To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Kevin Marsh, ACOC Representative

Subject: Note on Manifestation and Item

ACOC thanks ALA Representative for this paper, addressing an inconsistency in the treatment of notes in RDA and the OMR element set.

ACOC considers that the underlying issue may lie in the fact that the Note on Manifestation and the Note on Item in Chapter 2 are conceptually different form the Note on Manifestation and Note on Item in Chapter 3; in the first case the note refers to Identification and in the second case to Carrier. We suggest these could usefully be distinguished as separate elements and renamed (for example) as Note on Identification (Manifestation), Note on Identification (Item), Note on Carrier (Manifestation), and Note on Carrier (Item). We have no strong feelings on the precise wording.

If the notes were renamed in this way there would be no need for duplication in the OMR registry. We believe the element sub-types should be retained and assigned as appropriate to the four note elements.

Whether or not this suggestion is followed, ACOC considers the proposed Option 1 for the outline of Chapters 2 and 3 to be preferable; the logic and clarity of Option 1 outweighs the issue of renumbering.