

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

ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	Civil Action No.
)	1:96CV01285 (TFH)
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SALLY JEWELL, Secretary of the Interior, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
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**SPECIAL MASTER ORDER NO. 7 GRANTING PLAINTIFFS’ MOTION, WITHOUT
OPPOSITION FROM DEFENDANTS, TO USE OTHER APPROVED MEANS TO
DISTRIBUTE FUNDS DUE HEIRS OF DECEASED CLASS MEMBERS WHERE THE
CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR HAS RECEIVED WRITTEN NOTICE THAT
SETTLEMENT FUNDS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN PROPERLY DISTRIBUTED
THROUGH SMALL ESTATE PROCEDURES**

Upon consideration of the Plaintiffs’ Motion, without opposition from Defendants, for an Order allowing the Claims Administrator, the Garden City Group (“GCG”), to use other approved means to distribute settlement funds due the heirs of deceased Class Members where GCG has received written notice that settlement funds may not have been properly distributed through small estate procedures [Dkt. No. 4042];

It is hereby Ordered that the Motion is granted as follows:

1. Where GCG receives written notice or information that an heir or representative who has received a settlement payment in accordance with a state small estate procedure has not properly distributed those funds to the estate’s lawful heirs, it shall be permitted to make further

distributions to the heirs of the deceased Class Member in accordance with any other means approved by this Court, including distributions pursuant to federal probate orders.

2. Where there is no alternative means for distribution, the matter shall be forwarded to the Special Master for review.

This the 29th day of May, 2014.

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

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