

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, <u>et al.</u>,)
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Plaintiffs,)
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vs.)
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KEN SALAZAR, Secretary of the Interior, <u>et al.</u>,)
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Defendants.)
_____)

Case No. 1:96CV01285-JR

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on the *Joint Motion for Protective Order to Permit Exchange of Privacy Act-Protected Data*. Upon consideration of the motion and the parties representations therein, the entire record of this case, and having determined that the motion is well-taken and should be granted, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the Motion is **GRANTED**.

It is **FURTHER ORDERED**, that, as provided by the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. § 552a (b)(11), Defendants are authorized to disclose to Plaintiffs, and to any agents, representatives, or contractors of the named parties herein, information in any system of records maintained by Defendants relating to actual and putative class members that is reasonably necessary to facilitate the identification and location of potential class members for purposes of settlement only (the "Information").

It is **FURTHER ORDERED**, that the Parties are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of the Information and assuring that any agents, representatives, or contractors

who are afforded access to the Information shall be advised of this order and will themselves take adequate steps to maintain confidentiality of the Information.

SO ORDERED.



James Robertson
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Date: December 15, 2009