## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, et al.,	
Plaintiffs, )	
v. )	Case No. 1:96CV01285
GALE A. NORTON, Secretary of the Interior, et al.,)	(Special Master Alan Balaran)
Defendants. )	
)	

## DEFENDANTS' REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO COMPEL APPEARANCE AND TESTIMONY OF PLAINTIFF ELOUISE COBELL AT DEPOSITION

The Secretary of the Interior and the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs ("Interior Defendants") state the following as their Reply to Plaintiffs' Opposition ("Plaintiffs' Opposition") to Defendants' Motion to Compel Appearance and Testimony of Plaintiff Elouise Cobell at Deposition.

Plaintiffs' Opposition contains no new arguments, but merely incorporates by reference Plaintiffs' Motion for Protective Order Seeking: (1) Stay of Plaintiffs' Obligation to Respond to Interior Defendants' Request for the Production of Documents, Dated June 5, 2002; (2) Stay of Threatened Depositions of the Five Named Plaintiffs; and (3) Stay of Rule 11 Motion With Respect to Court-Ordered Attorney's Fees (the "Motion to Stay"), which Plaintiffs filed on or about July 5, 2002, and Plaintiffs further incorporate by reference their July 24, 2002, reply in support of that Motion to Stay.

Accordingly, as their reply to Plaintiffs' Opposition, Interior Defendants hereby

incorporate by reference their opposition to the Plaintiffs' Motion to Stay, which Interior

Defendants filed on July 16, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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I declare under penalty of perjury that, on September 10, 2002 I served the foregoing Defendants' Reply in Support of Motion to Compel Appearance and Testimony of Plaintiff Elouise Cobell at Deposition by facsimile upon:

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