

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.,)
)
 Defendants.)

Case No. 1:96cv01285-JR

**NOTICE OF FILING OF JANUARY 2008 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 January 2008. A copy of the report is attached hereto.

Dated: February 15, 2008

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on February 15, 2008 the foregoing *Notice of Filing of January 2008 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
January 1-31, 2008

PROGRAMMATIC:

- Labat-Anderson (Labat Indexing Project)

Labat reported that indexing of 1,732 boxes of inactive Indian records was completed in January 2008. The total number of boxes completed through January 2008 is approximately 167,560.

- Movement of Records

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Office of the Special Trustee (OST) moved 3,294 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 January, OTRA performed 4 records assessments at the following locations: Fort Defiance Agency (Follow-up) BIA office; Southern Pueblos Agency (Follow-up) BIA office; OST, Office of Appraisal Services, Southern Plains Region; and OST, Office of Appraisal Services, Eastern Oklahoma Region. OTRA issued one records assessment report for the following location: OST, Office of Appraisal Services, Pacific Region.

- Records Training

In January 2008, OTR provided records management training for 36 BIA/OST records contacts and 30 Tribal employees. OTR provided training on vital records for 66 BIA/OST and Tribal employees.

- Equipment

151 pieces of fireproof filing equipment were delivered to BIA and Tribal offices in January 2008.

- 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 on behalf of various Tribes. AIRR staff provided responses to 131 research requests from BIA, OST and other requesters.

With the 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.

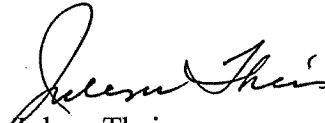
GENERAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

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. Abejta

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.



Julene Theis
Acting Director, Office of Trust Review and
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