MERLIN QUALITY CONTROL COMMITTEE
MARCH 11, 1998

Presiding: Richard Amelung (SLU-Law)

Present: Anna Sylvester (UMKC); Kathleen Schweitzberger (UMKC); Gary Harris
(LSO); Janet Jackson (LSO); Vianne Sha (UMC-Law); Vivian Lee (LSO); Jane
Addison (UMC/HSL); Norma Fair (UMC-Ellis); Ellen Grewe (UMSL) recorder.

1. Corrections to Minutes from 2/11/98
--Correct spelling of Mottayaw in item 3.
--Item 5- Enhancement request - the word "index" should be changed to
"headings match."
--Item 4.6 - Change San Francisco State University to University of
California at San Diego.

2. LSO update
Janet:
--In response to an inquiry from Robin, Janet will post to the list the
change that is necessary when downloading authority records. With Release
11, recs=a command setup will not work, *atab= has to be used instead.
Richard also noted that *atab=asub will go directly to the subject file.
--Tom Jacobson of III is ready to rescope our database as soon as we give
him the go ahead. But first, Kathleen will delete old UMKC locations, and
Janet will add new codes for the Mercantile Library.
--There are a couple of rooms in this Locust Street building with 10 PCs or
10 Macs that we can reserve for training. We would have to reserve well in
advance.

Gary:
--He received a message from Robin about getting different figures in her
statistics report and in create lists when she used create lists to verify
what the report said. For instance, the create lists file reported 33,000
records, but the statistics report said 30,394 records. Gary will ask III
to explain the discrepancies. Vianne pointed out that results could differ
depending on whether the search uses location equals rather than location has.

3.OCLC authority control
     --Richard called OCLC last week about getting a No-Match printed list. He
was told that our test file (about 1,300 bib records) was run against the
Notification Service and had been added to the notification file and cannot
be removed. A paper No-Match report was not printed, nor could they tell
him which headings had not been corrected. Chris Mottayaw asked if an
electronic report would serve as well, and Richard responded that it would
depend on what the report looked like and what was included. When asked
what effect the unavailability of No-Match reports would have on OCLC's
ability to provide service to the Merlin libraries, Richard responded that
in that case the Merlin libraries would not use OCLC's authority service.
Chris said that she would go back and talk to OCLC again. In the meanwhile,
Vivian brought the files in for preprocessing. There are three files: bib,
subject, and name. Vivian will post how to get to the files. Richard, and
anyone else who is interested, can browse through them.

3. RFP
--Various changes were suggested. Robin and Norma will revise and post the
new version for comments.

4. Appendix C
--Robin will add a section about duplicate authority records, and will post
the revised version.

5. Music standard
--Committee approved Anna Sylvester's second draft.

6. Appendix E - Auto-Graphics records
--Robin will revise and post to list.

7. GuiCat - order of search index choices
--Kathleen noted that III would allow us to change our defaults and order
of the indexes in the drop down box. Kathleen will post the preferences
that Robin's and KC's groups discussed. Gary and Janet would like to check
with III before changes are made to see what the effect would be on
anything other than the GuiCat database.

8. LC classification schedules on CD-ROM.
--Gales' product is complete; LC's and Rothman's are not.
--Gale called KC and will meet with them on Friday. Kathleen will post
information to the list after the meeting.

9. Dead serial/mono. set check-in records.
--Pius recon project had OCLC create 1 item record on serial records. Staff
at Pius are in the process of creating additional item and check-in
records. They would like to be able to quickly notify other Merlin sites
when the other libraries need to create or delete check-in records. Each
campus should send Richard the appropriate person's e-mail address; he will
compile and then post the entire list. Gary will set up links from the MQCC
Web page to this list.
--Jane asked that the Committee revisit the check-in records' guidelines.
After discussion, the Committee decided to keep the current standard unless
MRSC requests a change.

10. OCLC export problems
--Pius, particularly, is experiencing long delays (5 or more minutes)
between when a record is exported from OCLC and when it becomes available
in Merlin. Other centers have had delays, but not to that extent. Gary may
soon visit Pius and see if he can help.

11. Withdrawn/discard locations problems
--Robin will bring to the next meeting.

Next meeting: April 8, 1998

Note: Richard will be in KC the week before the next meeting, but he will
regularly check his e-mail.