

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, <u>et al.</u> ,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	No. 1:96CV01285 (RCL)
v.)	
)	
GALE A. NORTON, Secretary of)	
the Interior, <u>et al.</u> ,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

**DEFENDANTS’ RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS’ MOTION TO UNSEAL DOCUMENTS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APRIL 22, 2005 PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Defendants do not oppose Plaintiffs’ Motion to Unseal Documents in Accordance with the April 22, 2005 Protective Order (“Plaintiffs’ Motion”).¹ As Plaintiffs’ Motion states, they attempted to meet and confer with Defendants’ counsel prior to filing the motion, but were unsuccessful. Plaintiffs’ Motion at 1, n.1. As a result, Defendants did not have an opportunity to indicate whether they would oppose the motion prior to Plaintiffs’ filing it. Having since reviewed Plaintiffs’ motion and the documents they seek to unseal, Defendants do not oppose Plaintiffs’ Motion.

¹ The documents Plaintiffs move to have unsealed are Bates Nos. DOI_IT0015376-80, DOI_IT0004571, DOI_IT0004623, and DOI_IT0004630.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on May 26, 2005 the foregoing *Defendants' Response to Plaintiffs' Motion to Unseal Documents in Accordance with the April 22, 2005 Protective Order* was served by Electronic Case Filing, and on the following who is not registered for Electronic Case Filing, by facsimile:

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