

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.)
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 DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Secretary of the Interior,)
 et al.,)
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 Defendants.)
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Case No. 1:96CV01285
(Judge Lamberth)

**NOTICE OF FILING OF AUGUST 2006 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 2006. A copy of the report is attached hereto.

Dated: September 15, 2006

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on September 15, 2006 the foregoing *Notice of Filing of August 2006 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, 2006

PROGRAMMATIC:

- **Labat-Anderson (Labat Indexing Project)**

Labat reported that indexing of 1,420 boxes of inactive Indian records was completed in August 2006. The total number of boxes completed through August 2006 is approximately 145,595.

- **Movement of Records**

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Office of the Special Trustee (OST) moved 1,473 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 Assessment Statement**

During the month of August, OTRA performed record assessments for Rocky Mountain Region BIA and IIM offices, Land Consolidation Office, Minnesota Agency BIA and IIM offices, Fort Totten Agency BIA and IIM offices and Great Lakes Agency BIA and IIM offices. OTRA issued final records assessment reports for Fort Totten Agency BIA and IIM offices, Blackfeet Agency BIA and IIM offices, Northern Cheyenne Agency BIA office, Crow Agency BIA office, Michigan Agency BIA office, Great Lakes Agency IIM office and Rocky Mountain Regional IIM office.

- **Records Training**

OTR provided records management training for 123 BIA records contacts and 94 tribal employees in August 2006.

- **Equipment**

30 pieces of fireproof filing equipment were delivered to BIA, 4 pieces to OST and 57 pieces to tribal offices in August 2006.

- **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 419 research requests from BIA, OST and other requesters.

ADMINISTRATIVE: General administrative activities continued.

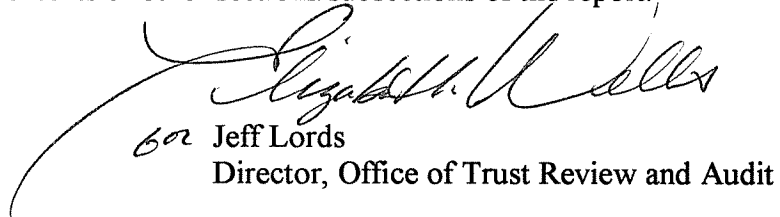
GENERAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

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 subsection described above.



Ethel J. Abeja

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.



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