

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, <u>et al.</u> ,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 1:96CV01285
)	(Judge Robertson)
DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Secretary of the Interior,)	
<u>et al.</u> ,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
_____)	

**NOTICE OF FILING OF APRIL 2007 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 April 2007. A copy of the report is attached hereto.

Dated: May 15, 2007

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on May 15, 2007 the foregoing *Notice of Filing of April 2007 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
April 1 - 30, 2007

PROGRAMMATIC:

- **Labat-Anderson (Labat Indexing Project)**

Labat reported that indexing of 1,112 boxes of inactive Indian records was completed in April 2007. The total number of boxes completed through April 2007 is approximately 155,532.

- **Movement of Records**

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Office of the Special Trustee (OST) moved 2,158 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 April, OTRA issued a final records assessment report for San Carlos Agency BIA. OTRA performed record assessments at the Shiprock and Chinle Agencies BIA offices, OST Budget, Finance and Administration (DC), OST Immediate office (DC), OST External Affairs Office (DC), the NBC Deputy Chief Appraisers Office (DC) and the Northwest Region Appraisal Office.

- **Records Training**

OTR provided records management training for 188 BIA, OST and Tribal records contacts. OTR provided training on vital records for 256 BIA, OST and Tribal employees.

- **Equipment**

29 pieces of fireproof filing equipment were delivered to BIA, OST and Tribal offices in April 2007.

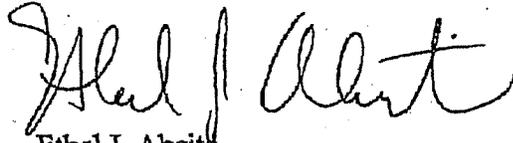
- **Litigation Support and Research Requests**

OTR continued to provide significant support to the Office of the Solicitor, Office of Historical Trust Accounting and its contractors, and the Department of Justice and its contractors. AIRR staff provided responses to 255 research requests from BIA, OST and other requesters.

ADMINISTRATIVE: General administrative activities continued.

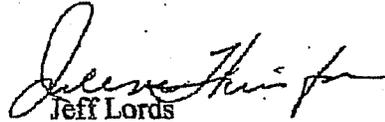
GENERAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

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

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.



Jeff Lords

Director, Office of Trust Review and Audit