

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

FROM: Barbara B. Tillett, LC Representative

SUBJECT: Proposed revision to instruction 6.15.1.12, “Accompaniment for Songs, Lieder, Etc.”

LC thanks the CCC for the proposed changes, and supports the proposal.

LC further suggests that the newly-formed CCC / LC/MLA RDA Music Group reconsider the efficacy of the phrase “popular idiom” as part of its deliberations—it is considered by many to be a vague phrase that, even in the sole context of Western music, cannot refer to a clearly identifiable body of works. In addition, in the interest of internationalizing RDA with regard to its treatment of music, we note that other types of music may not even have a concept of a “popular idiom.”