

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, et al.,)
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 Plaintiffs,)
)
 v.) Case No. 1:96cv01285(JR)
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 KEN SALAZAR, Secretary of the Interior,)
 et al.,)
)
 Defendants.)
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**NOTICE OF FILING OF DECEMBER 2009 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 December 2009. A copy of the report is attached.

Dated: January 15, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on January 15, 2010 the foregoing *Notice of Filing of December 2009 Status Report by the Department of the Interior Office of Trust Records* was served by Electronic Case Filing, and on the following who is not registered for Electronic Case Filing, by facsimile:

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ACTIVITY REPORT
OFFICE OF TRUST RECORDS
December 1-31, 2009

PROGRAMMATIC:

- Indexing

OTR staff completed indexing of 728 boxes in December 2009. The total number of boxes completed through December 2009 is approximately 197,630.

- Movement of Records

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Office of the Special Trustee (OST) moved 730 boxes of inactive records from various field locations to Lenexa, Kansas, for indexing and subsequent storage at the American Indian Records Repository (AIRR) during this reporting period.

- Site Assessments Statement

During the month of December, OTRA did not perform any records management assessments. OTRA issued five records management assessment reports, one each at the following locations: Warm Springs Agency BIA office; Warm Springs Agency OST IIM field office; OST Office of Appraisal Services, Rocky Mountain Region; Crow Agency BIA office; and Northern Cheyenne Agency BIA office.

- Records Training

In December 2009, OTR provided records management training for 45 BIA/OST records contacts and 3 tribal employees.

- Litigation Support and Research Requests

OTR continued to provide significant support to the Office of the Solicitor, Office of Historical Trust Accounting and its contractors, the Department of Justice and its contractors, and tribal attorneys and their contractors. OTR continued to receive requests for information regarding litigation-related document requests. Many of these requests have very short deadlines.

During December 2009, OTR AIRR staff provided responses to 172 non-litigation research requests from BIA and OST.

ADMINISTRATIVE: General administrative activities continued.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I express no opinion on the content of the Site Assessments Statement described above.



Ethel J. Abeita
Director

I declare under penalty of perjury that the content of the Site Assessments Statement described above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I express no opinion on the contents of other sections/subsections of the report.



Larry Morrin
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