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The objective of the exhibit is to present a personal account of my connection with and usage of the color-omitted error version of the 1981 Everett Dirksen stamp, to describe my role in having it listed in the *Scott Catalog* as number 1874a, and to offer the preliminary conclusion that only a single pane of ten strips was released to the public, based on the fact that all five strips known to me were once contiguous.

The key items in the exhibit are four color-omitted error strips, a photocopy of a fifth strip, and one freak strip.

Strips are designated by their auction lot numbers or the owner's initials, and prices given are auction hammer prices without premiums.



Everett McKinley Dirksen was born on January 4, 1896 in Pekin, Illinois and named for the future President. He served in the Army during WWI, in the House of Representatives (1933-1949), and in the U.S. Senate (1951-1969). As Senate Minority Leader (1959-1969) he was a key figure in passage of civil rights laws in 1964 and 1968. He died in 1969.

Everett Dirksen was honored with a stamp issued in Pekin on his birthday, January 4, 1981. The single-color stamp was printed in a quantity of 160,155,000 on the Giori press using engraved plates of 200 subjects, which were cut into post office panes of 50.