Courtesy Dennis Dillman

Here is an official ship cachet. Is that the same as a Captain's cover?

This cachet has also been seen on smaller envelopes than this #10 size and without the printed signatures.

This beautiful bicolored artwork celebrates the end of the Gemini program after 10 consecutive, successful manned flights. Although the postmark is a lovely strike, the purple ink leads the author to suspect backdating.

Sean Marsar bought Apollo 9 Captain's covers at a Tail Hook Association meeting and resold them more than 20 years ago. Then, late in 2008, **this envelope** sold at a Regency Superior auction.

The Apollo 10 Captain's cover is rarely seen. It is known with either a hand cancel or, as shown here, a machine cancel. An unusual feature: the *USS Princeton's* canceling devices did not include the hull number of the ship.

The *USS Hornet's* **Commanding Officer** ordered 6000 copies of this envelope produced. This would permit each astronaut, and several VIP's onboard including President Nixon and Admiral McCain to have 25 covers, and each crew member who wanted them to have two each.

In 2005, a post card dealer bought a shoebox at a flea market. It contained about 120 Captain's covers and a few hundred hand and machine cancelled covers with the Beck rubber stamp cachet. The eBay market was flooded with these with a selling price of about $25.

This cachet, only available on the PRS, was ordered by CWO Gene Rinehart, Jr. from Artopages for use by ship personnel. If this was done with Navy funds does that make this a Captain's cover?