

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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 KEN SALAZAR, Secretary of the Interior, )  
 et al., )  
 )  
 Defendants. )  
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**NOTICE OF FILING OF NOVEMBER 2009 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 November 2009. A copy of the report is attached.

Dated: December 15, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on December 15, 2009 the foregoing *Notice of Filing of November 2009 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**  
November 1-30, 2009

**PROGRAMMATIC:**

- Indexing

OTR staff completed indexing of 1,160 boxes in November 2009. The total number of boxes completed through November 2009 is approximately 196,905.

- Movement of Records

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Office of the Special Trustee (OST) moved 571 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 November, OTRA performed two records assessments, one each at the following locations: Warm Springs Agency BIA office and Warm Springs Agency OST IIM field office. OTRA issued six records management assessment reports, one each at the following locations: Seattle OST IIM field office; Olympic Peninsula Agency BIA office; Olympic Peninsula Agency OST IIM field office; Northern Cheyenne Agency OST IIM field office; Crow Agency OST IIM field office; and Rocky Mountain OST IIM field office.

- Records Training

In November 2009, OTR provided records management training for 50 BIA records contacts. OTR provided training on vital records for 42 BIA employees.

- Litigation Support and Research Requests

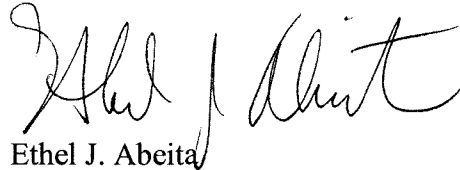
OTR continued to provide significant support to the Office of the Solicitor, Office of Historical Trust Accounting and its contractors, the Department of Justice and its contractors, and tribal attorneys and their contractors. OTR continued to receive requests for information regarding litigation-related document requests. Many of these requests have very short deadlines.

During November 2009, OTR AIRR staff provided responses to 223 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. Abeita  
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