

THE CERTIFIED MARKINGS IN OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH VALUES IN THE DEPARTAMENT OF SAN MARCOS-GUATEMALA IN THE MIDDLE OF 20TH CENTURY

The department of San Marcos is presented for being one of the furthest from the capital city and whose access was quite complicated.

The period between 1949 and 1958 marks a period of 4 to 5 years before and after the counter revolution of 1954 that took place in Guatemala, it is wanted to show that this event did not influence in a significant way in the shipment of values within the country, especially in San Marcos.

The declared value system was an option for mail in official and non official letters, users rather than a service as such, it was an option for tracking the correspondence. When the person who sends a value arrived at the postal office or agency, the amount of money to be sent was entered in the envelope, then the agent placed the amount in the envelope by hand, it was sealed with sealing wax, they had to place the marking "CERRADO ANTE MI" "closed before me" and the person who sent signed in agreement. Sometimes this seal was not placed on it and in the same way it was not signed.

The department of San Marcos is located in region VI or southwestern region, its departmental capital is San Marcos at a distance of 252 kilometers from Guatemala City. It has a territorial extension of 3,791 square kilometers. With a generally temperate climate, although the department has a variety of climates due to its topography, its soil is naturally fertile, unbeatable for all kinds of crops. It was created as a department on May 8, 1866 derived from the request for the district of this name to be elevated to a department. It is divided, including its departmental capital, into 29 municipalities.



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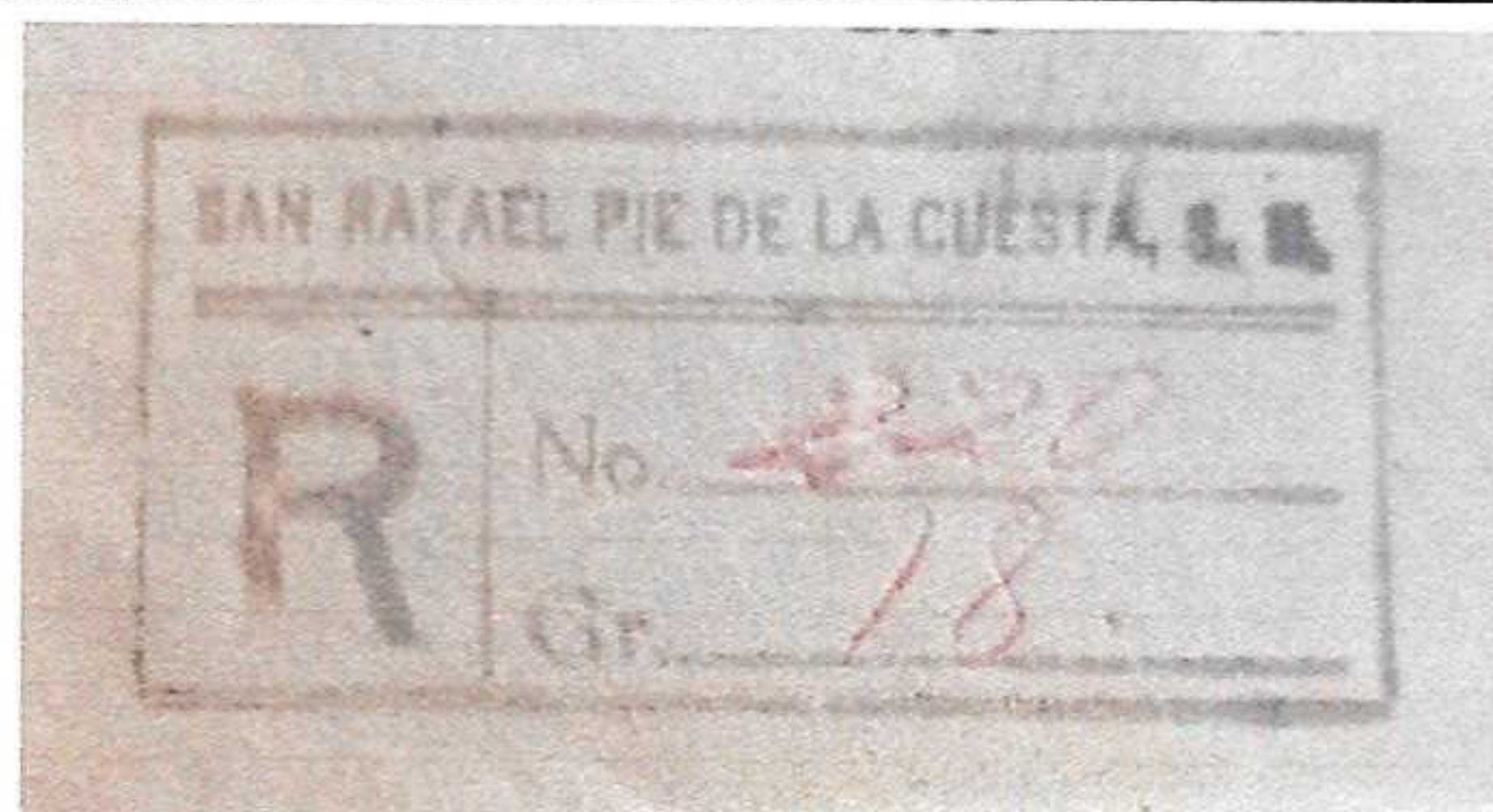
Reference: THE POSTAL MARKINGS OF GUATEMALA, Cecile Gruson; FRPSL, CPhH-ISGC; 2007.

1. 1949-1950 MARKINGS.

1.1 San Rafael al Pie de la Cuesta – San Marcos



San Rafael Pie de la Cuesta - San Marcos – Guatemala City, June 27, 1949. The letter was declared with Q. 10.15 Quetzales. At the back has the marking “CERRADO ANTE MI” (closed before me) with the signature of the sender.



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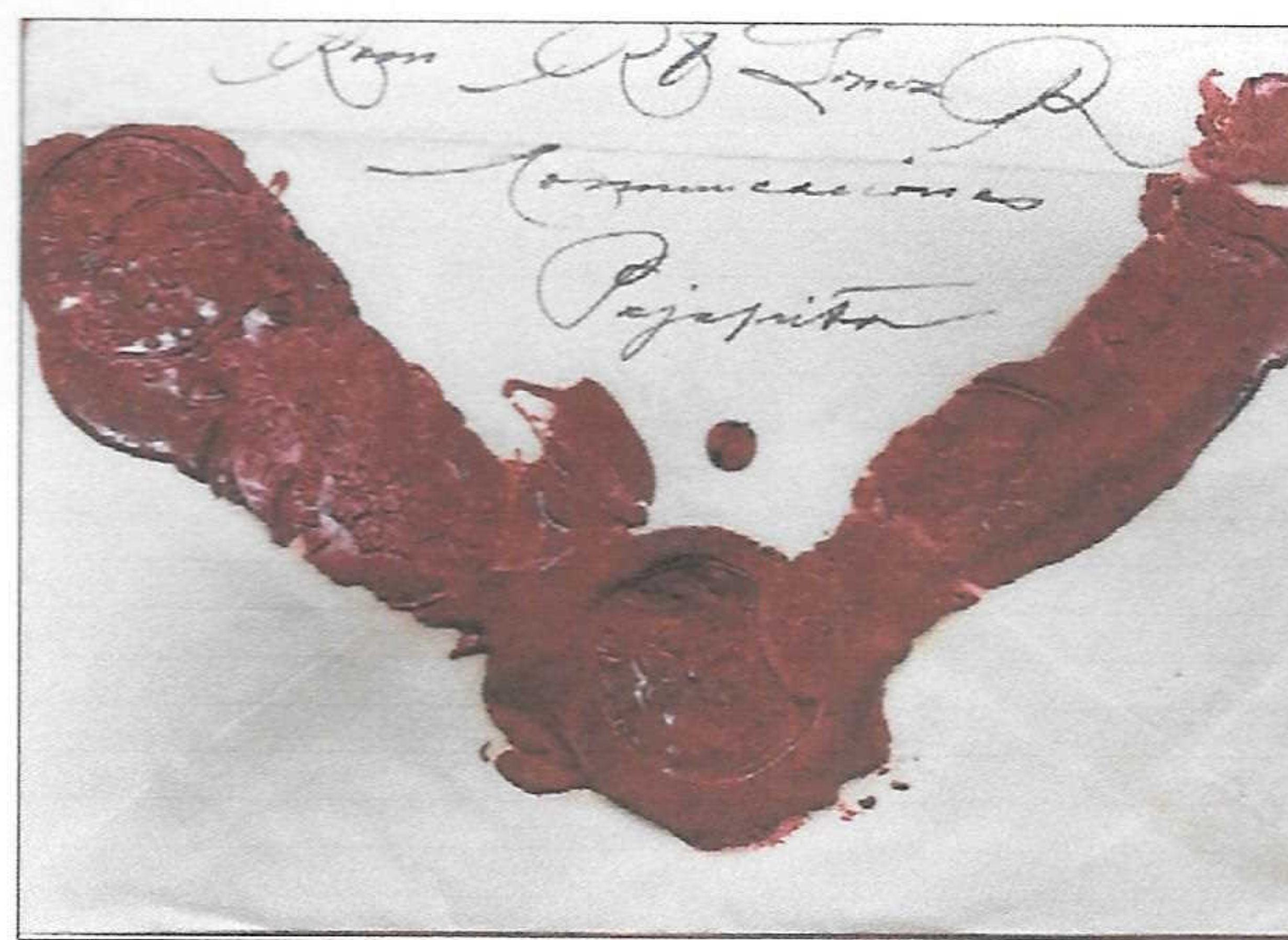
1.2 Pajapita – San Marcos



Pajapita-San Marcos – Guatemala City, July 5, 1949
The letter was declared with Q. 5.00 Quetzales.



53x25mm with fine double horizontal and vertical dividing bars, the lines to place the register number and the grams are dotted, the letters indicating office and department name. the height of the R is 11mm. The Pajapita registration marking is the only one known.



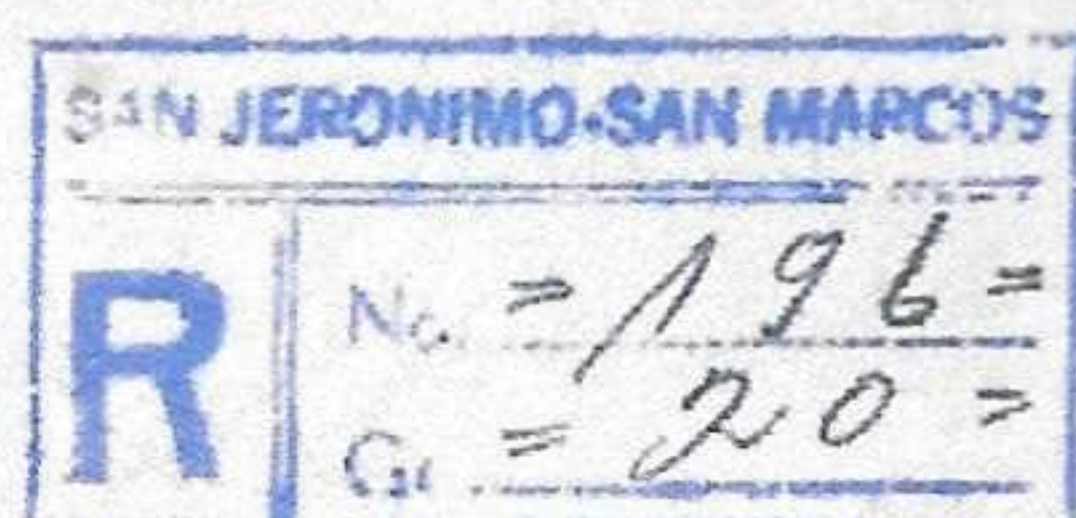
On the reverse side of the envelope it was sealed with sealing wax for security. It use several wax seals.

1. 1949-1950 MARKINGS.

1.3 San Jeronimo – San Marcos



San Jeronimo - San Marcos – Guatemala City, June 3, 1950 The letter was declared with Q. 8.65 Quetzales. At the back it hasn't have the marking "CERRADO ANTE MI" (closed before me) it only has the sing of the sender.



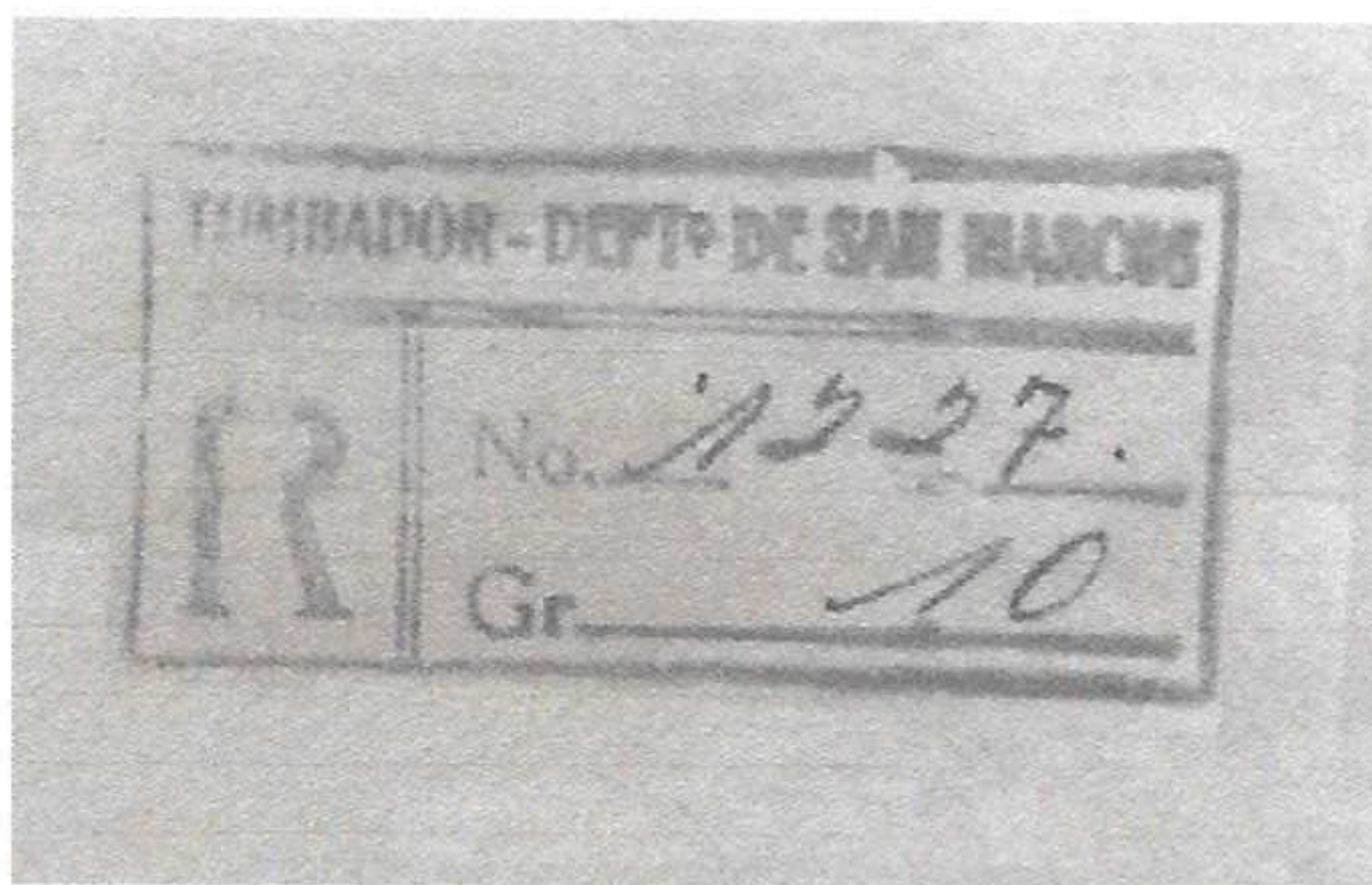
53x25mm with fine double horizontal and vertical dividing bars, the lines to place the register number and the grams are dotted, the letters indicating office and department name. The height of the R is 11mm.

1. 1949-1950 MARKINGS.

1.4 El Tumbador – San Marcos



EL Tumbador- San Marcos – Guatemala City, June 21, 1950. The letter was declared with Q. 5.15 Quetzales.



53x25mm with fine double horizontal and vertical bars, the lines to place the register number and the grams are continuous, the letters indicating office and department name. The height of the R is 10mm. the right vertical line is slightly slanted.



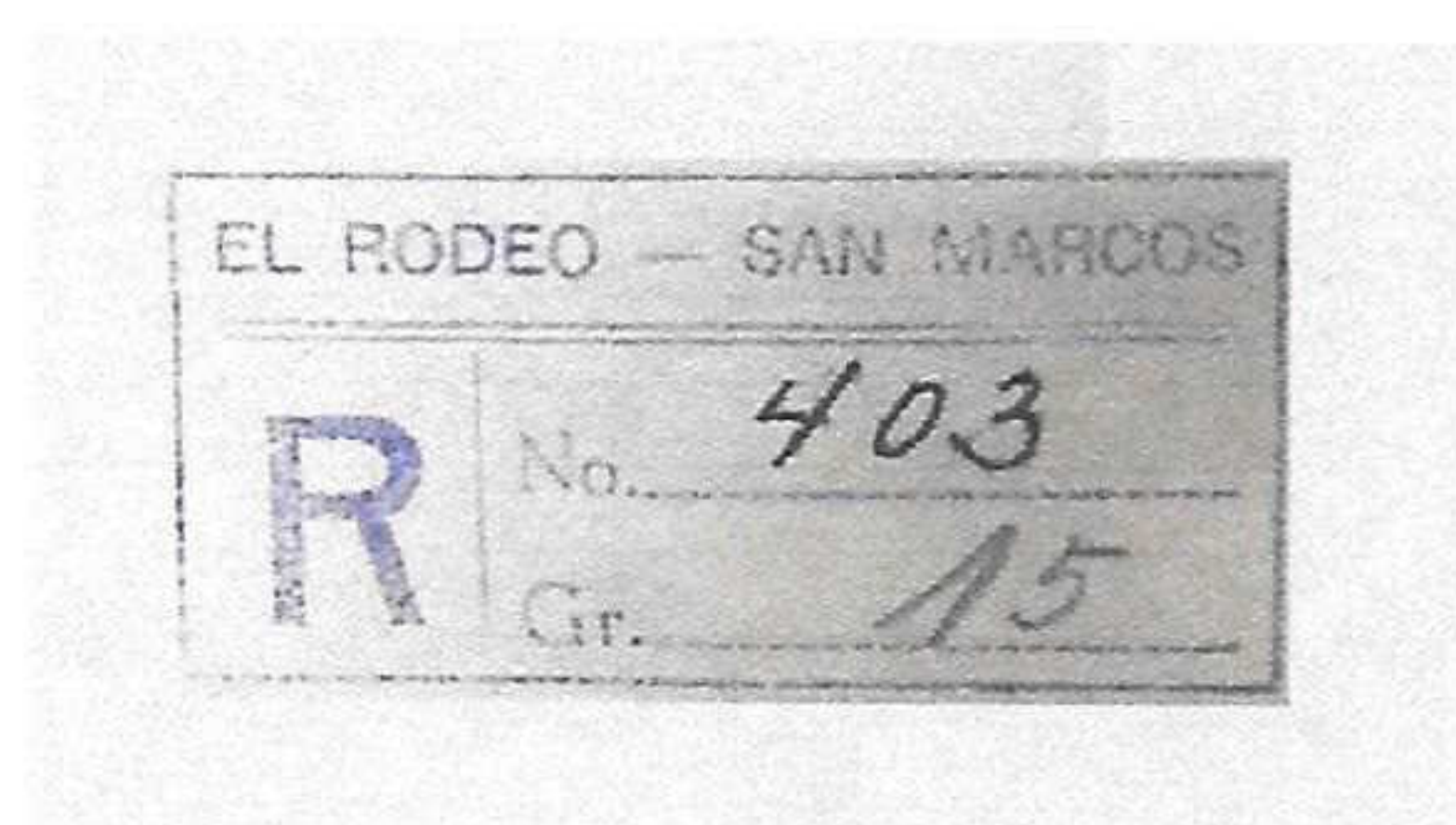
On the reverse side of the envelope it was sealed with sealing wax for security. At the back it has the marking "CERRADO ANTE MI" (closed before me) with the signature of the sender.

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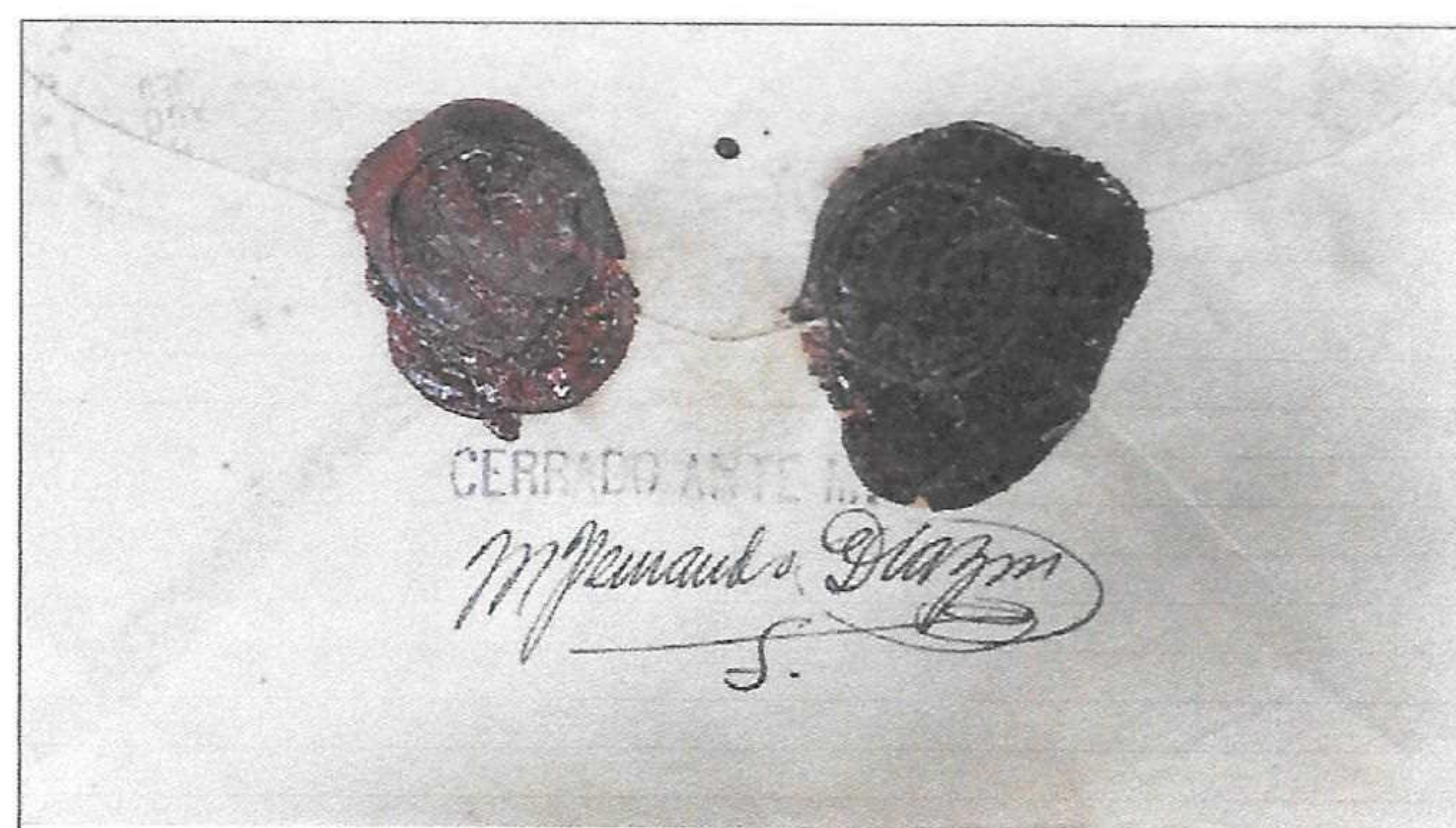
1.5 El Rodeo – San Marcos



El Rodeo-San Marcos – Guatemala City, August 1, 1950
The letter was declared with Q. 3.15 Quetzales.



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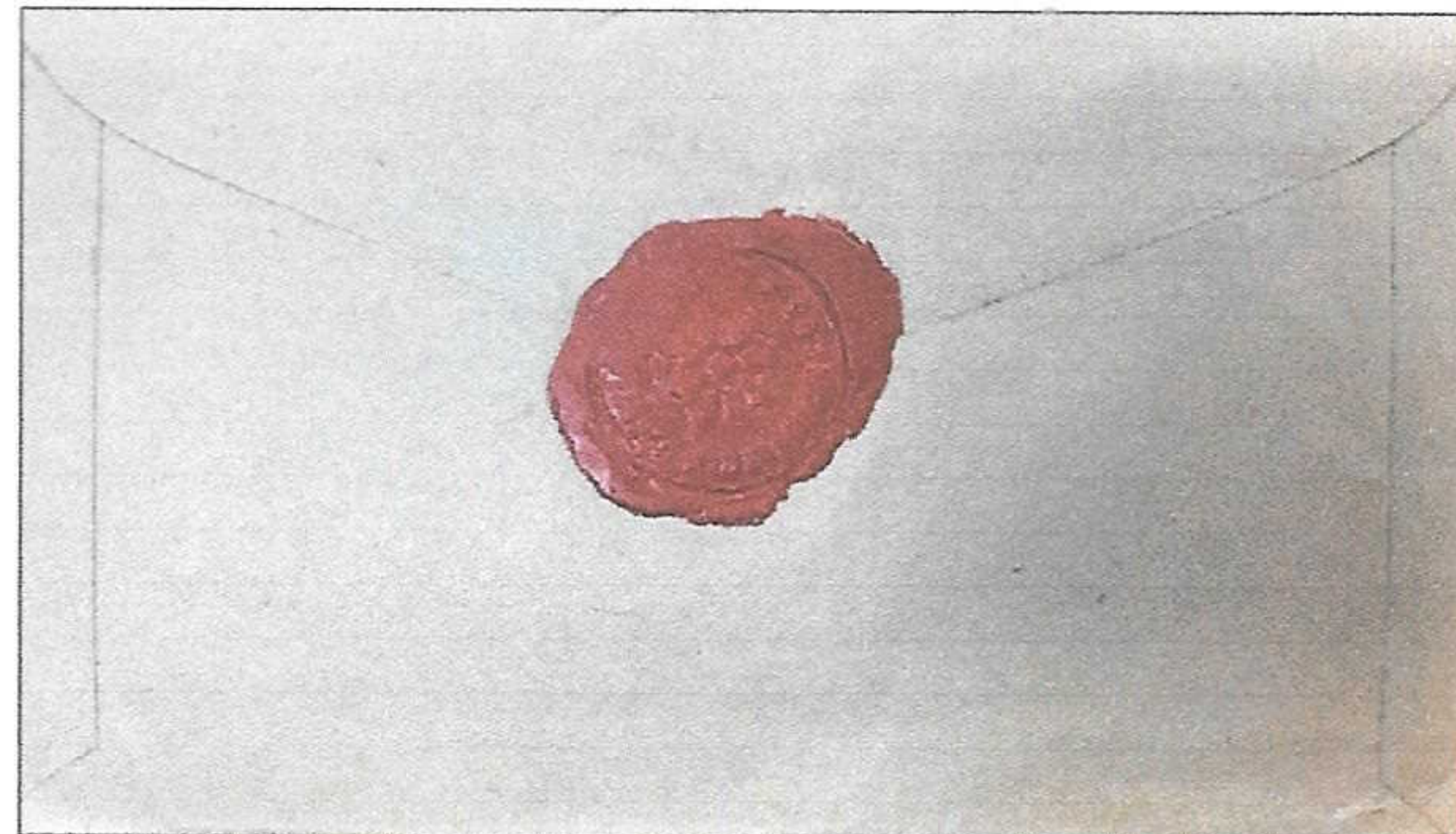
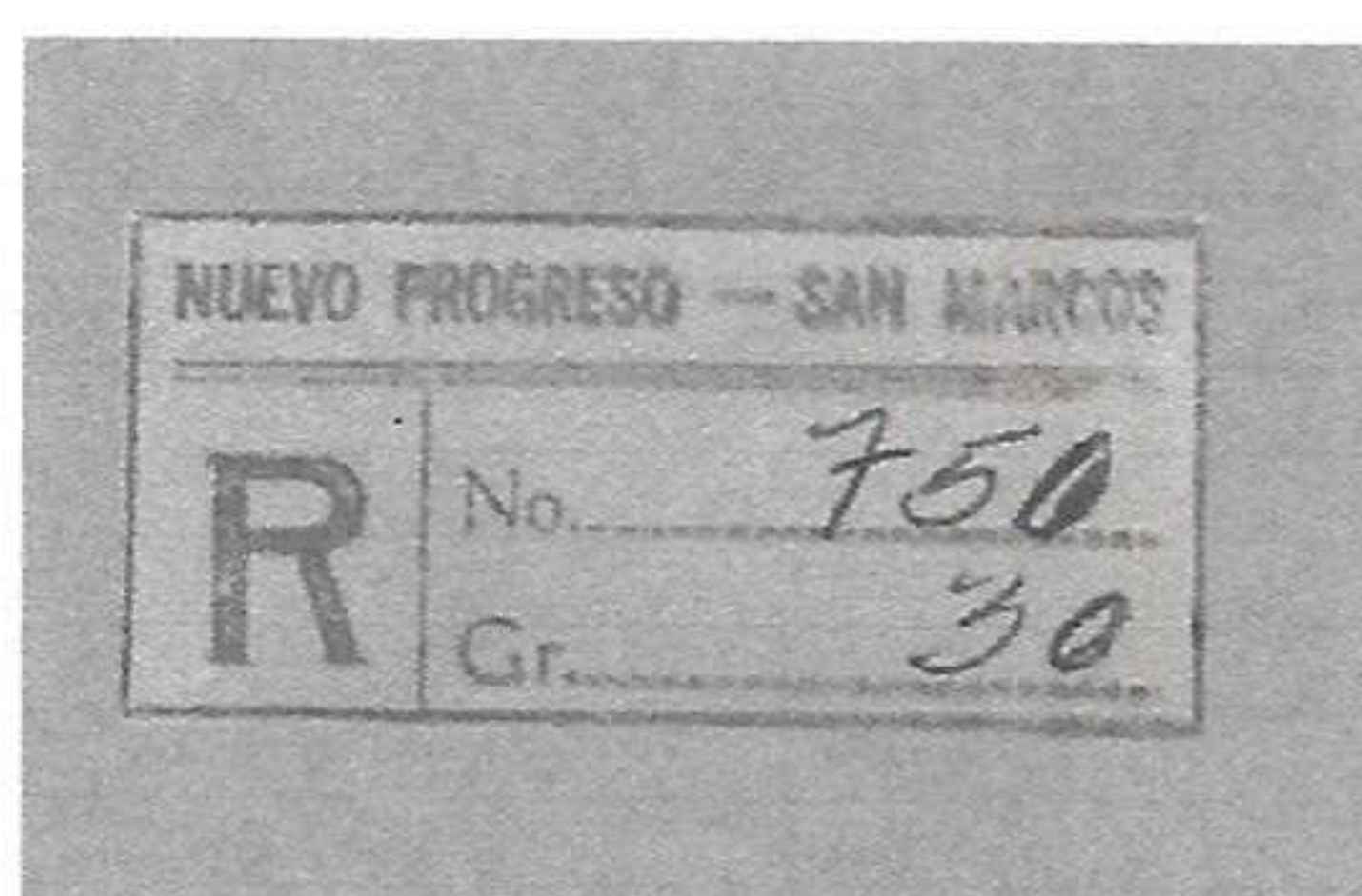
On the reverse side of the envelope it was sealed with sealing wax for security. It use two wax seals. At the back it has the marking "CERRADO ANTE MI" (closed before me) with the signature of the sender.

1. 1949-1950 MARKINGS.

1.6 Nuevo Progreso – San Marcos



Nuevo Progreso-San Marcos – Guatemala City, September 1, 1950. The letter was declared with Q. 4.34 Quetzales.



53x25mm with fine double horizontal and vertical dividing bars, the lines to place the register number and the grams are dotted, the letters indicating office and department name. The height of the R is 11mm. The Nuevo Progreso Marking is the only one known.

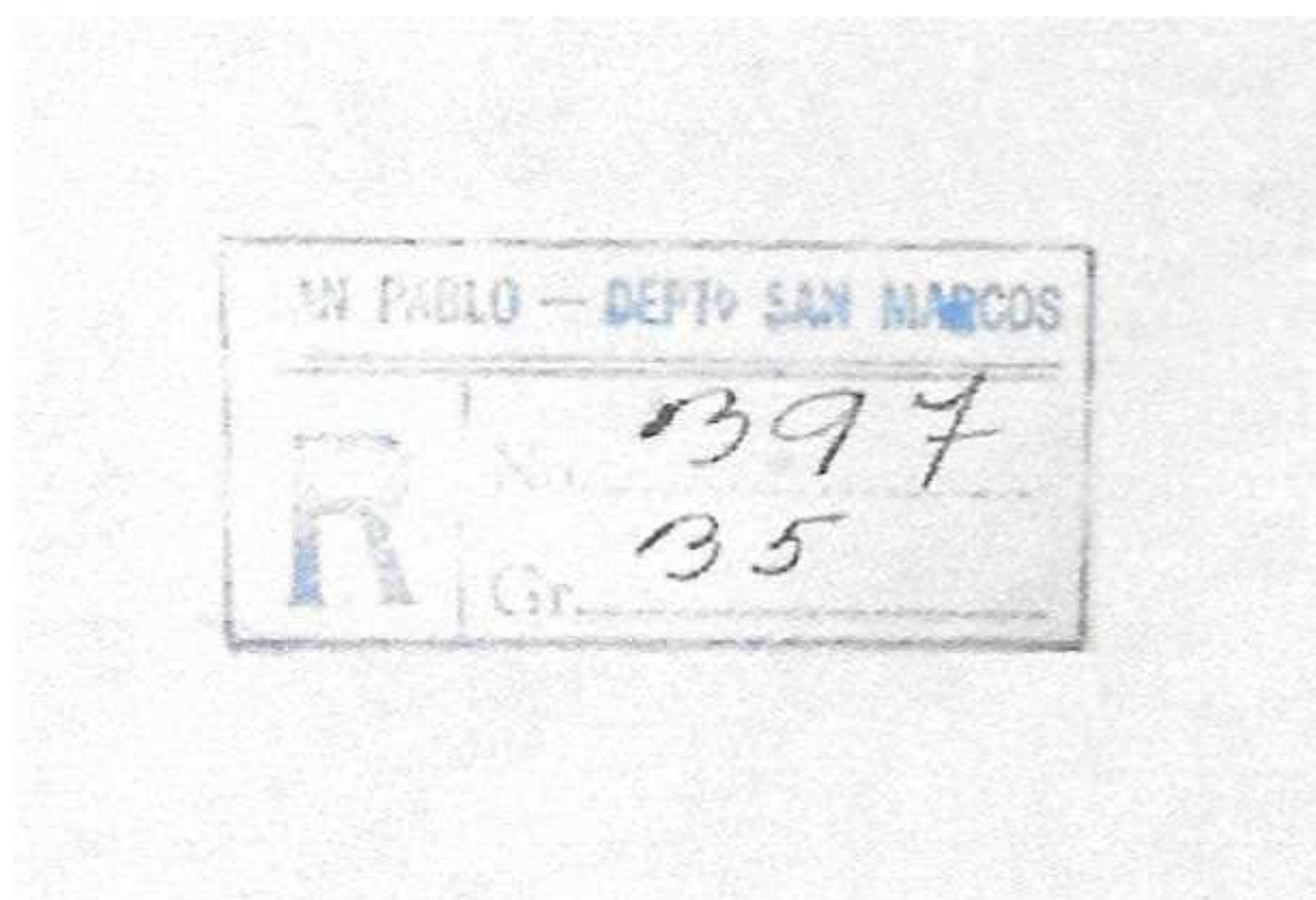
On the reverse side of the envelope it was sealed with sealing wax for security. It use only one wax seal.

1. 1949-1950 MARKINGS.

1.7 San Pablo – San Marcos



San Pablo -San Marcos – Guatemala City, November 30, 1950
The letter was declared with Q. 4.34 Quetzales.



53x25mm with fine double horizontal and vertical dividing bars, the lines to place the register number and the grams are continuous, the letters indicating office and department name. The height of the R is 11mm.



On the reverse side of the envelope it was sealed with sealing wax for security. At the back it didn't have the marking "CERRADO ANTE MI" (closed before me) with the signature of the sender.

1. 1949-1950 MARKINGS.

1.8 San Marcos – San Marcos



San Marcos - San Marcos – Guatemala City, September 23, 1950. The letter was declared with Q. 5.15 Quetzales.



53x25mm with fine double horizontal and vertical bars, the lines to place the register number and the grams are continuous, the letters indicating office and department name. The height of the R is 11mm.

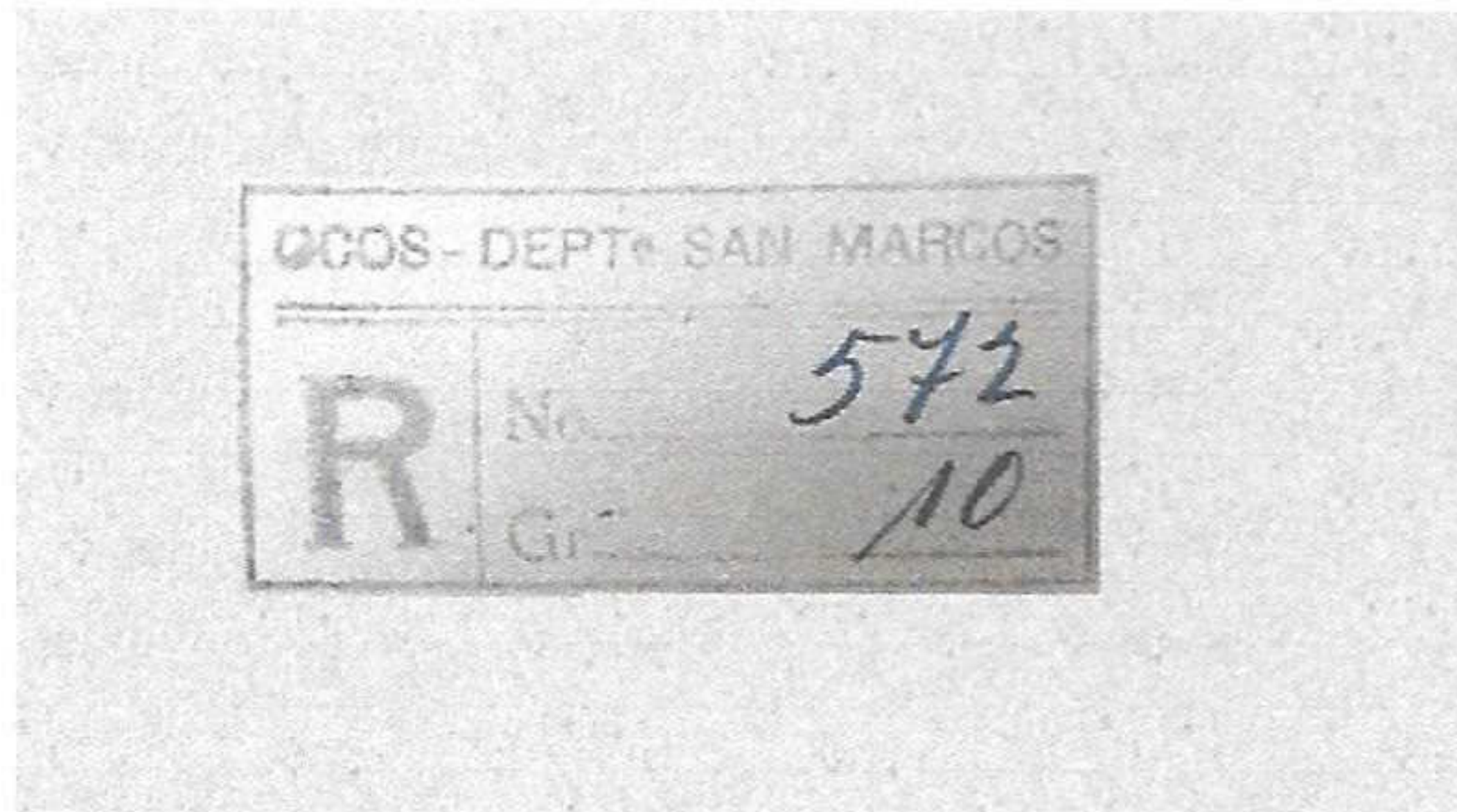
On the reverse side of the envelope it was sealed with sealing wax for security. At the back it has the marking "CERRADO ANTE MI" (closed before me) with the signature of the sender.

1. 1949-1950 MARKINGS.

1.9 Ocos – San Marcos



Ocos-San Marcos – Guatemala City, November 2, 1950.
The letter was declared with Q. 0.60 Quetzales.



53x25mm with fine double horizontal and vertical dividing bars, the lines to place the register number and the grams are dotted, the letters indicating office and department name. The height of the R is 11mm.



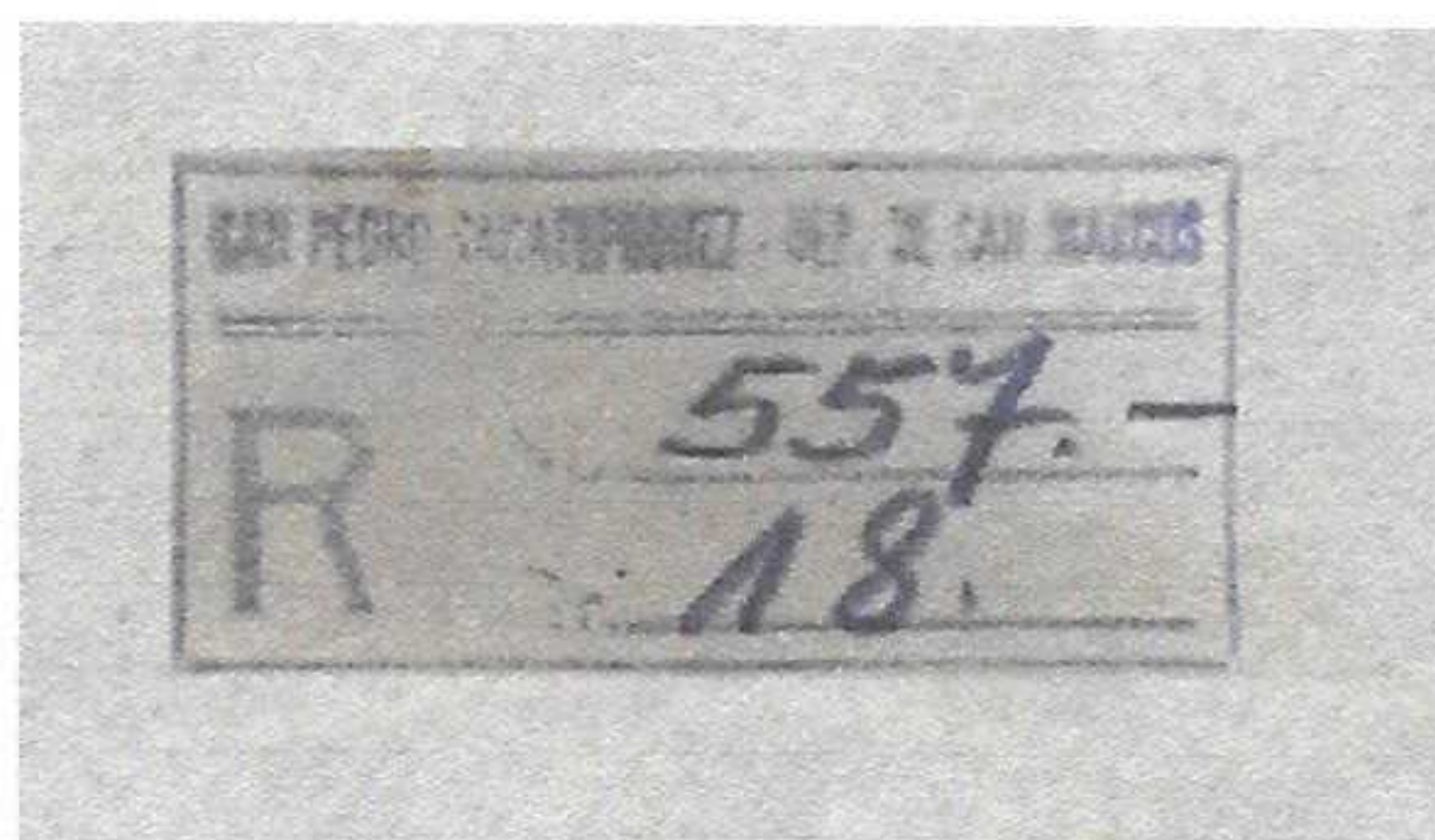
On the reverse side of the envelope it was sealed with sealing wax for security. It has hand written the legend "CERRADO ANTE MI" (closed before me) with the signature of the sender.

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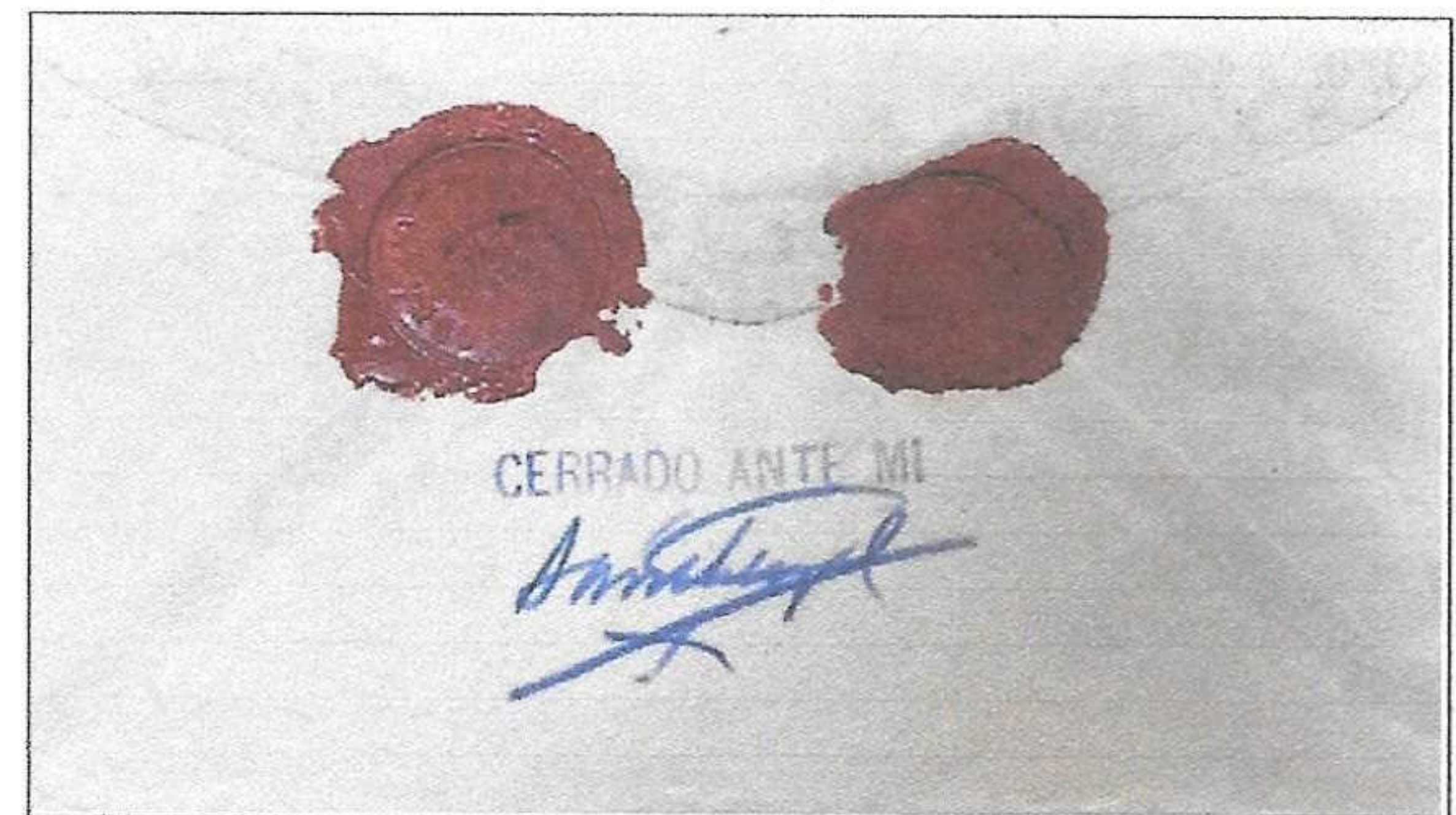
1.10 San Pedro Sacatepequez – San Marcos



San Pedro Sacatepequez -San Marcos – Guatemala City, September 12, 1950. The letter was declared with Q. 6.15 Quetzales.



53x25mm with fine double horizontal and vertical bars, the lines to place the register number and the grams are dotted, the letters indicating office and department name. The height of the R is 11mm.



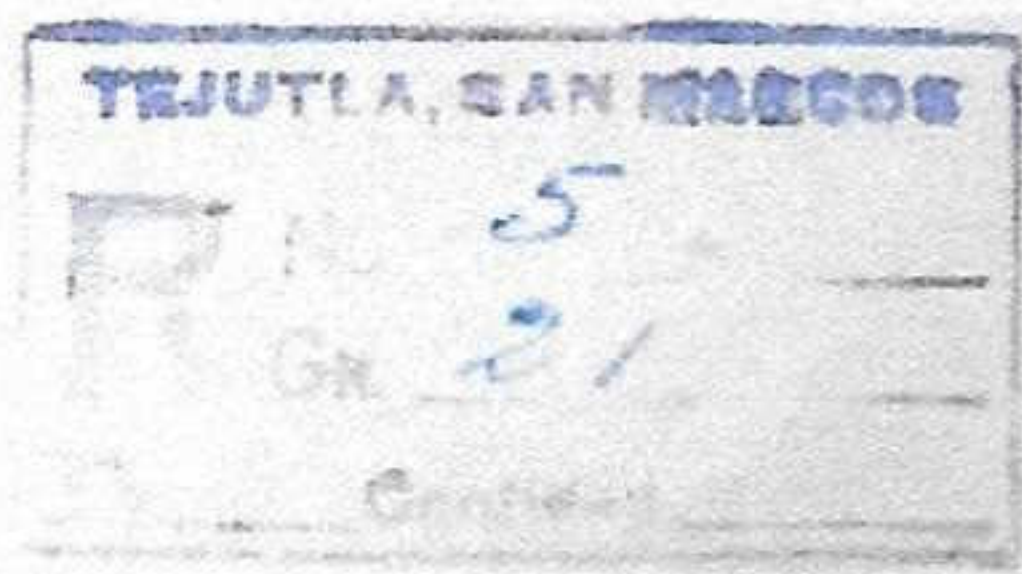
On the reverse side of the envelope it was sealed with sealing wax for security. At the back it has the marking "CERRADO ANTE MI" (closed before me) with the signature of the sender.

2. 1951 MARKINGS.

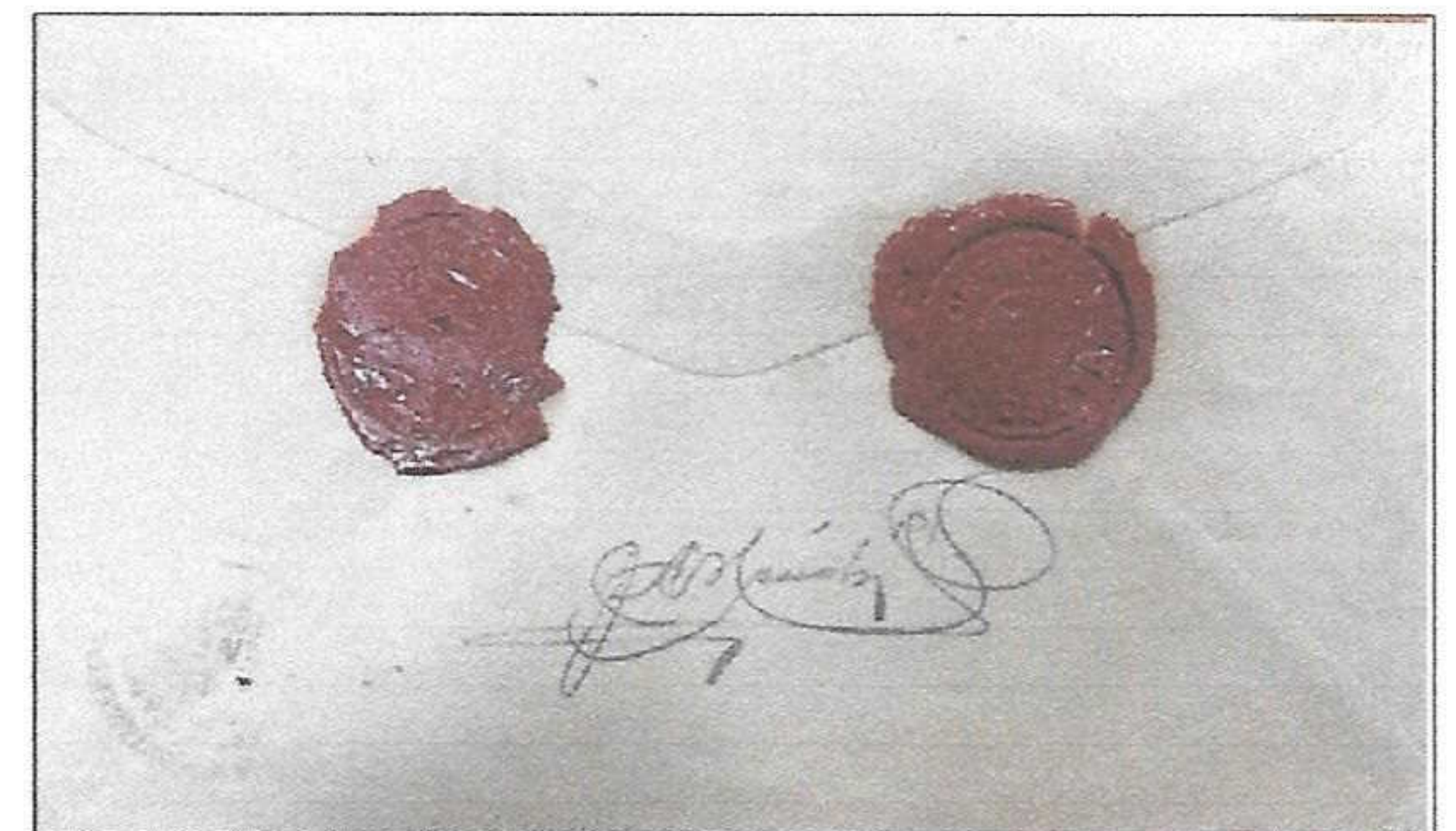
2.1 Tejutla – San Marcos



Tejutla - San Marcos – Guatemala City, June 3, 1951. The letter was declared with Q. 3.30 Quetzales.



50 x 27mm with fine double horizontal and vertical bars, the lines to place the register number and the grams are continuous, the letters indicating office and department name. the height of the R is 10mm. the right vertical line is slightly slanted. It has a third line to indicate the percentage and the tax. The 3 % is indicated, but in 1930 it changed to 1.5 %, but the marking doesn't show it. This registration marking is the only one known.



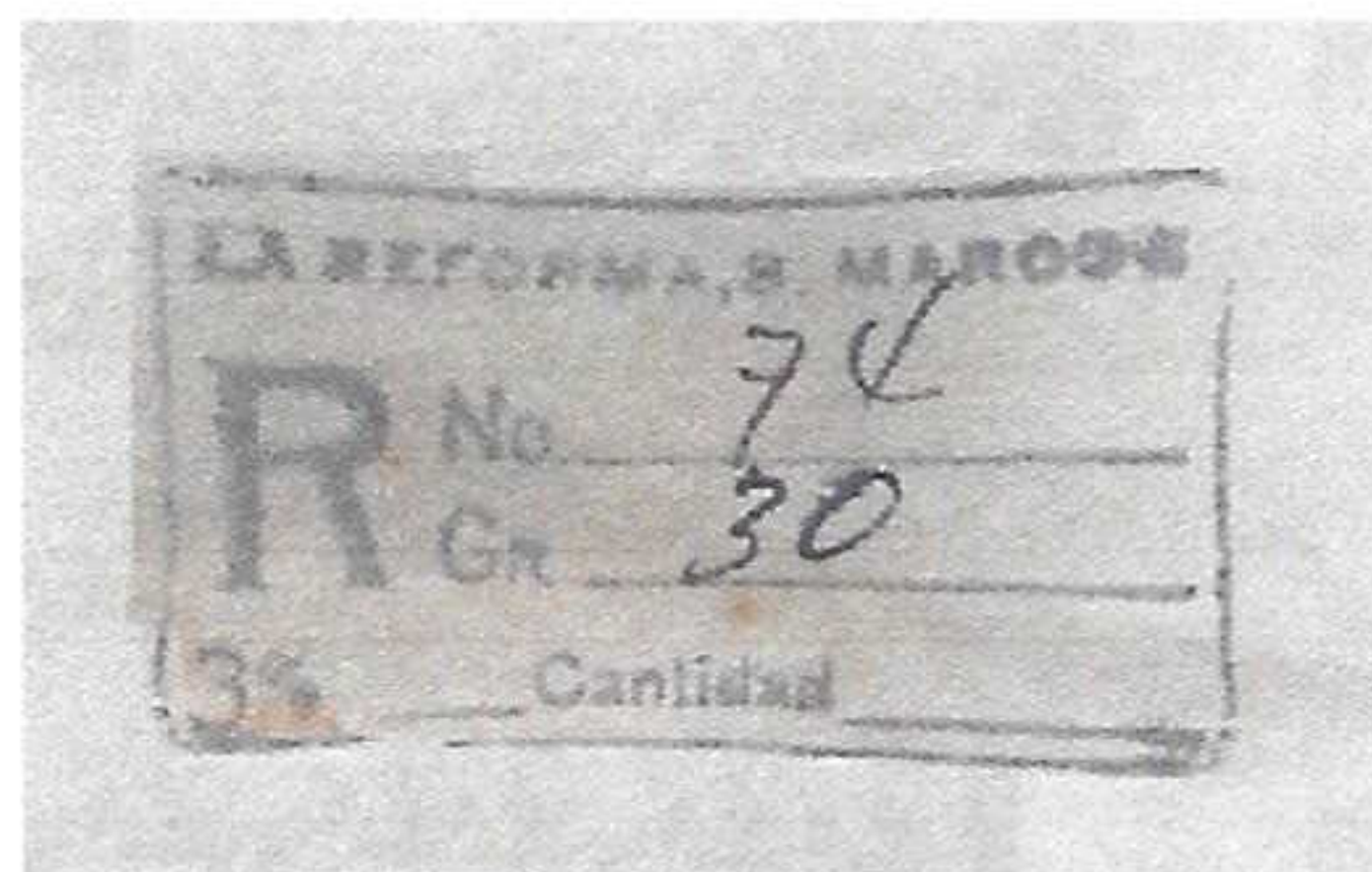
On the reverse side of the envelope it was sealed with sealing wax for security.

2. 1951 MARKINGS.

2.2 La Reforma – San Marcos



La Reforma - San Marcos – Guatemala City, March 5, 1951.
The letter was declared with Q. 0.88 cents.



55 x 31mm with fine double horizontal and vertical bars, the lines to place the register number and the grams are continuous, the letters indicating office and department name. The height of the R is 12mm. the right vertical line is slightly slanted. It has a third line to indicate the percentage and the tax. The 3 % is indicated, but in 1930 it changed to 1.5 %, but the marking doesn't show it. This registration marking is the only one known.



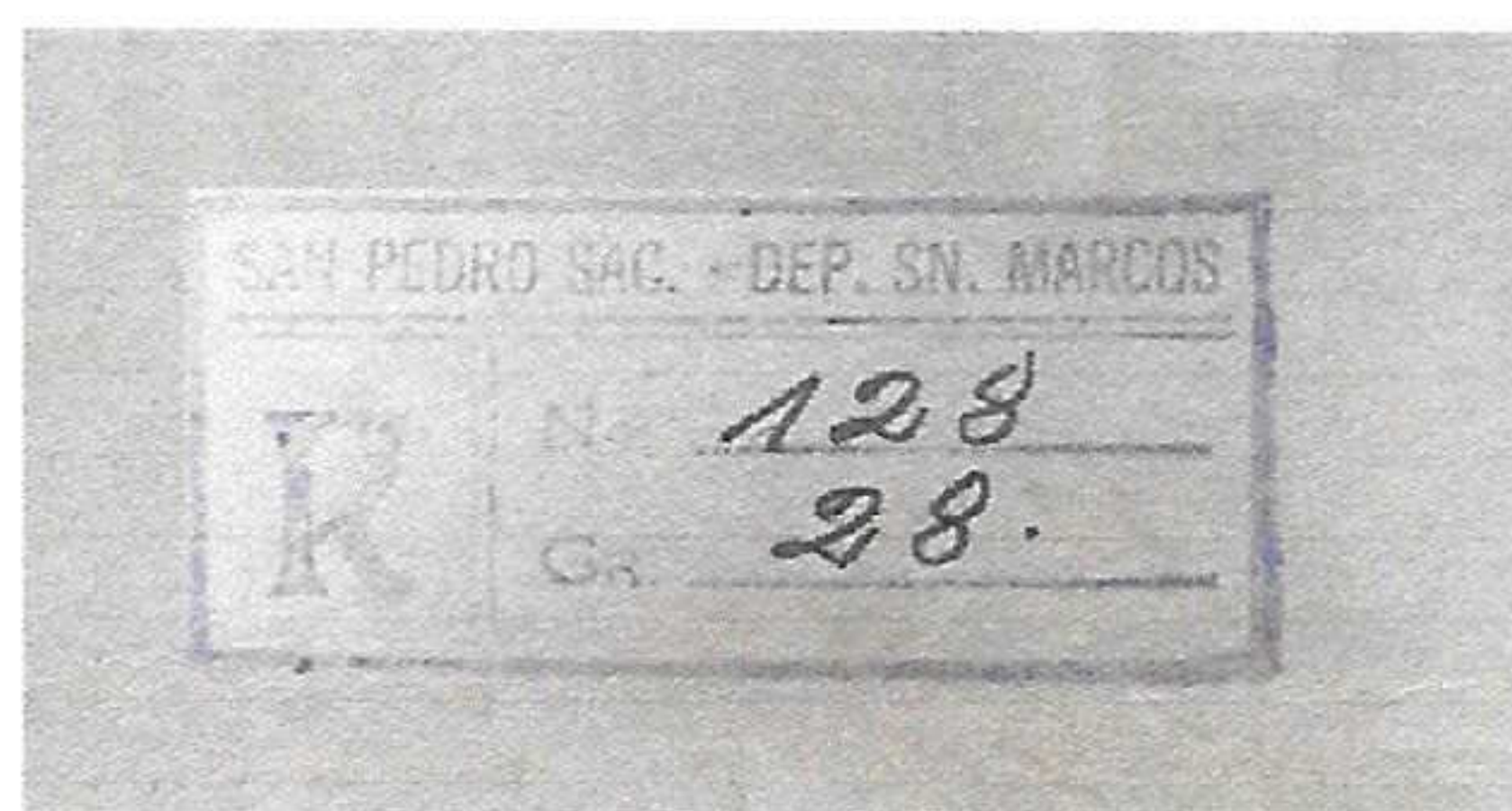
On the reverse side of the envelope it was sealed with sealing wax for security.

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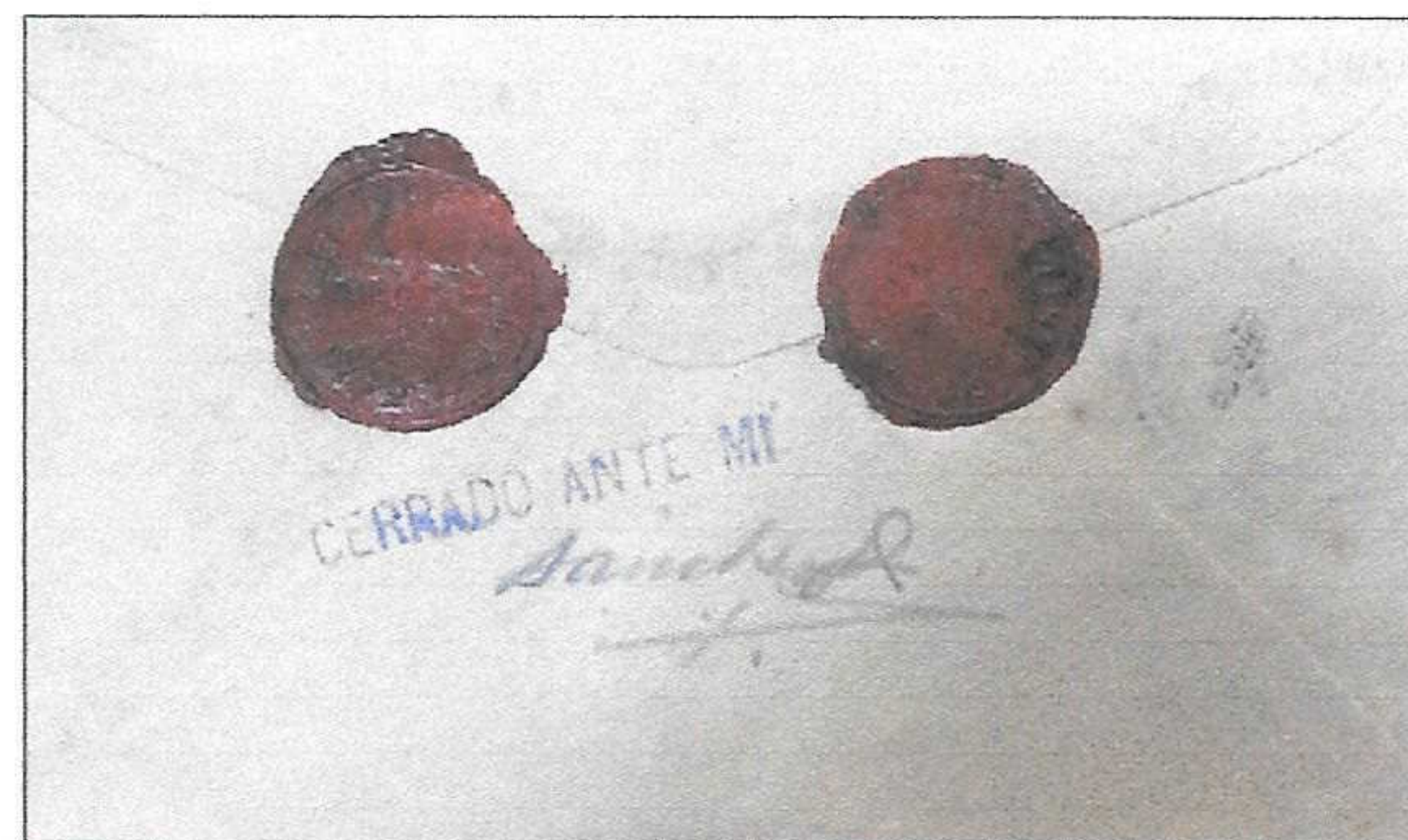
2.3 San Pedro Sacatepequez – San Marcos



San Pedro Sacatepequez - San Marcos – Guatemala City, March 5, 1951. The letter was declared with Q. 0.88 cents.



55x24mm with fine double horizontal and vertical dividing bars, the lines to place the register number and the grams are continuous, the letters indicating office and department name. The height of the R is 9mm. The style of the "R" is different and smaller.



On the reverse side of the envelope it was sealed with sealing wax for security. At the back it has the marking "CERRADO ANTE MI" (closed before me) with the signature of the sender.

3. 1958 MARKINGS

3.1 Tejutla – San Marcos

3.2 La Reforma – San Marcos



Tejutla - San Marcos – Guatemala City, April 29, 1958. The letter was declared with Q. 5.15 cents.

51x24mm with fine double horizontal and vertical dividing bars, the lines to place the register number and the grams are dotted, the letters indicating office and department name. The height of the R is 9 mm. The style of the "R" is different and thicker.



3. 1958 MARKINGS

3.3 Tacana – San Marcos
3.4 San Pedro Sacatepequez



Tacana - San Marcos – Guatemala City, June 10, 1958. The letter was declared with Q. 6.15 Quetzales.

51x24mm with fine double horizontal and vertical dividing bars, the lines to place the register number and the grams are dotted, the letters indicating office and department name. The height of the R is 10mm. The style of the "R" is similar to type 5 but bigger.



San Pedro Sacatepequez - San Marcos – Guatemala City, June 21, 1958. The letter was declared with Q. 10.15 Quetzales.