

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, <u>et al.</u> ,	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 1:96CV01285
	)	(Judge Lamberth)
GALE NORTON, Secretary of the Interior, <u>et al.</u> ,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
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NOTICE OF FILING

Defendants in the above-entitled action give Notice of Filing of letters recently sent by individual Indian land owners to attorneys of the Department of Justice inquiring about the suspension of pending sales of their land. Identifying information within the letters has been removed from this filing but can be provided to the Court under seal if so requested.

Dated: September 23, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: Land Sale Transactions Pursuant to 25 CFR; Temporary Restraining Order

Dear Attorneys:

I have been advised of the temporary restraining order issued by Judge Lamberth in *Cobell v. Norton*, Civ. 1:96CV012585 (D.D.C.). I have two negotiated land sales that were submitted to the [REDACTED] Field Office that are ready to submit to the [REDACTED] Regional Office.

I have negotiated to exchange one parcel with the [REDACTED] City in order to allow the City to obtain land they need for a park which is located next to a school. This exchange involves my getting back [REDACTED] land I used to own in return for [REDACTED] land. Further, this transaction has been in process for several years and we just finished the EA studies to get it completed.

The postponement of the approval by the temporary restraining order creates several problems, not only for the landowners but for the City [REDACTED].

I am asking that these land sales be reviewed and allowed to proceed.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

cc: [REDACTED] Esq.

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September 17, 2004

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Re: Land Sale Transactions Pursuant to 25 CFR; Temporary Restraining Order

Dear Attorneys:

I have been advised of the temporary restraining order issued by Judge Lamberth in Cobell v. Norton, Civ. 1:96CV012585 (D.D.C.). I have a negotiated land sale that was submitted to the [REDACTED] Field Office and is ready to be submitted to the [REDACTED] Regional Office.

I have negotiated the sale of this parcel at a price far above the appraised value. Furthermore, this transaction has been in process for almost a year and we just completed the environmental impact studies, preparing the transaction for the final stage.

The postponement of the approval by the temporary restraining order creates several problems, including the fact that I have need of the funds I expect to receive from the sale.

I am asking that these lands sales be reviewed and allowed to proceed.

Sincerely
[REDACTED]

cc. [REDACTED] Esq.