

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.,)
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 Defendants.)
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Case No. 1:96CV01285
(Judge Robertson)

**NOTICE OF FILING OF FEBRUARY 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 February 2007. A copy of the report is attached hereto.

Dated: March 15, 2007

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on March 15, 2007 the foregoing *Notice of Filing of February 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
February 1 - 28, 2007

PROGRAMMATIC:

- Labat-Anderson (Labat Indexing Project)

Labat reported that indexing of 824 boxes of inactive Indian records was completed in February 2007. The total number of boxes completed through February 2007 is approximately 153,550.

- Movement of Records

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Office of the Special Trustee (OST) moved 1,171 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 February, the Office of Trust Review and Audit issued final records assessment reports for the Western Nevada Agency and Choctaw Agency BIA offices and the Office of the Special Trustee Budget, Finance and Administration, Albuquerque office.

- Records Training

OTR provided records management training for 153 BIA, OST and Tribal records contacts. OTR provided training on vital records for 39 BIA and OST employees.

- Equipment

265 pieces of fireproof filing equipment were delivered to BIA, OST and Tribal offices in February 2007.

- Boxes Requiring Preservation and/or Remediation

In February, the OTR contractor completed work on the six boxes which required conservation. As previously reported, only two boxes out of the six contain trust records. The conservator separated pages, flattened documents, cleaned documents, repaired documents, and set up parallel files as necessary (parallel files are composed of copies of the original documents which will be used for research, when necessary, in order to safeguard the original documents). The large maps were cleaned, repaired and flattened (flattened when possible).

Although previously OTR reported that the maps would be copied, OTR does not anticipate copying these maps unless there is a need to do so.

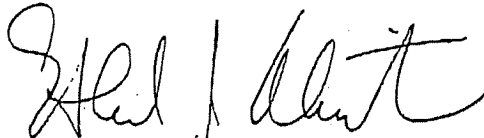
- **Litigation Support and Research Requests**

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 181 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.



Jeff Lords

Director, Office of Trust Review and Audit