

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

KELTON JONATHON SORENSON,	:	
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Plaintiff,	:	
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v.	:	Civil Action No. 23-3579 (UNA)
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RUSSIA,	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	

MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter is before the Court on plaintiff’s application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, ECF No. 2, and *pro se* complaint, ECF No. 1. The Court will grant the application and dismiss the complaint.

This Court cannot exercise subject matter jurisdiction over a “patent[ly] insubstantial” complaint. *Tooley v. Napolitano*, 586 F.3d 1006, 1010 (D.C. Cir. 2009) (examining cases dismissed “for patent insubstantiality,” including where the plaintiff allegedly “was subjected to a campaign of surveillance and harassment deriving from uncertain origins.”); *see Hagans v. Lavine*, 415 U.S. 528, 536-37 (1974) (“Over the years, this Court has repeatedly held that the federal courts are without power to entertain claims otherwise within their jurisdiction if they are ‘so attenuated and unsubstantial as to be absolutely devoid of merit.’” (quoting *Newburyport Water Co. v. Newburyport*, 193 U.S. 561, 579 (1904))). Consequently, the Court is obligated to dismiss a complaint as frivolous “when the facts alleged rise to the level of the irrational or the wholly incredible,” *Denton v. Hernandez*, 504 U.S. 25, 33 (1992), or the pleading “postulat[es] events and circumstances of a wholly fanciful kind,” *Crisafi*, 655 F.2d at 1307–08. The instant complaint falls into this category, as it is barely legible and mostly incomprehensible.

An Order is issued separately.

DATE: December 14, 2023

BERYL A. HOWELL
United States District Judge