

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).

Defendants, among which are federal government agencies, media outlets and actors, allegedly have entered into a conspiracy, the purpose of which is unclear. This complaint fails to include a short and plain statement showing that plaintiff is entitled to the relief he demands, and defendants could not be expected to prepare an adequate response to the complaint in its current form. Therefore, the Court will grant the plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and will dismiss the complaint without prejudice because it fails to meet the minimal pleading standard set forth in Rule 8(a). An Order consistent with this Memorandum Opinion is issued separately.

DATE:

2/28/18


United States District Judge