

INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR THE PREPARATION OF A COMPLAINT

Caption as follows:

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS

YOUR NAME

v.

No. _____

THE UNITED STATES

COMPLAINT

The original plus 7 copies; typewritten on letter size paper with page numbers appearing in the bottom center margin of the page; bound on the left; duplication by any modern photocopy method; each copy of the complaint must be complete in itself; i.e., if attachments are utilized then the original and all the copies must contain the attachments.

The complaint should include allegations as to the court's jurisdiction and citation to the underlying statute or regulation that mandates the payment of money. If it is for the refund of federal taxes already paid, a social security number should be provided.

The facts upon which claims are based must be set forth in concise form in numbered paragraphs.

The concluding or "Wherefore" paragraph should set forth demand for judgment against The United States in X number of dollars.

The original complaint must contain your signature, name, address, telephone number, facsimile number, and date of signing.

Enclose a check in the sum of **\$150.00** payable to "Clerk, U.S. Court of Federal Claims" in payment of the filing fee. If one desires to file without payment of this fee, then the appropriate *in forma pauperis* affidavit, making such a request, must accompany the complaint.

Original plus 7 copies together with the filing fee must be forwarded to:

Clerk, U.S. Court of Federal Claims
717 Madison Place, NW, Room 103
Washington, DC 20005

Service on the United States will be made by the Clerk, and your receipt for the filing fee or the notice of allowance of the *informa pauperis* request will show file date and docket number. Subject to prior action by the court, the United States has 60 days from the file date to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint.

s/Margaret M. Earnest, Clerk
U.S. Court of Federal Claims

February 8, 2001