TO: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR

FROM: Alan Danskin, British Library representative to JSC

SUBJECT: RDA Part A Constituency Review of Chapters 6 & 7 Rev.

Responses to questions in cover letters

The Constituencies are asked to indicate whether they agree with retaining the detailed instructions for legal works, religious works, and official communications.

BL believes that there is insufficient time to revise this prior to release of RDA. Revision will require wide ranging consultation. BL recommends that the detailed instructions are retained on the understanding that they will be reviewed in future.

The Constituencies are asked to indicate whether they agree with the treatment of Originating bodies at 6.3.2.

Agreed.

The JSC invites comments on the examples provided, in particular on the following:
• If there are concerns about the existing form of examples, please advise which of the options above is preferred.

No concensus. There is a view that, as the instructions on how to structure headings are in Part B, the form of headings should not be anticipated by examples in Chapters 6 & 7. While this is true from the perspective of teaching, most use of RDA will be by cataloguers who will be familiar with the instructions in Part B.

The context of relationships in particular would be conveyed more clearly through the inclusion of marked up examples of full records.

• The Examples Group was unable to find examples for the instructions at 6.7.4.3.1 and 6.7.4.4.1, suggestions are welcome.

Nothing to suggest

• Suggestions are requested for non-Christian examples at 6.8.3.1. Nothing to suggest