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FRATERNITY RESEARCH COOPERATION

CONFEDERATE STAMP ALLIANCE

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AUTHENTICATION COMMITTEE

We have examined the enclosed item submitted by the applicant and described as follows:

U.S. #26 variety. with double perforations at both sides, canceled by blue target with Charlottesville, Va. April 17, 1861 dc on mourning cover, First Day of Virginia Independent State Usage

of which a photo is attached with seal and are of the opinion that

it is GENUINE.



For the Authentication Committee

Chairman

Submitted by: **Bruce E. Engstler**