	TED STATES DISTRICT COURT R THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	FILED AUG 2 0 2010
Rita Morris McKeeman,	)	Clerk, U.S. District & Bankrupto Courts for the District of Columb
Plaintiff,	)	
v.	) Civil Action No.	
United States,	)	10 1412
Defendant.	) ) )	

## MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter is before the Court on its initial review of plaintiff's *pro se* complaint and application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Court will grant the *in forma pauperis* application and dismiss the case because the complaint fails to meet the minimal pleading requirements of Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Pro se litigants must comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. *Jarrell v. Tisch*, 656 F. Supp. 237, 239 (D.D.C. 1987). Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires complaints to contain "(1) a short and plain statement of the grounds for the court's jurisdiction [and] (2) a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief." Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a); *see Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 129 S.Ct. 1937, 1950 (2009); *Ciralsky v. CIA*, 355 F.3d 661, 668-71 (D.C. Cir. 2004). The Rule 8 standard ensures that defendants receive fair notice of the claim being asserted so that they can prepare a responsive answer and an adequate defense and determine whether the doctrine of *res judicata* applies. *Brown v. Califano*, 75 F.R.D. 497, 498 (D.D.C. 1977).

Plaintiff is a District of Columbia resident suing the United States. The complaint, consisting mostly of disjointed phrases, fails to provide any notice of a claim. A separate Order of dismissal accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

G Cuclip Kenler United States District Judge

Date: August <u>/</u> , 2010

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