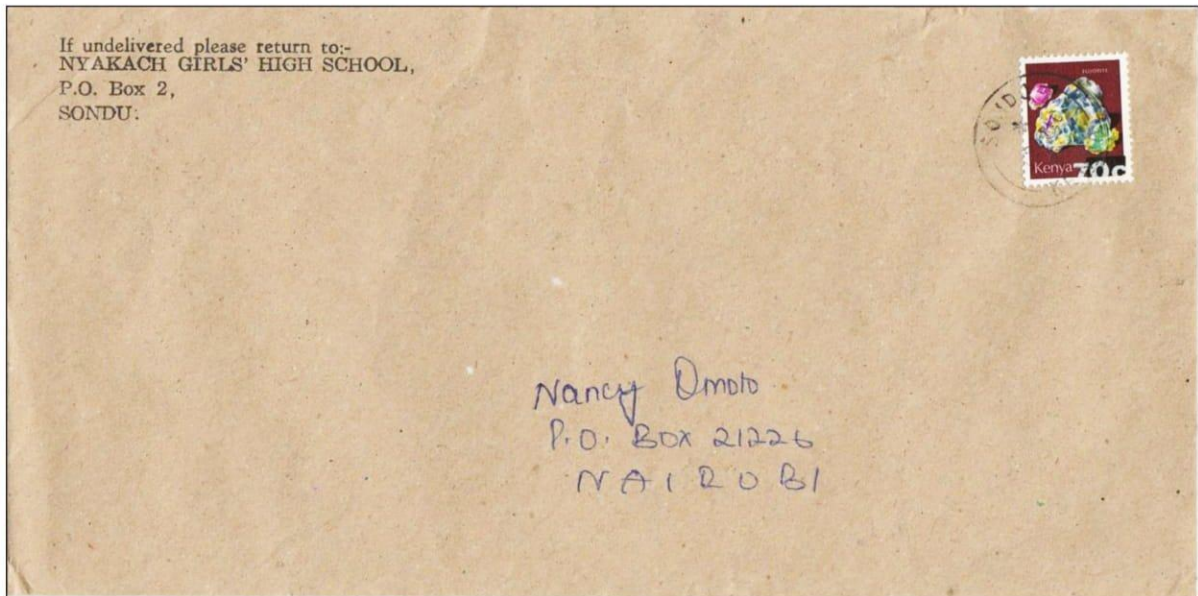


Figure 3 (reduced)

The provisionals were put on sale in Nairobi on 23rd November 1982, but were on sale a day earlier in Eldoret.

Although the provisionals were only on sale for three months they fulfilled a definite local need.

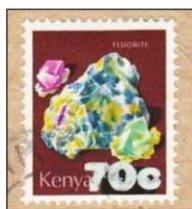


Figure 4



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Figure 6



Figure 7