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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Toni Patricia Irons Burley, )  
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Plaintiff, )  
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v. )  
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United States Government *et al.*, )  
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Defendants. )

Civil Action No. **11 1092**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

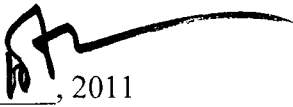

This matter is before the Court on its initial review of plaintiff's *pro se* complaint and application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Court will grant the *in forma pauperis* application and dismiss the case because the complaint fails to meet the minimal pleading requirements of Rule 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*, 129 S.Ct. 1937, 1950 (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).

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Plaintiff, a resident of Kingston, New York, sues the United States, President Barack Obama “and administration,” and the States of Georgia and Florida. She seeks \$20 million “and [her] land and property back.” Compl. at 4. However, the complaint allegations describing various events are too disjointed to provide any notice of a claim against the named defendants. A separate Order of dismissal accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

Date: June 17, 2011

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United States District Judge