Note that the examples given throughout the following text have different conventions in regard to punctuation and style. These conventions are not prescriptive and should be considered as best practices to facilitate the exchange of information in a shared database environment. Catalogers are expected to use judgment and common sense. Punctuation and style need not be consistent from record to record as long as the information is clear and accurate.

Generally, the first 670 field is the work for which the heading is being established, i.e., the work being cataloged; give subsequent 670 fields in any order, adding new fields after existing ones. Do not routinely delete or change existing 670 fields, input by LC or by a NACO participant, when adding new 670 fields.

Note that it is not always necessary to include a 670 field for every reference source consulted; use judgment in deciding what sources are important enough to retain in the permanent authority record. For example, an NAR does not serve as a biographical sketch of a person, nor as an account of the detailed history of a corporate body.

By exception, a 670 field (rather than a 675 field) may be provided if/when the name in the 1XX is not available in the work being cataloged with the legend (name not given) in the subfield $b. This information will help reduce ambiguity and provide other catalogers with clues to the identity of the author by citing the work that generated the need for the heading (e.g., title of work, publication date) as described below. For all citations other than the "work being cataloged" that lack information about the 1XX, use field 675.

A 670 field should include the following:

(1) The title of the work being cited, complete enough for later identification in an online catalog. Abbreviations and ellipses may be used. Precede a generic or indistinctive title with an indication of the main entry of the work, which may also be abbreviated or in a NAR be replaced by a pronoun; if the main entry is the same as the title proper plus a qualifier, give the uniform title main entry instead of the title proper.

In authority records created using an automated authority generation program, the 670 information may include the main entry name as it appears in the bibliographic record for which the authority record is being made. In order to maintain the cost effectiveness of this process, it is recommended that catalogers accept the additional information as generated.

(2) The date of publication. Also see the guidelines below for specific categories:

• Multipart items. If the part is the first part, give the date of publication as an open date.