



FLASH --- UNOFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS FROM HOUSTON --- FLASH

The se-tenant set of eight U. S. space commemoratives (18¢ denomination) was to have been issued in April, then it was changed to May 14, then to May 29 and now the Postal Service has changed it again to May 21.

An issue of The Space Log will be going to you shortly that will give details of this new set of space stamps and how to secure the first day covers from Kennedy Space Center. The first day of issue will be held there.

WE WILL FLY A SMALL QUANTITY OF STAMPS TO HOUSTON

As we have done on previous U. S. space stamps issued at a location besides Houston, we will have our representative purchase some sheets in Florida at 8:00 a.m. May 21 as they go on sale. Then they will be brought to Houston by an airline (the one that makes the best connection that day) and we will meet the plane. A "bunch" of us will then be ready to "stamp like crazy" to get as many on cover as we can and still get them to the Main Houston Post Office that day for the May 21 Houston p.m. cancel. (It will not read "First Day of Issue" as no "unofficial" cities carry that designation.

BUT WE MUST KNOW NOW...if you wish a set of eight covers. The price will be \$10.00 per set postpaid and this is below the normal price of an "unofficial" first day cover. And we must know by the day before issue so we can call our order in at the last minute with our representative. We cannot guarantee your order being filled if it is received too late.

Oh, yes, the picture above may not be too clear as it is from a copy of a photo of the stamps that originally showed a denomination of 15¢. The issued stamps will be 18¢ denomination.

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 TO: SPACE CITY COVER SOCIETY, P. O. Box 53545, Houston, Texas 77052

Please send me _____ set(s) of eight covers of the new U. S. space stamps cancelled Houston, Texas on May 21, 1981, the "unofficial" city. I understand that these are priced at \$10.00 per set and enclosed is my remittance of \$_____.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

(May 81 #4) Please include one addressed, gummed label with order. Thanks.