

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

DALE B. ADAMS,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 20-1486 (UNA)
)	
UNITED STATES PRESIDENT)	
DONALD J. TRUMP,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

MEMORANDUM OPINION

A *pro se* litigant's pleadings are held to less stringent standards than would be applied to formal pleadings drafted by lawyers. *See Haines v. Kerner*, 404 U.S. 519, 520 (1972). Even *pro se* litigants, however, must comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. *Jarrell v. Tisch*, 656 F. Supp. 237, 239 (D.D.C. 1987). Rule 8 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires that a complaint contain a short and plain statement of the grounds upon which the Court's jurisdiction depends, a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief, and a demand for judgment for the relief the pleader seeks. Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a). The purpose of the minimum standard of Rule 8 is to give fair notice to the defendants of the claim being asserted, sufficient to prepare a responsive answer, to prepare an adequate defense and to determine whether the doctrine of *res judicata* applies. *Brown v. Califano*, 75 F.R.D. 497, 498 (D.D.C. 1977).

This complaint addresses several topics, from mail tampering to the use of military force, without articulating an actual legal claim or demonstrating plaintiff's entitlement to monetary damages. For these reasons, the Court will grant plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and dismiss the complaint without prejudice. An Order is issued separately.

DATE: July 14, 2020

/s/
JAMES E. BOASBERG
United States District Judge