

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 Robertson)

**NOTICE OF FILING OF NOVEMBER 2007 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 November 2007. A copy of the report is attached hereto.

Dated: December 17, 2007

Respectfully submitted,  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on December 17, 2007 the foregoing *Notice of Filing of November 2007 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**  
November 1-30, 2007

**PROGRAMMATIC:**

- Labat-Anderson (Labat Indexing Project)

Labat reported that indexing of 1,030 boxes of inactive Indian records was completed in November 2007. The total number of boxes completed through November 2007 is approximately 164,715.

- Movement of Records

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Office of the Special Trustee (OST) moved 1,031 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 November, OTRA performed one records assessment at the following location: NBC, Office of Appraisal Services, Great Plains Region. OTRA issued four records assessment reports, one for each of the following locations: Rapid City OST IIM office, Great Plains Region BIA office, Great Plains Region OST IIM office, and Standing Rock Agency BIA office.

- Records Training

In November 2007, OTR provided records management training for 90 BIA/OST records contacts and Tribal employees. OTR provided training on vital records for 13 BIA, OST and Tribal employees.

- Equipment

69 pieces of fireproof filing equipment were delivered to BIA/OST and Tribal offices in November 2007.

- Litigation Support and Research Requests

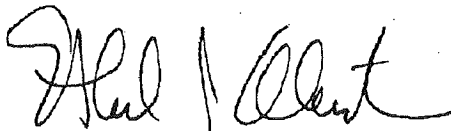
OTR continued to provide significant support to the Office of the Solicitor, Office of Historical Trust Accounting and its contractors, the Department of Justice and its contractors and tribal attorneys on behalf of various Tribes. AIRR staff provided responses to 193 research requests from BIA, OST and other requesters. With the recent 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.

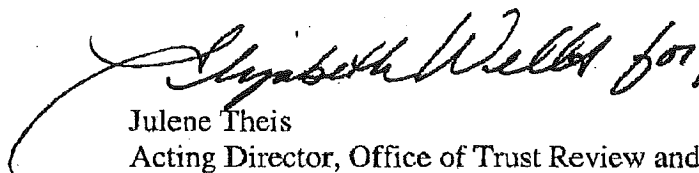
**GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:** None.

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. Abetta

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 Audit