

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 MAY 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 May 2009. A copy of the report is attached hereto.

Dated: June 15, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on June 15, 2009 the foregoing *Notice of Filing of May 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
May 1-31, 2009

PROGRAMMATIC:

- Labat-Anderson (Labat Indexing Project)

Labat reported that indexing of 1,425 boxes of inactive Indian records was completed in May 2009. The total number of boxes completed through May 2009 is approximately 191,785. OTR anticipates termination of the 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 203 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 May, OTRA performed two records management assessments, one each at the following locations: OST/NBC, Office of Appraisal Services, Navajo Region; and Santee OST IIM field office. OTRA performed three follow-up records management assessments, one each at the following locations: Navajo Region OST IIM field office; Winnebago Agency BIA office; and Winnebago Agency OST IIM field office. OTRA issued one records management assessment report for the Red Lake OST IIM field office. OTRA also issued four records management follow-up reports, one each at the following locations: Great Lakes Agency BIA office; Minnesota Agency BIA office; Great Lakes Agency OST IIM office; and Minnesota Agency OST IIM field office.

- Records Training

In May 2009, OTR provided records management training for 81 BIA/OST records contacts and 35 Tribal employees. OTR provided training on vital records for 4 BIA/OST 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 May 2009, AIRR staff provided responses to 111 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. Abgita

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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