TO: Joint Steering Committee

FROM: Jennifer Bowen, ALA representative

RE: Accessible formats used by visually impaired people

ALA supports CILIP's proposal, and offers a few comments and questions below.

Are any of the data elements discussed in this proposal important enough to be considered as possible mandatory elements under 1.4?

3.6.1.3. The third paragraph does not propose using either our own or someone else's controlled terminology. We wonder if it would be worth investigating whether such a controlled list exists, as users of these resources may very well want to search or limit based on these types.

We note that "grade level" needs to be explained, otherwise cataloguers not familiar with this concept may inappropriately record the school grade level of the content.

3.6.2.6. How does this instruction about single/double sided text relate to the use of "p." vs. "leaves" in the extent statement?

3.6.2.7. We note that the JSC will need to decide how and where to refer to specific outside standards within RDA. Please also see our discussion questions within *5JSC/ALA/3* and *5JSC/ALA/3/ALA follow-up*.

3.6.2.8. Since this instruction is not dealing specifically with layout, it would be a better fit at 3.6.13.4. It would be relevant to all tactile cartographic resources including atlases, not just maps.