

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

FROM: Alan Danskin, British Library representative to JSC

SUBJECT: Elimination of RDA treatment for “names not conveying the idea of ...” BL Response

BL thanks LC for its proposal to simplify the instructions by eliminating these qualifications, but the BL does not support the proposal.

BL takes the view that it remains important to be able to distinguish between different types of entity. BL has identified many examples where the name is the same as a subject heading, or might be thought to refer to a subject, or otherwise fails to suggest that it is a name. Omission of the qualifying information would result in ambiguity and may mislead or confuse the user:

Wolverines (Musical group : Bob Mandell)
White Rainbow (Musician)
Versailles (Musician)
Vapid (Musician)
Unknown (Musician)
Terriers (Musical group)
Talent (Musician)
Swiss (Musician)
Sugar, musician
Stringbean (Musician)
Sounds (Musical group : Frank Williams)
Sky Sailing (Musician)
School of Language (Musician)
Salt (Musician)
Raiders (Musical group : Tony Castle)
Race (Musician)
Pumice (Musician)