

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

**NOTICE OF FILING OF AUGUST 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 August 2007. A copy of the report is attached hereto.

Dated: September 17, 2007

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on September 17, 2007 the foregoing *Notice of Filing of August 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
August 1 - 31, 2007

PROGRAMMATIC:

- Labat-Anderson (Labat Indexing Project)

Labat reported that indexing of 1,597 boxes of inactive Indian records was completed in August 2007. The total number of boxes completed through August 2007 is approximately 161,062.

- Movement of Records

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Office of the Special Trustee (OST) moved 1,786 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 August, OTRA performed 2 records assessments, one at each of the following locations: Southern Paiute Agency BIA office, and Southern Paiute Agency OST IIM office. OTRA issued 5 records assessment reports, one for each of the following locations: OST National Business Center, Office of Appraisal Services, Eastern Region; Turtle Mountain Agency BIA office; Turtle Mountain OST IIM office; Truxton Canyon Agency BIA office; and Truxton Agency OST IIM office.

- Records Training

In August 2007, OTR provided records management training for 90 BIA/OST records contacts and 58 Tribal Employees. OTR provided training on vital records for 248 BIA, OST and Tribal employees.

- Equipment

97 pieces of fireproof filing equipment were delivered to BIA and Tribal offices in August 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 231 research requests from

BIA, OST and other requesters. Additionally, with the recent filing of numerous tribal trust litigation cases, litigation-related information and document requests pertaining to records at the AIRR continue to increase. Many of these requests have very short deadlines.

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
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