

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, et al.,)
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 Plaintiffs,)
)
 v.) Case No. 1:96cv01285(JR)
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 DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Secretary of the Interior,)
 et al.,)
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 Defendants.)
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**NOTICE OF FILING OF OCTOBER 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 October 2007. A copy of the report is attached hereto.

Dated: October 15, 2007

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

PROGRAMMATIC:

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

Labat reported that indexing of 1,366 boxes of inactive Indian records was completed in October 2007. The total number of boxes completed through October 2007 is approximately 163,685.

- **Movement of Records**

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Office of the Special Trustee (OST) moved 3,588 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 October, OTRA performed 5 records assessments, one at each of the following locations: Standing Rock Agency BIA office, Standing Rock IIM Office, Great Plains Region BIA office, Great Plains Region OST IIM office, and Rapid City OST IIM Field Office. OTRA issued 3 records assessment reports, one for each of the following locations: Western Navajo Agency BIA office, Cherokee Agency BIA office, and Standing Rock OST IIM office.

- **Records Training**

In October 2007, OTR provided records management training for 72 BIA/OST records contacts and Tribal employees. OTR provided training on vital records for 32 BIA, OST and Tribal employees.

- **Equipment**

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

- **Litigation Support and Research Requests**

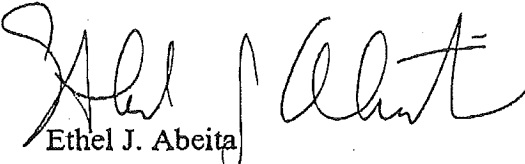
OTR continued to provide significant support to the Office of the Solicitor, Office of Historical Trust Accounting and its contractors, the Department of Justice and its contractors and tribal attorneys on behalf of various Tribes. AIRR staff provided responses to 234 research requests from BIA, OST 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. 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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