

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

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Subject: Revision of RDA 2.5.1.4, Recording Edition Statements

ACOC acknowledges the difficulties faced by shared databases in preventing incorrect matching of records which share the same data in key elements, and the difficulties users face in distinguishing between those resources. We agree that it is desirable to have a mechanism to distinguish between such resources. However, we do not support the mechanism proposed.

The removal of the equivalent of AACR 1.2B4 from RDA was a conscious decision by the JSC in 2005 (see 5JSC/M/23-61 October 2005 Line 33 26 12.4.1.7 Supplied edition statement). Although the chapter and instruction numbers have changed, they continue to reflect that decision. *2.5 Edition statement* is intended to be transcribed from a manifestation. This instruction falls within *Chapter 2 Identifying Manifestations and Items*. Therefore it was not considered appropriate to use it to supply information needed to distinguish an expression. Instead, information of this type which identifies the expression was moved to the instruction which later became *6.12 Distinguishing Characteristic of the Expression*. This information can be taken or supplied from any source. Appropriate examples illustrating this are found at 6.12.1.3.