

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

MATTHEW J. SHERVEN,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Civil Action No. 23-00728 (UNA)
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF	)	
NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE,	)	
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	)	
Defendant.	)	

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

Plaintiff, appearing *pro se*, has filed a Complaint, ECF No. 1, and an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, ECF No. 2. The Court will grant the application and dismiss this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B) (requiring immediate dismissal of a case upon a determination that the complaint is frivolous).

Plaintiff is a resident of Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, who has sued the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI). He alleges:

The United States Intelligence Community possesses spy satellites that it uses for "targeted signals intelligence gathering". These satellites are used to spy on individual American citizens within the United States. Some of the spy satellites owned by the Intelligence Community are mind-reading satellites. These mind-reading satellites record the radio waves naturally emitted by human brains and feed them to computers running machine learning algorithms that have been trained to decode the thoughts inside of human brains. One of these mind-reading satellites was used to spy on the Plaintiff's internal thoughts, for four years straight.

Compl. at 1. Plaintiff seeks an order that (1) directs defendant "to stop mind-reading him and rule that mind-reading violates the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution" and (2) compels defendant "to hand over all recordings of his internal thoughts to him." *Id.* at 2.

Complaints premised on fantastic or delusional scenarios or supported wholly by allegations lacking “an arguable basis either in law or in fact” may be dismissed as frivolous. *Neitzke v. Williams*, 490 U.S. 319, 325 (1989). The instant complaint satisfies this standard and therefore is dismissed. A separate order accompanies this memorandum opinion.

Date: April 5, 2023

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TANYA S. CHUTKAN  
United States District Judge