

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BEFORE THE SPECIAL MASTER**

ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, et al.,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	Civil Action No.
)	1:96CV01285 (TFH)
RYAN ZINKE, Secretary of the Interior, et al.,)	
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Defendants.)	
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Special Master Order # 16

Pending before the Special Master is Plaintiffs’ Unopposed Motion to Permit Distribution Pursuant to Tribal Records [Dkt. 4307]. Upon consideration of that motion, the Special Master hereby orders as follows:

1. Where the heirs of a Class Member have provided the Claims Administrator no documentation approved by this Court upon which to make a distribution, the Claims Administrator shall be permitted to rely upon and distribute Historical Accounting and Trust Administration payments to the heirs of Class Members based on a review of tribal records of the Tribe of which the Class Member was a member conducted by the Claims Administrator, Class Counsel, or an authorized tribal representative.

2. Any distribution shall be made in accordance with the probate laws of the Tribe of the deceased Class Member or, if none, the state in which the tribal government of that Tribe is located.

This the 25th day of January, 2018.

/s/
Hon. Richard A. Levie (Ret.)
Special Master