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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT  
**DOMESTIC POSTAGE RATES, SPECIAL SERVICES, AND POSTAL INFORMATION**

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**Part 114—INFORMATION ON POSTAL MATTERS**

**114.1 INQUIRIES**

Make all inquiries in regard to mail of your postmaster. If you have good reason to keep the knowledge of your inquiry from your postmaster, address your inquiry to the Post Office Department, Washington 25, D. C.

**114.2 GENERAL POSTAL PUBLICATIONS**

**.21 THE POSTAL MANUAL**

.211 The Postal Manual contains the regulations and internal instructions governing the operation of the Postal Service.

.212 Chapter 1 of the Postal Manual contains the regulations governing domestic mail service intended to assist the mailing public in obtaining maximum use of this service.

.213 Chapter 2 contains corresponding regulations governing the International Mail Service.

.214 You may obtain in pamphlet form (bound and punched) chapters 1 and 2 from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C., for 65 cents per copy. You may also obtain this edition, together with periodic looseleaf supplements, for approximately 1 year, for \$2.

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**Part 131—FIRST CLASS**

**131.1 RATES**

Kind of Mail	Rate
All first-class mail except postal and post cards and drop letters.	3¢ per ounce.
Drop letters.....	2¢ per ounce.
Single postal cards and post cards.....	2¢ each.
Double postal cards and post cards (reply portion of double post card does not have to bear postage when originally mailed).	4¢ (2¢ each portion).
Business reply cards.....	3¢ each, collected when delivered.
Mail enclosed in business reply envelopes.....	3¢ per ounce plus 1¢ per piece, collected when delivered.