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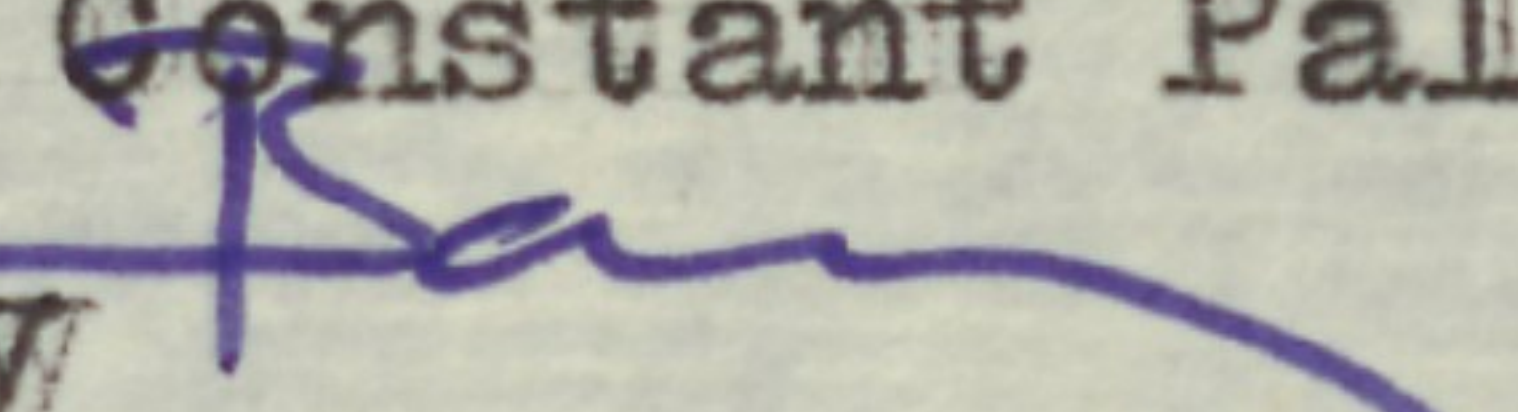
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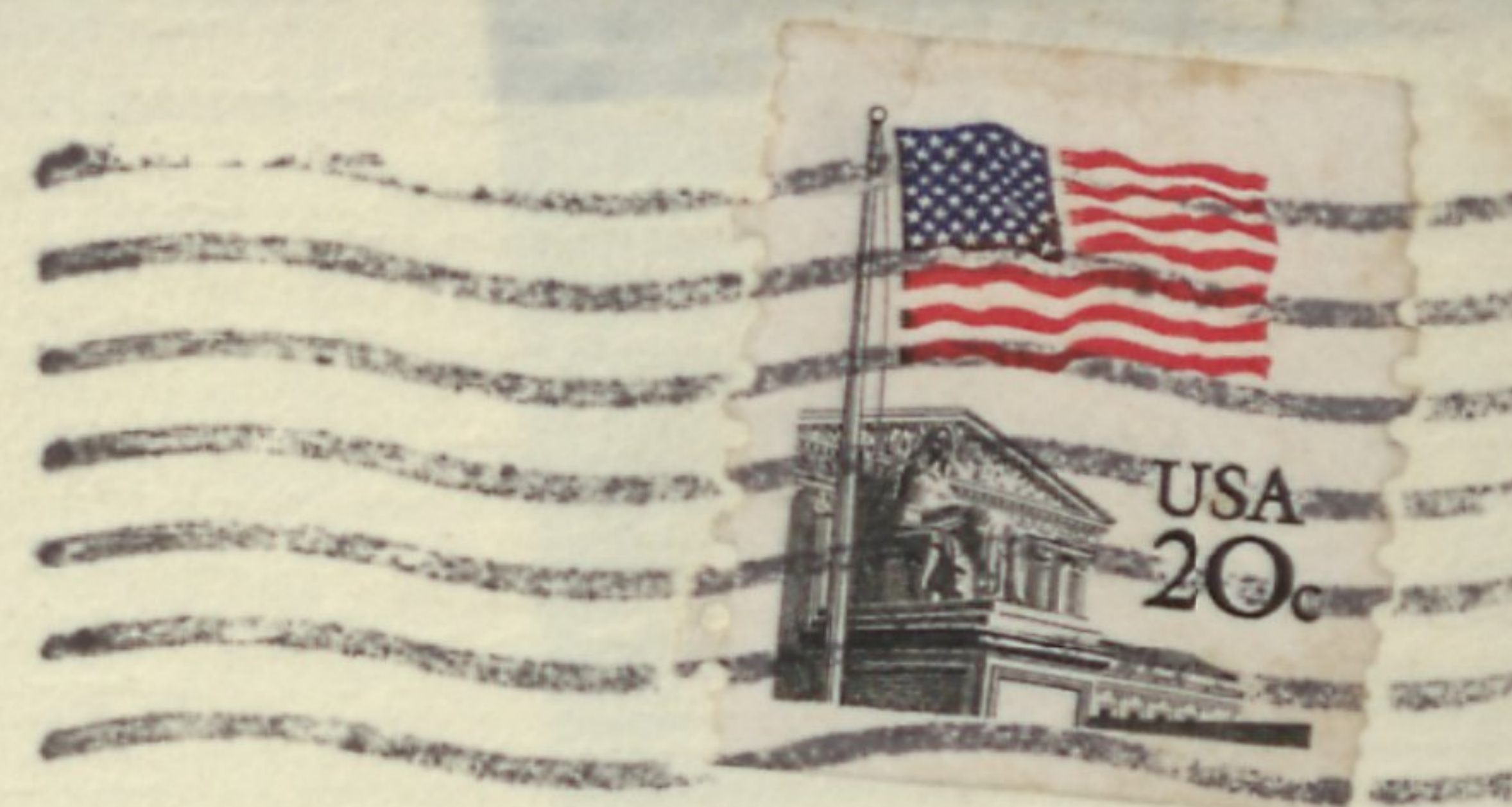
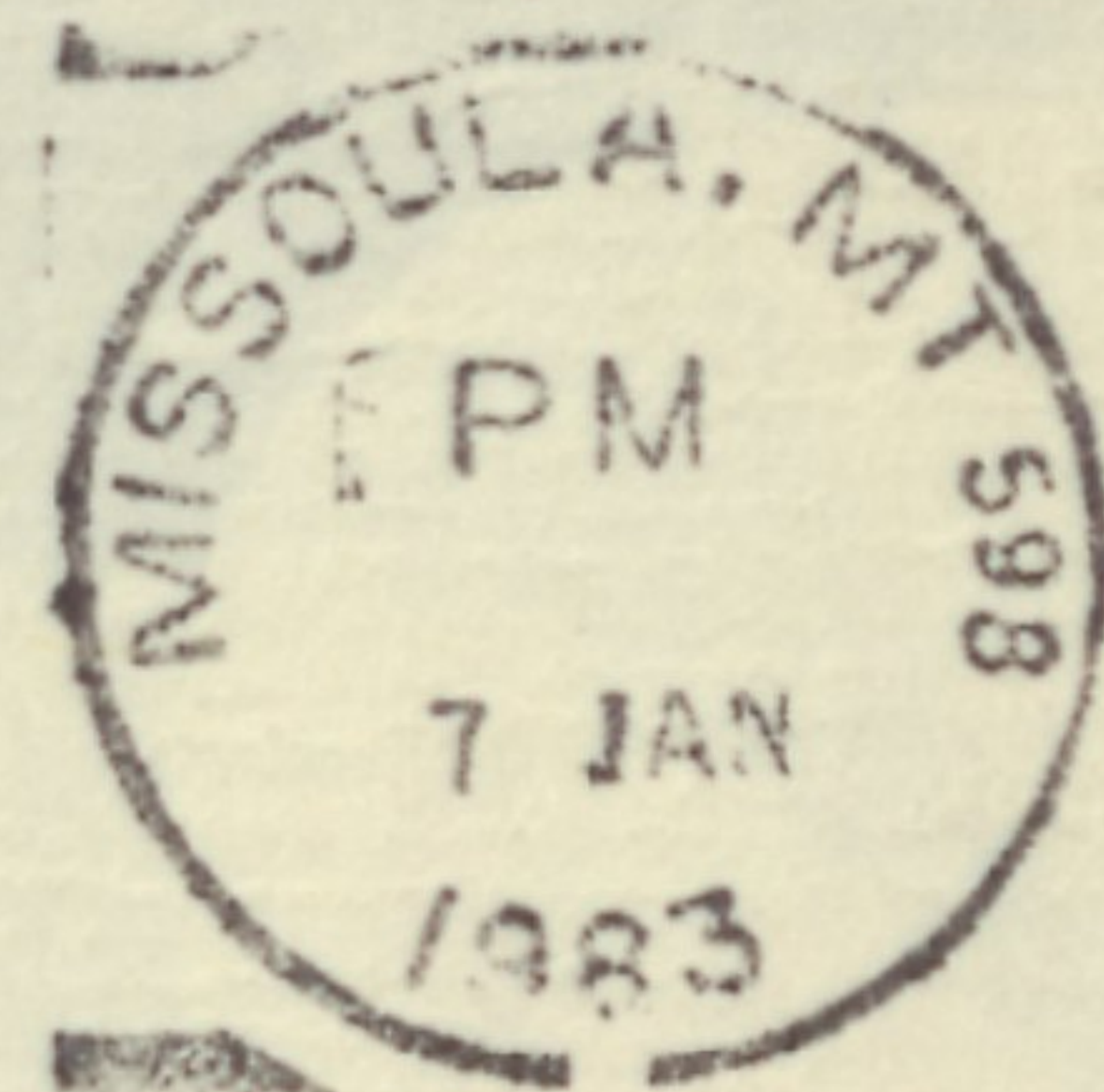
Thanks deeply for the gorgeous manly not fag-binded present of B Butterfly. They just redelivered your merry Christmas telegram again today and thanks I did. I'm coming on Power and Light right now. Got some ideas down South while I was waiting to catch a plane up here. Thing is I had to get away from the Altman idea for the end and give it my own, which is better. His was fine but more strictly visual. In this form I can get away with a little more head music.

My woman let me go even deeper and stranger just from seeing your pretty book. You're right. These highheeled editions get 'em all over. I even fucked her once for you. Tell the teevee star friend to get in contact. Got two books coming out this fall and I'm getting the pussy in line. Be a buddy and don't tell her I said that, eh? Keep telling her I likes Ralph Vaughn, or Raif Von to the knowing. Well I've got some letters from people who dug Black Butterfly. Also accused of decadence and nihilism when I read it at Kansas last month. However, the binding turned the right grad student girl on, and I labored over her like an imp of the perverse.

Enough of this cautious sensitive writing. I wish to hell I could be sad and deep all the time like Robert Lowell, but every time I touch the keys I get sexy and begin lying. Can you get me a doctor? You got a Bessie Smith tape for me? Last request before you receive finished P and L.

Your Constant Pal,
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