

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.,)
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 Defendants.)
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**NOTICE OF FILING OF APRIL 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 April 2009. A copy of the report is attached hereto.

Dated: May 15, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on May 15, 2009 the foregoing *Notice of Filing of April 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

April 1-30, 2009

PROGRAMMATIC:

- Labat-Anderson (Labat Indexing Project)

Labat reported that indexing of 1,585 boxes of inactive Indian records was completed in April 2009. The total number of boxes completed through April 2009 is approximately 190,360. OTR anticipates termination of this contract with Labat on June 30, 2009. OTR will use federal employees to continue indexing records.

- Movement of Records

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Office of the Special Trustee (OST) moved 926 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 performed two records management assessments, one each at the following locations: NBC, Office of Appraisal Services, Midwest Region; and Red Lake Agency OST IIM field office. OTRA also performed six records management follow-up assessments, one each at the following locations: Minnesota Agency BIA office; Great Lakes Agency BIA office; Fort Yuma Agency BIA office; Mescalero Agency BIA office; Minnesota Agency OST IIM field office; and Great Lakes Agency OST IIM field office. OTRA issued one records management assessment report at the following location: NBC, Office of Appraisal Services, Midwest Region. OTRA issued eight records management follow-up reports, one each at the following locations: Yakama Agency BIA office; Horton Agency OST IIM field office; Southwest Region BIA office; Horton Agency BIA office; Pawnee Agency OST IIM office; Fort Yuma Agency BIA office; Mescalero Agency BIA office; and Pawnee Agency BIA office.

- Records Training

In April 2009, OTR provided records management training for 52 BIA/OST records contacts and 26 Tribal employees. OTR provided training on vital records for 22 BIA/OST and 14 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 contractors on behalf of various Tribes. OTR continued to receive requests for information regarding litigation-related document requests. Many of these requests have very short deadlines.

During April 2009, AIRR staff provided responses to 153 non-litigation 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.



Larry Morrin
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