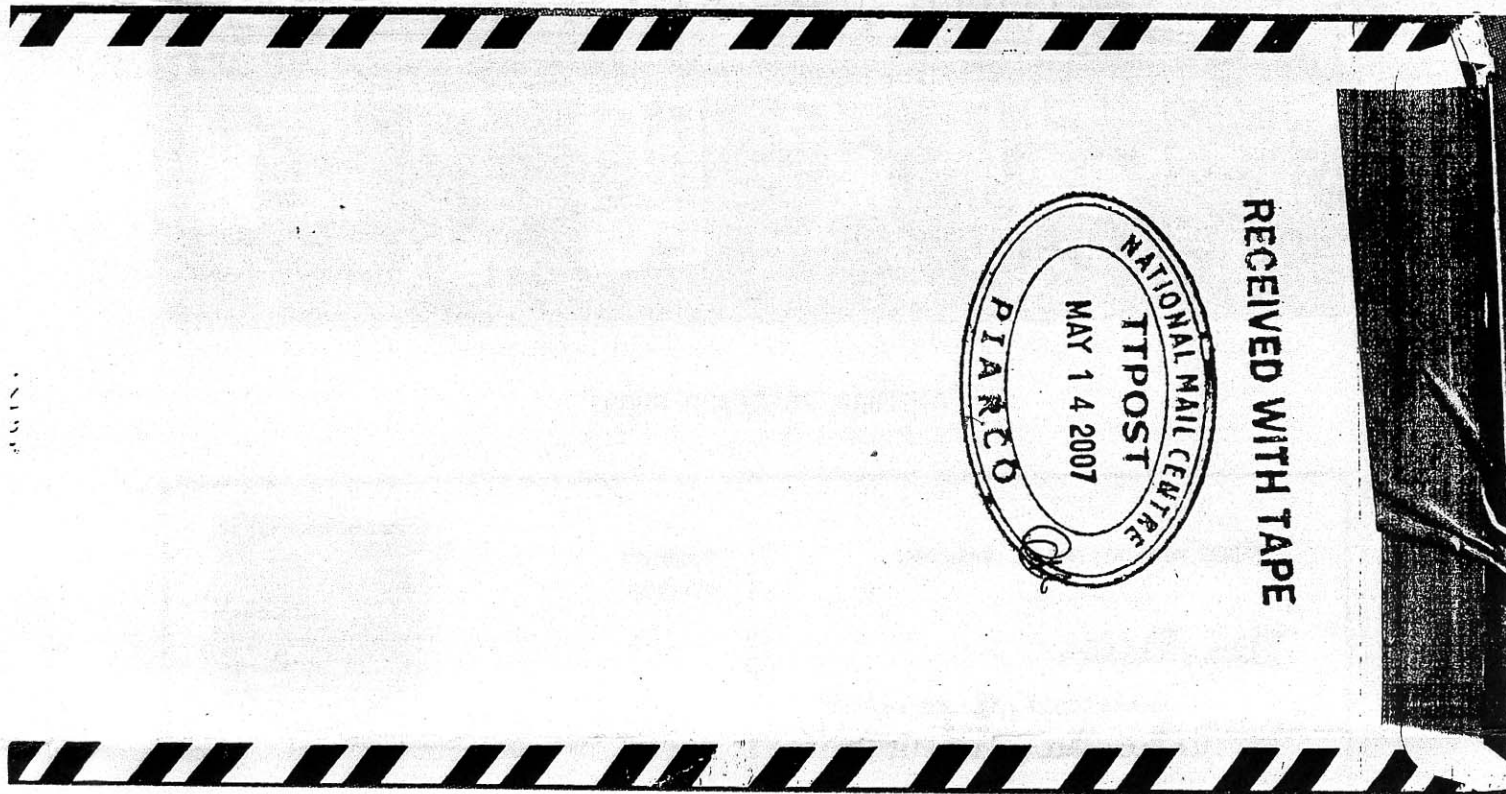


POSTMARK - RECEIVED WITH TAPE

The problem of mail tampering was reported in an article in the Trinidad Guardian of 23rd November 2007. The Managing Director of TTPost, Colin Lucas, stated that close to one million TT dollars (approximately US \$ 151,000) was spent on security and surveillance upgrades at the National Mail Centre yet the problem persists.

An example of tampered mail is illustrated below. The airmail envelope from abroad was opened and the contents were removed. The thief resealed the empty envelope with brown plastic adhesive tape. When the envelope was discovered by TTPost, the 'RECEIVED WITH TAPE' postmark and NMC oval datestamp were applied. The postmark measures 4mm X 53mm. Both postmark and datestamp are rubber-stamps. The level of this illegal activity indicates that this postmark should be very common.



TAMPERED MAIL - REVERSE OF INCOMING AIRMAIL ENVELOPE