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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Elgen Menefee,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	Civil Action No. 17-1113 (UNA)
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Barack Hussein Obama, II <i>et al.</i> ,)	
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Defendants.)	

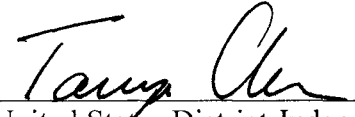
MEMORANDUM OPINION

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*, 556 U.S. 662, 678-79 (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, a District of Columbia resident, sues former President Barack Obama, Senator Mitch McConnell, Congressman Paul Ryan, and the United States, but for what actions is wholly unclear. The complaint refers cryptically to a court decision and the U.S. Supreme Court. It fails sorely to provide any notice of a claim and thus will be dismissed. A separate order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

Date: July 13, 2017


United States District Judge