

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, et al.,)
on her own behalf and on behalf of)
all those similarly situated,)
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Plaintiffs,)
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v.)
)
GALE NORTON,)
Secretary of the Interior, et al.,)
)
Defendants.)
_____)

Civil Action No. 96-1285 (RCL)

ORDER

For the reasons set forth in open Court during the status conference held by the Court on October 1, 2002, the Court categorically rejects the defendants’ contention that there is a need to clarify its Order issued September 29, 2004. However, because the requested clarification in no way changes the substance or intended effect of the Court’s Order issued September 29, 2004, it is hereby issued as follows.

Pursuant to the Status Conference held by the Court on October 1, 2004, the arguments of counsel, and the record herein, it is hereby

ORDERED that the final paragraph of Part I of the Court’s Order issued September 29, 2004, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“ORDERED that henceforth, communications between the Interior defendants, their agents, representatives, employees, officers, and counsel and members of the plaintiff class that are related to the sale, exchange, transfer, or conversion of Indian trust land may proceed only if a

Court-approved version of the above-described notice is conspicuously displayed on such communications and then only between the Interior defendants, their agents, representatives, officers, and counsel and plaintiffs' counsel unless the class member with whom communication is sought has waived his or her right to consult class counsel, in which case communication may proceed between the Interior defendants, their agents, representatives, employees, officers, and counsel and the individual class member.”

SO ORDERED.

Signed by Royce C. Lamberth, United States District Judge, October 1, 2004.