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VIA FACSIMILE

Glenn Gillett
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Civil Division - Commercial Litigation Branch
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RE: **Cobell et al. v. Norton et al.**, Civil Action No. 96-1285
Investigation of Events at Chickasaw Agency, December
12, 2002 – FINAL REPORT

Dear Mr. Gillett:

I have reviewed the Investigation of Events at Chickasaw Agency, December 12, 2002 – FINAL REPORT and find it lacking in substance and direction. The proposed recommendation is unsupported by the facts as presented; there is no attempt to reconcile conflicting statements concerning key events; and the investigator failed to satisfactorily answer his own question, i.e., “whether the Agency staff deliberately mislead (sic) the Team regarding how long the Agency had been disconnected from BIA.net.”

Please be advised that it is my intention to travel to the Eastern Oklahoma Region, investigate the events surrounding the USi site visit to the Chickasaw Agency and file a report containing my findings with the Court. I will contact you in the next few days to coordinate our travel schedules.

Sincerely,



Alan L. Balaran
SPECIAL MASTER

cc: Dennis Gingold, Esq.