

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)
)
 KEN SALAZAR, Secretary of the Interior,)
 et al.,)
)
 Defendants.)
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**NOTICE OF FILING OF SEPTEMBER 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 September 2009. A copy of the report is attached hereto.

Dated: October 15, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on October 15, 2009 the foregoing *Notice of Filing of September 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
September 1 - 30, 2009

PROGRAMMATIC:

- Indexing

OTR staff completed indexing of 1,083 boxes in September 2009. The total number of boxes completed through September 2009 is approximately 194,585.

- Movement of Records

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Office of the Special Trustee (OST) moved 2,116 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 September, OTRA performed six records assessments, one each at the following locations: Lower Brule Agency BIA office; Lower Brule Agency OST IIM field office; Crow Creek Agency BIA office; Crow Creek Agency OST IIM field office; Pine Ridge Agency BIA office; and Pine Ridge Agency OST IIM field office. OTRA issued nine records assessment reports, one each at the following locations: NBC, Office of Appraisal Services, Southern Plains Region; Pine Ridge Agency BIA office; Pine Ridge Agency OST IIM field office; Fort Berthold Agency BIA office; Fort Berthold Agency OST IIM field office; Crow Creek Agency BIA office; Crow Creek Agency OST IIM field office; NBC, Office of Appraisal Services, Eastern Oklahoma Region; and NBC, Office of Appraisal Services, Great Plains Region.

- Records Training

In September 2009, OTR provided records management training for 35 BIA/OST records contacts and 11 tribal employees. OTR did not provide training on vital records this month.

- 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 September 2009, OTR AIRR staff provided responses to 240 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
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