

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, <u>et al.</u> ,	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 1:96CV01285
	)	(Judge Robertson)
DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Secretary of the Interior,	)	
<u>et al.</u> ,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
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**NOTICE OF FILING OF JULY 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 July 2007. A copy of the report is attached hereto.

Dated: August 15, 2007

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on August 15, 2007 the foregoing *Notice of Filing of July 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**  
July 1 - 31, 2007

**PROGRAMMATIC:**

- Labat-Anderson (Labat Indexing Project)

Labat reported that indexing of 1,585 boxes of inactive Indian records was completed in July 2007. The total number of boxes completed through July 2007 is approximately 159,465.

- Movement of Records

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Office of the Special Trustee (OST) moved 1,117 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 July, OTRA performed 3 records assessments, one at each of the following locations: Cherokee Agency BIA office, Turtle Mountain Agency BIA office, and Turtle Mountain OST IIM office. OTRA issued 2 records assessment reports, one for each of the following locations: Eastern Region BIA office and Eastern Region OST IIM office.

- Records Training

In July 2007, OTR provided records management training for 14 BIA/OST records contacts. OTR provided training on vital records for 128 BIA, OST and Tribal employees.

The OTR Activity Report for April 2007 incorrectly reported that OTR provided records management training for 188 BIA, OST and Tribal records contacts when, in fact, training was provided for 187 records contacts. Of this number, 104 were BIA and OST records contacts and 83 were Tribal employees. Note that this correction was already incorporated into the records training figures previously reported in the *Status Report to the Court Number Thirty*.

- Equipment

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

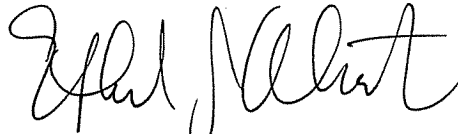
- **Litigation Support and Research Requests**

OTR continued to provide significant support to the Office of the Solicitor, Office of Historical Trust Accounting and its contractors, and the Department of Justice and its contractors. AIRR staff provided responses to 211 research requests from BIA, OST and other requesters. Additionally 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. 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  
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