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H.H. The Sultan of Maldive Islands
Male
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Your Highness:

I am compiling for publication purposes, a philatelic history of all postage stamp issuing countries and sub-governments of the world. This is a large but intriguing effort and your help to a limited extent would be deeply appreciated.

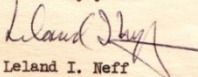
I am most hopeful that you can arrange to furnish me with the following information regarding your government's postal history:

- 1; A brief resumé (not more than two or three hundred words) of the postage stamp history of your government containing only the main features of such history as dates and events that had a controlling influence upon the postage stamp issues. Full credit will be given in the book to the individual who writes the story. A copy of the book when finally published will be sent to you with my compliments.
- 2; A recent photograph of yourself (autographed if possible) to be printed with your country's philatelic history.
- 3; If convenient and available to be spared, examples of issued postage stamps that might serve as illustrations for the text covered.

I feel that the final results when published will fill a need in libraries of thousands and thousands of stamp collectors the world over.

Your cooperation in the above effort will find me more than grateful. May I hear from you at your early convenience?

Sincerely yours


Leland I. Neff