

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, et al.,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	No. 1:96CV01285
v.)	(Judge Lamberth)
)	
GALE A. NORTON, Secretary of)	
the Interior, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
_____)	

**DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' SECOND MOTION FOR EXPEDITED
EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN CLASS MEMBERS FROM THE PRIOR NOTICE
REQUIREMENT OF THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2004 ORDER**

Defendants have no objection to the relief requested in *Plaintiffs' Second Motion for Expedited Exclusion of Certain Class Members from the Prior Notice Requirement of the September 29, 2004 Order*. Indeed, Defendants opposed Plaintiffs' request that class members be prevented from selling their land and continue to take the position that class members should not be required to await a notice from the Court or action by Plaintiffs' counsel before they can do so.

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I hereby certify that, on October 15, 2004 the foregoing *Defendants' Response to Plaintiffs' Second Motion for Expedited Exclusion of Certain Class Members from the Prior Notice Requirement of the September 29, 2004 Order* was served by Electronic Case Filing, and on the following who is not registered for Electronic Case Filing, by facsimile:

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