IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ELOUISE PEPION COBELL,)
et al.,)
Plaintiffs,)
V.)
GALE NORTON, Secretary of the Interior, et al.,))))
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Defendants.)
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No. 1:96CV01285 RCL

NOTICE REGARDING TREASURY GENERAL COUNSEL

Since September 2001, the Treasury Department has informed the Court about the management of its document retention and litigation responsibilities. Treasury's former General Counsel, David Aufhauser, assumed responsibility for overseeing these efforts, which he exercised through lawyers that reported directly to him.

Upon Mr. Aufhauser's departure from Treasury, Arnold I. Havens was nominated to be General Counsel by President Bush and confirmed by the Senate on December 9, 2003. Mr. Havens advises that he has determined that he will implement the same management approach for ensuring that Treasury continues to implement its document retention and litigation responsibilities in *Cobell*. Brian Ferrell will continue to report directly to the General Counsel on this matter and assist in keeping the Court informed on matters relating to Treasury in this litigation.

DATED: January 29, 2004 Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on January 29, 2004 the foregoing *Notice Regarding Treasury General Counsel* was served by Electronic Case Filing, and on the following who is not registered for Electronic Case Filing, by facsimile:

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