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The Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR (JSCAACR) has decided that the text of the second edition of the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules should be reviewed by those who have contributed to this extensive revision. Review copies of the text are being distributed in Britain, Canada and the U.S.

Library-related organizations in the U.S. and ALA units have been contacted. About a dozen have agreed to participate in the review. The final draft of the rules was circulated to these bodies in February 1977.

The review will focus on the comprehensiveness and adequacy with which the principles and policies laid down by and for the JSCAACR have been carried out. It will not be concerned with specific proposals for rule revision since these have already been fully considered by the Committee during the AACR revision activities in 1974-76. The results of the review, which will take 3 months, will be considered by the editors and by the JSCAACR at its final meeting in mid-1977.

In the U.S., distribution of review copies will be handled by the ALA's Resources and Technical Services Division (RTSD). Members of and representatives to the ALA RTSD Catalog Code Revision Committee and selected staff members of the Library of Congress will also receive review drafts for consideration. No copies of the final review draft will be distributed to other persons or organizations in the U.S.