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PRESS RELEASE

Truly incredible

The display given to the members of The Royal Philatelic Society London by Geoffrey Lewis on 1 March was described by the Society's President, Brian Trotter, as 'truly incredible'. Geoffrey's display was in fact formed from five different collections, and many marvelled at the wealth of material, wondering how he had managed to acquire such superb items.

The five collections focused on mail from each of the Philippines, Cuba and New Orleans, mail inwards to Spain, and the effects of the 1836 Anglo-French postal treaty on the transmission of mail. In all five cases the items shown were from the days prior to the creation of the Universal Postal Union, and thus most was unstamped. Many of the covers on display were the only recorded example, and nearly 600 were one of fewer than ten known.

With the exception of the 1836 postal treaty material, this being the most recent of the collections that Geoffrey is still developed and has yet to exhibit, that of New Orleans was awarded a Gold medal at London 2010, while the remaining three have each achieved a Large Gold medal at international stamp exhibitions.

Those wishing to visit The Royal Philatelic Society London at 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY, or be a guest at one of its meetings, are kindly asked to contact in advance the Administrative Office on 020 7486 1044.

Caption for illustration:

Geoffrey Lewis (left) with Brian Trotter.

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