

ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
v.
KEN SALAZAR, Secretary of the Interior,
et al.,
Defendants.

The Department of the Interior Office of Trust Records hereby submits its status report for activity in July 2009. A copy of the report is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on August 14, 2009 the foregoing *Notice of Filing of July 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
July 1-31, 2009

PROGRAMMATIC:

- Indexing

OTR staff completed indexing of 523 boxes in July 2009. The total number of boxes completed through July 2009 is approximately 193,418.

- Movement of Records

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Office of the Special Trustee (OST) moved 2,235 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 July, OTRA performed four follow-up records assessments, one each at the following locations: Puget Sound Agency BIA office; Puget Sound Agency OST IIM field office; Spokane Agency BIA office; and Spokane Agency OST IIM field office. OTRA issued seven follow-up records assessment reports, one each at the following locations: Spokane Agency BIA office; Spokane Agency OST IIM field office; Northern Idaho Agency BIA office; Northern Idaho Agency OST IIM field office; Colville Agency BIA office; Colville Agency OST IIM field office; and Puget Sound Agency OST IIM field office.

In the June report, OTRA inadvertently reported information for the quarter, rather than the month, ending June 30, 2009, in the Records Site Assessment section. However, information for June was included in the June Statement. The OTRA section for June should have read as follows:

During the month of June, OTRA performed four follow-up records assessments, one each at the following locations: Colville Agency BIA office; Colville Agency OST IIM field office; Northern Idaho Agency BIA office; and Northern Idaho Agency OST IIM field office. OTRA issued two records management assessment reports, one each at the following locations: NBC/OST Office of Appraisal Services, Navajo Region; and Santee OST IIM field office. OTRA issued three follow-up records assessment reports, one each at the following locations: Winnebago Agency

BIA office; Winnebago Agency OST IIM field office; and Navajo Region OST IIM field office.

- Records Training

In July 2009, OTR provided records management training for 20 BIA/OST records contacts and nine Tribal employees. OTR provided training on vital records for four BIA/OST employees and five Tribal employees. OTR held its second annual records management conference, which was attended by 169 federal and 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 July 2009, OTR AIRR staff provided responses to 146 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
Director, Office of Trust Review and Audit