

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

**NOTICE OF FILING OF OCTOBER 2006 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 2006. A copy of the report is attached hereto.

Dated: November 15, 2006

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on November 15, 2006 the foregoing *Notice of Filing of October 2006 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, 2006

PROGRAMMATIC:

- Labat-Anderson (Labat Indexing Project)

Labat reported that indexing of 1,918 boxes of inactive Indian records was completed in October 2006. The total number of boxes completed through October 2006 is approximately 149,560.

- Movement of Records

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Office of the Special Trustee (OST) moved 776 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, the Office of Trust Review and Audit (OTRA) issued final records assessment reports for Northwest Region IIM office and Warm Springs Agency BIA and IIM offices. OTRA performed record assessments for Crow Creek Agency BIA and IIM offices.

- Records Training

OTR provided records management training for 41 BIA and OST records contacts and 24 tribal employees in October 2006.

- Equipment

108 pieces of fireproof filing equipment were delivered to BIA, 1 piece to OST and 8 pieces to tribal offices in October 2006.

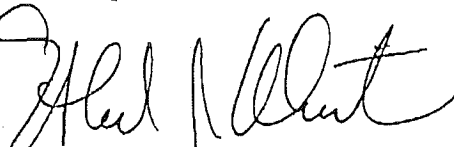
- Litigation Support and Research Requests

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 138 research requests from BIA, OST and other requesters.

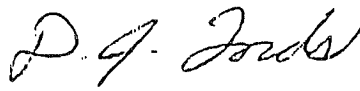
ADMINISTRATIVE: General administrative activities continued.

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 subsection 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