Archives Indian records found discarded

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)

- Federal officials are investigating how National Archives documents of interest to American Indians suing the Interior Department were found discarded in a trash bin and a wastebasket.

The discovery came to light on Sept. 1, when Archives staff noticed federal records in one of the trash bins behind the National Archives Building near the Capitol. They notified the Archives' inspector general, Paul Brachfeld, whose staff recovered the documents,

They found at least a portion of the documents were Bureau of Indian Affairs records dating to the 1950s, according to Jason Baron of the Archives' office of general counsel, in a letter last week to an Interior Department official.

Brachfeld's office began investigating, and "what appear to be Indian records were discovered in a waste basket in the stack areas at Main Archives," Baron wrote. Taken together, the two dumping incidents "may be intentional acts aimed at unlawfully removing or disposing of permanent records from the Interior Department," he wrote.

Lawyers for the Indian plaintiffs suing the Interior Department over lost royalties ran across Baron's letter two weeks ago in a routine court filing by Justice Department lawyers on behalf of Interior's Office of Trust Records.

Dennis Gingold, the

plaintiff's lead attorney, said the discovery represents more of "the same repugnant, desperate actions we've come to expect" from the Interior Department.

Dan DuBray, an Interior Department spokesman, pointed out that the documents were not in the custody of his agency. He said the department was told by the National Archives that all the discarded documents had been found within restricted locations at the Archives.

Former governor out of hospital

SALEM (AP) – Former Gov. Vic Atiyeh was released from the hospital recently after being admitted for breathing trouble, a family spokesman said. Atiyeh, 82, suffered a heart attack on Aug. 30 and underwent a bypass operation the following day at Portland's Providence St. Vincent Medical Center.

He was released from the hospital, but returned after nurses at his home called the hospital to report his breathing troubles.

Family spokesman Denny Miles said he was told by doctors that Atiyeh's shortness of breath may have been an after-effect of the operation or due to his years of smoking, which he quit 10 years ago. Atiyeh, long-time friend of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, served as governor from 1979 to 1987.

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