

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

ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, <u>et al.</u>,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	Civil Action Number 96-1285 (RCL)
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GALE A. NORTON, Secretary of the Interior, <u>et al.</u>,)	
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Defendants.)	
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ORDER

For the reasons stated in the Report and Recommendation of the Special Master-Monitor on “Motion for Protective Order Seeking (1) Stay of Plaintiffs’ Obligation to Respond to Interior Defendants’ Request for the Production of Documents, dated June 5, 2002; (2) Stay of Threatened Depositions of the Five Named Plaintiffs; (3) Stay of Rule 11 Motion with Respect to Court-Ordered Attorney’s Fees (served June 28, 2002)” and “Defendants’ Motion to Compel Discovery and Testimony of Plaintiff Elouise Cobell at Deposition” and “Defendants’ Motion for Sanctions Regarding Submission of False or Misleading Affidavits by Plaintiffs’ Attorney Dennis M. Gingold,” which was filed with this Court on October 22, 2002, it is hereby

ORDERED that plaintiffs’ motion for protective order [1373] be DENIED. It is further

ORDERED that defendants’ motion to compel discovery [1386] be GRANTED.

Accordingly, it is further

ORDERED that within ten (10) days from the date of this Order, plaintiffs shall comply with Interior Defendants’ Request for Production of Documents, dated June 5, 2002, by

producing to Interior Defendants the documents requested therein. It is further

ORDERED that defendants' motion to compel appearance and testimony of plaintiff Elouise Cobell at deposition [1424] be DENIED as moot; it is further

ORDERED that defendants' motion for an order adopting the Special Master-Monitor's recommendations regarding plaintiffs' production of documents, and ordering plaintiffs' immediate production of documents [1620-1] be DENIED as moot; it is further

ORDERED that defendants' motion to expedite consideration of their motion for an order adopting the Special Master-Monitor's recommendation regarding plaintiffs' production of documents, and ordering plaintiffs' immediate production of documents [1621-1] be DENIED as moot. It is further

ORDERED that defendants' motion for an order (1) adopting those portions of the Special Master-Monitor's recommendation regarding depositions of named plaintiffs, and (2) ordering named plaintiffs to appear and testify at depositions [1626-1] be DENIED as moot. It is further

ORDERED that defendants' motion for expedited consideration of their motion for an order (1) adopting those portions of the Special Master-Monitor's recommendation regarding depositions of named plaintiffs, and (2) ordering named plaintiffs to appear and testify at depositions [1625-1] be DENIED as moot.

SO ORDERED.

Date: _____

Royce C. Lamberth
United States District Judge