

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, et al.,)
)
 Plaintiffs,)
)
 v.) Case No. 1:96cv01285(JR)
)
 KEN SALAZAR, Secretary of the Interior,)
 et al.,)
)
 Defendants.)
 _____)

**NOTICE OF FILING OF MARCH 2010 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 March 2010. A copy of the report is attached.

Dated: April 15, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

TONY WEST
Assistant Attorney General
MICHAEL F. HERTZ
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
J. CHRISTOPHER KOHN
Director

/s/ Robert E. Kirschman, Jr.
ROBERT E. KIRSCHMAN, JR.
Deputy Director
(D.C. Bar No. 406635)
JOHN R. KRESSE
Trial Attorney
Commercial Litigation Branch
Civil Division
P.O. Box 875, Ben Franklin Station
Washington, D.C. 20044-0875
Telephone: (202) 616-0328

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on April 15, 2010 the foregoing *Notice of Filing of March 2010 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:

Earl Old Person (*Pro se*)
Blackfeet Tribe
P.O. Box 850
Browning, MT 59417
Fax (406) 338-7530

/s/ Kevin P. Kingston
Kevin P. Kingston

ACTIVITY REPORT
OFFICE OF TRUST RECORDS
March 1-31, 2010

PROGRAMMATIC:

- Indexing

OTR staff completed indexing of 697 boxes in March 2010. The total number of boxes completed through March 2010 is approximately 199,935.

- Movement of Records

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Office of the Special Trustee (OST) moved 1,179 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.

- Boxes Requiring Remediation

As reported in the previous report to the Court, the Acting Superintendent, BIA Rosebud Agency, informed OTR that eight ledger books and four cubic feet of records at the Agency have mold and require remediation. The Agency is initiating procurement of remediation services.

- Site Assessments Statement

During the month of March, the Office of Trust Review and Audit (OTRA) performed four records management assessments, one each at the following locations: Truxton Canon Agency BIA office; Truxton Canon OST IIM field office; Uintah & Ouray Agency BIA office; and Uintah & Ouray OST IIM field office. OTRA issued two records management assessment reports, one each for the following locations: Eastern Navajo Agency BIA office; and Eastern Navajo Agency OST IIM field office. OTRA performed one investigative records review at and issued a report for the Office of Appraisal Services, Western Region.

- Records Training

In March 2010, OTR provided records management training for 76 BIA/OST records contacts and 8 tribal employees. OTR did not provide training on vital records for this month. OTR provided electronic records management training for 291 BIA/OST employees and 7 tribal employees.

- **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. OTR continued to receive requests for information regarding litigation-related document requests. Many of these requests have very short deadlines.

During March 2010, OTR AIRR staff provided responses to 296 non-litigation research requests from BIA and OST.

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. Abciza
Director

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.



Larry Morrin
Director, Office of Trust Review and Audit