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ROBERT HEARD,)	
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Petitioner,)	Case: 1:16-cv-01558
)	Assigned To : Unassigned
v.)	Assign. Date : 8/2/2016
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,)	
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Respondent.)	
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This matter is before the Court on the petitioner's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and his *pro se* petition for a writ of mandamus. The Court will grant the application and dismiss the petition.

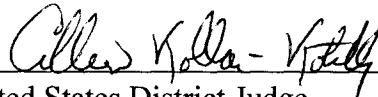
The petitioner alleges that the Attorney General of the United States refuses to prosecute a matter he had brought to her attention. He asks the Court to compel the respondent “to investigate and prosecute crimes against this nation.” Pet. at 2 (emphasis removed).

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his burden. Furthermore, “[i]t is well-settled that a writ of mandamus is not available to compel discretionary acts,” *Cox v. Sec’y of Labor*, 739 F. Supp. 28, 30 (D.D.C. 1990) (citing cases), and the Attorney General’s decision to investigate any particular matter is left to her discretion, *see Shoshone Bannock Tribes v. Reno*, 56 F.3d 1476, 1480 (D.C. Cir. 1995) (“Courts have also refused to review the Attorney General’s litigation decisions in civil matters.”); *see also United States v. Nixon*, 418 U.S. 683, 693 (1974) (acknowledging that the Executive Branch “has exclusive authority and absolute discretion to decide whether to prosecute a case”).

The petition for a writ of mandamus will be denied. An Order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

DATE: 7/29/14


United States District Judge