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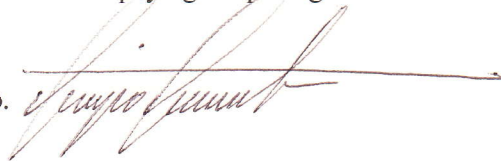
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## COLOMBIA, SCADTA, 1922.

I have examined the front of an envelope sent from New York, New York to Bogotá, Colombia, dated "APR 23 1922", franked with one air mail postage stamp issued by the "Sociedad Colombo-Alemana de Transportes Aéreos", "**Junkers Hydroplane over Magdalena River**" 50 centavos pale green, with red manuscript control signature of Colombian Consul G. Mejía, Scott Catalogue #C16 variety; Sanabria U.S.A. #MG2; Gebauer #EU2, cancelled upon arrival at Barranquilla by the double circle violet postmark "**SERVICIO POSTAL AEREO SCADTA BARRANQUILLA**", with a horizontal pair of postage stamps of Colombia, "**Arms**" 3 centavos dark green, Scott Catalogue #363, both cancelled upon arrival at Bogota with the rectangular dated device, a colour reproduction of which is on the reverse side of this certificate, reduced to 90% of true size, and am of the opinion that:

The cover front, postage stamps affixed and postmarks are **genuine**, and the scarce air mail stamp originated on this front. The 50 cents stamp is affected by a vertical filing crease. The horizontal perforations of the stamp do not reach the right hand side because the perforation machine was broken in one section, creating a constant misperforation which affected three stamps in each sheet printed. The stamps were sold at the Colombian Consular Agency in New York City, 50 centavos paying for the air mail portion to SCADTA, and 6 centavos paying the postage for internal delivery to the Colombian Post Office.

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