Subcommittee on MARC Formats
Annual Report, 1997

1. NAME OF COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE:

Subcommittee on MARC Formats

2. MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE:

Karen R. Little, chair; Ann Caldwell; Ian Fairclough; Ed Glazier; Kathryn P. Glennan; Ralph Papakhian; David Thomas; Jay Weitz; Stephen Yusko; Christine Zuger.

3. CHARGE OF COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE:

To formulate MLA policy on all matters related to the *MARC Formats for Bibliographic Data* and all other official USMARC formats. The chair serves as MLA liaison to MARBI, the ALA RTSD/RITA/RASD Representation in Machine Readable Form of Bibliographic Information Committee.

4. SUMMARY OF YEAR'S ACTIVITIES:

At the February 1997 MARBI meeting, a proposal on redefining code "m" (Computer file) in Leader/06 of the Bibliographic Format was discussed. The proposal was again discussed at the July 1997 MARBI meeting (in revised form) and was approved as amended. Also discussed at the February meeting was the coding of Leader/06 and Leader/08 for archival material. This proposal was approved in part. Discussions on other aspects of the proposal are expected at future meetings.

At the July 1997 MARBI meeting, the discussion of most interest to the music library community was on current uses of the 028 (Publisher Number) and 037 (Source of Acquisition). This discussion paper (drafted and sponsored by MLA and OLAC) will now come back to MARBI as a proposal.

The Subcommittee continued to monitor these and other MARBI activities, including continued development of the Leader/06 proposal.

5. SUBMITTED BY:

Karen Little, Chair, Subcommittee on MARC Formats

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