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Covers from Guatemala carried on the 1926-1927 Pan-American 'Good Will' Flight

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This mission is not only crucial in the development of airmail in Guatemala; it is also of great importance to the early airmails of the Central American, South American as well as the Caribbean countries. The original article by Richard Gurevitch was published by Canberra Philatelic Society's *Capital Philately*, Volume 29 No. 2 March 2011. A longer article providing more background information of these epic flights can be found on the ISGC website.



In the collection of Andrew Cheung

Aside from the souvenir envelopes carried by the pilots (Figure 1) bearing stamps of Central, South American and Caribbean countries, privately carried mail was not allowed. Despite the prohibition, covers are known carried by favour between various locations, some bear postal markings and others do not. The ones that emanated from Guatemala were sent through the post office and accepted as airmail though without paying airmail fees.

The envelope in Figure 1 was sent from City Hall Station, New York on 10 December 1926, paying airmail postage, but the mail plane from Chicago was