

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 JANUARY 2010 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 January 2010. A copy of the report is attached.

Dated: February 18, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on February 18, 2010 the foregoing *Notice of Filing of January 2010 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**

January 1-31, 2010

PROGRAMMATIC:

- Indexing

OTR staff completed indexing of 885 boxes in January 2010. The total number of boxes completed through January 2010 is approximately 198,515.

- Movement of Records

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Office of the Special Trustee (OST) moved 264 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 January, OTRA performed three records management assessments, one each at the following locations: Northwest Region BIA office; OST Office of Appraisal Services, Northwest Region; and Northwest Region OST IIM Field office. OTRA issued one records management assessment report for the following location: Rocky Mountain Region BIA office.

- Records Training

In January 2010, OTR provided records management training for 36 BIA/OST records contacts. OTR provided training on vital records for 20 BIA 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 January 2010, OTR AIRR staff provided responses to 220 non-litigation research requests from BIA and OST.

ADMINISTRATIVE: General administrative activities continued.

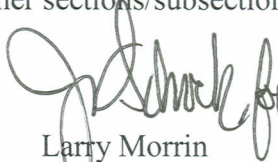
GENERAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

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. Abcita
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.



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