

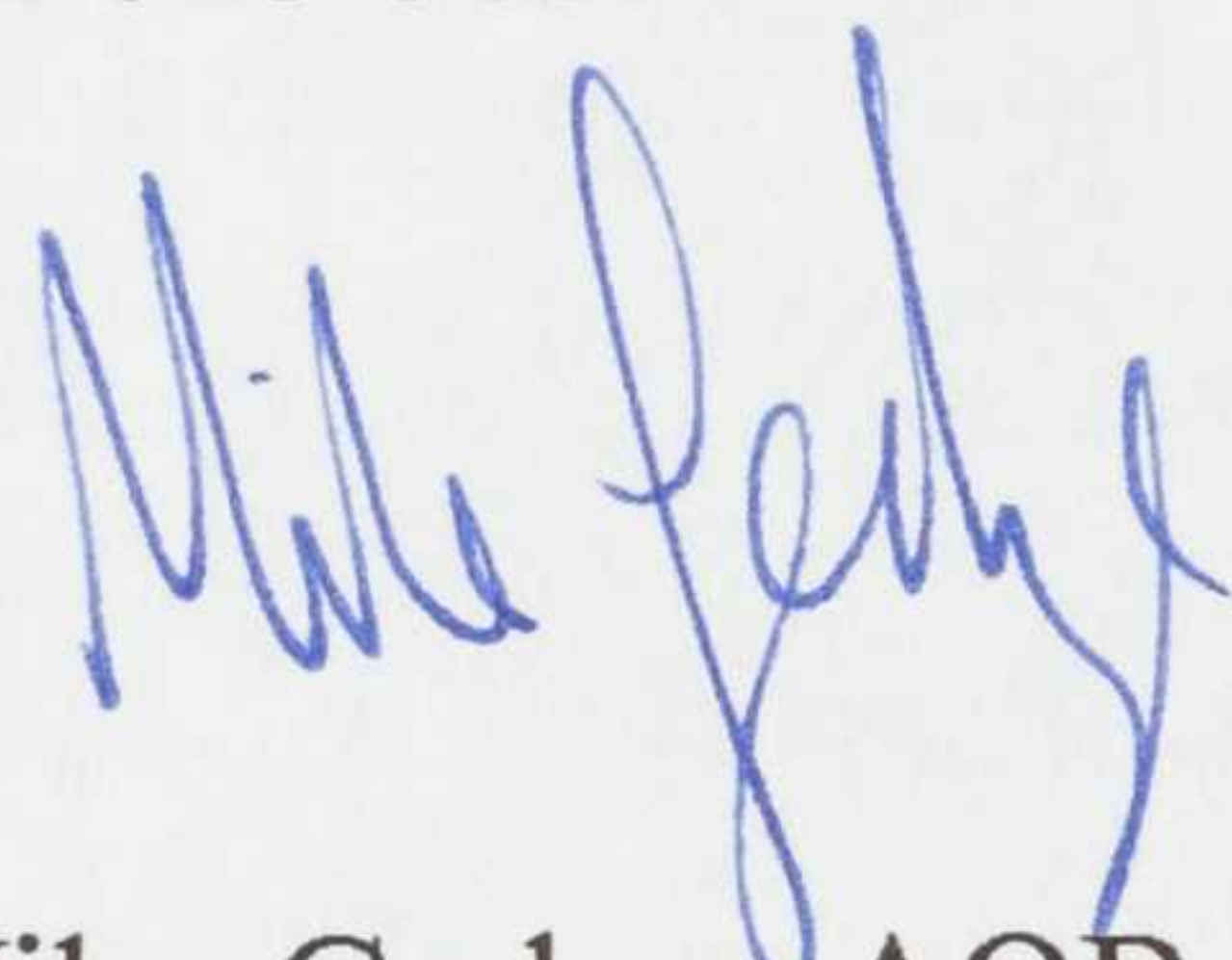
Ayn Rand was an avid collector of postage stamps. Charles Sures who collected and exchanged stamps with her has suggested that 1997, the fortieth anniversary of the publication of *Atlas Shrugged* would be an appropriate issue date. He also suggested the portrait by Ilona as the illustration. Evidently this was Ayn Rand's express wish. The Empire State Building Post Office would be an appropriate issue location.

It should also be noted that *Atlas Shrugged* was the second most influential book following the Bible in a survey conducted by The Library of Congress and the Book of the Month Club.

The stamp would undoubtedly be a large money generator for the USPS: Charles Sures has said that he would buy a lifetime supply of them!! An Ayn Rand stamp would certainly be more profitable than the oranges and pears of a recent issue.

While the goal of the campaign is to convince the USPS to produce an Ayn Rand Stamp, it also provides an opportunity to introduce her ideas to influential people. Accordingly any letters should contain a brief summary of her ideas especially those defending the morality of the United States and Capitalism. A reference to specific works would enable the reader to find out more.

All the best



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