IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, et al.,	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	No. 1:96CV01285 (RCL)
v.	)	
GALE A. NORTON, Secretary of the Interior, et al.,	)	
Defendants.	)	

NOTICE OF FILING OF MAY 2005 STATUS REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OFFICE OF TRUST RECORDS

The Department of the Interior Office of Trust Records hereby submits its status report for activity in May 2005. A copy of the report is attached hereto.

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ACTIVITY REPORT
OFFICE OF TRUST RECORDS
May 1 – 31, 2005

PROGRAMMATIC:

- Labat-Anderson (Labat Indexing Project)

  Labat reported that 3,563 boxes of inactive Indian records were completed in May 2005. The total number of boxes completed through May 2005 is 118,906.

- Movement of Records

  The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) moved approximately 1,170 boxes of inactive records from various field locations to Lenexa for indexing and subsequent storage at the American Indian Records Repository (AIRR). OTR moved 558 boxes of inactive records from Albuquerque to Lenexa in May.

- Boxes Requiring Preservation and/or Remediation

  The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) advised OTR that NARA will be able to assist OTR in the remediation of the 283 boxes of documents. It is anticipated that NARA will provide OTR with specific procedures for shipping the records in June 2005.

- Site Assessments

  A records management site assessment was conducted by OTR at the Concho Agency at the request of BIA and OST in May. The assessment report for the Concho Agency OST field office was sent to the Principal Deputy Special Trustee on May 20, 2005 and the report for the BIA programs was sent to the Agency Superintendent on May 31, 2005.

  In addition to the above, OTR completed and forwarded the following site assessment reports during the month of May. BIA Offices: Southern Pueblos Agency, Eastern Oklahoma Region, and Jicarilla Agency. OST field offices: Southwest Region and Navajo Region. OTR expects to complete three pending site assessment reports and distribute the reports during June 2005; OTR was not able to complete the Mescalero report in May as anticipated.

- Records Training

  OTR provided records management training for twenty-six (26) identified records contacts from the Office of Law Enforcement Services and twenty-five (25) identified records contacts from the Office of Indian Education Programs.

- Equipment

  OTR did not provide any file storage equipment in May.

- Records Evaluations – Accession #M0003-8001

  The 31 boxes continue to remain at OTR pursuant to a litigation hold. Once the boxes are released, OST can carry out its plans to verify whether any potential records in the boxes are also filed at the field office.

- Litigation Support and Research Requests

  OTR continued to provide litigation support in research of records for tribal trust litigation cases including: Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation or Oregon and Osage. OTR continued to provide significant support and provide access to records to the Office of Historical Trust Accounting and OST program offices. AIRR staff provided responses to approximately 125 research requests from BIA and OST.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

OTR staff began preparations for the physical move of OTR to the OST Masthead Building. It is anticipated that the move will occur in June 2005.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Ethel J. Abeita