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To: Lucia Snowhill, Chair, UC Collection Development Committee  
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Chair, CDC Task Force on RLF De-Duplication

The members of the CDC Task Force on RLF De-Duplication reviewed the April 27, 2006 draft document "***Reducing Duplication and Enhancing Research Value at UC Regional Library Facilities: Recommendations.***" We found all of the recommendations worthy of discussion and further comment. However, in order to ensure completion of our task by the given deadline, we have limited our report to the SOPAG charge "to consider whether any policy changes should be proposed to the ULs, to restrict the nature of ongoing deposits to the RLFs."

Following the November 30<sup>th</sup>, joint SOPAG/ULs meeting, CDC received a query from Lorelei Tanji regarding the possibility of including the issue of intentional and unintentional duplication in the Task Force charge. I responded that the Task Force report was in its final stages and that we could not add to the charge and still meet our December deadline. I want to reiterate that I do believe that CDC should address the development of principles/guidelines for "intended duplication" if there are instances when that is desirable as well as the issue of intentional and unintentional duplication at a broad level.

Recent changes to the RLF Operating Principles reflect the changing nature of RLF deposits, in particular an acknowledgment that the RLF collection is no longer limited to "low use" materials. CDC should contribute to planning for the integration of shared digital and shared print collections into the RLFs, as well as participate in the identification of de-duplication opportunities that result from mass digitization projects. CDC might create a new task force or sub-committee to comment on the entire SLP report and recommendations, explore principles for planned duplication, and examine the procedures and policies being developed for RLF de-duplication. I would recommend that the group not be given a short deadline since many of the policies and procedures will depend on the adoption of a single integrated system across RLFs, as well as deeper experience with digitization and shared collections.