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Return of Private Foundation
or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust
Treated as a Private Foundation

2008

Note. The foundation may be able to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

For calendar year 2008, or tax year beginning DEC 1, 2008, and ending NOV 30, 2009

G Check all that apply: ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Amended return ☐ Address change ☐ Name changeUse the IRS
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Otherwise,
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or type.
See Specific
Instructions.

Name of foundation

THE MERLIN FOUNDATION

Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address)

545 PEARL STREET

Room/suite

City or town, state, and ZIP code

BOULDER, CO 80302

A Employer identification number

84-1232001

B Telephone number

(303) 440-8075

C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ☐2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test,
check here and attach computation ☐E If private foundation status was terminated
under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination
under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐H Check type of organization: ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16)

\$ 10,923. (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)

J Accounting method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual☐ Other (specify)Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses
(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a))(a) Revenue and
expenses per books(b) Net investment
income(c) Adjusted net
income(d) Disbursements
for charitable purposes
(cash basis only)

1	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received	256,000.			
2	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	79.	79.		STATEMENT 1
4	Dividends and interest from securities				
5a	Gross rents				
b	Net rental income or (loss)				
6a	Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
b	Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
7	Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		0.		
8	Net short-term capital gain				
9	Income modifications				
10a	Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b	Less Cost of goods sold				
c	Gross profit or (loss)				
11	Other income				
12	Total. Add lines 1 through 11	256,079.	79.	0.	
13	Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0.	0.	0.	0.
14	Other employee salaries and wages				
15	Pension plans, employee benefits				
16a	Legal fees				
b	Accounting fees	1,200.	1,200.	1,200.	0.
c	Other professional fees				
17	Interest				
18	Taxes				
19	Depreciation and depletion				
20	Gratuities				
21	Travel, conferences, and meetings				
22	Printing and publications				
23	Other expenses	34.	34.	34.	0.
24	Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	1,234.	1,234.	1,234.	0.
25	Contributions, gifts, grants paid	250,000.			250,000.
26	Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	251,234.	1,234.	1,234.	250,000.
27	Subtract line 26 from line 12:				
a	Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	4,845.			
b	Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		0.		
c	Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			0.	

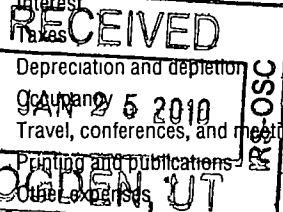
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Revenue

Operating and Administrative Expenses



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Part II Balance Sheets		Beginning of year (a) Book Value	End of year	
			(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	84.	4,862.	4,862.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments			
	3 Accounts receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	4 Pledges receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a Investments - U.S. and state government obligations			
	b Investments - corporate stock STMT 4	6,306.	6,373.	6,061.
	c Investments - corporate bonds			
Liabilities	11 Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
	Less: accumulated depreciation ▶			
	12 Investments - mortgage loans			
	13 Investments - other			
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶			
	Less: accumulated depreciation ▶			
	15 Other assets (describe ▶)			
	16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers)	6,390.	11,235.	10,923.
	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18 Grants payable			
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶)			
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0.	0.	
	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.			
	24 Unrestricted	6,390.	11,235.	
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 31.			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund			
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	30 Total net assets or fund balances	6,390.	11,235.	
	31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	6,390.	11,235.	

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1 Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year - Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	6,390.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	4,845.
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	0.
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	11,235.
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	0.
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	11,235.

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)		(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a				
b	NONE			
c				
d				
e				

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69

(i) F.M.V. as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss) { If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7
If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 } 2

3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6):
If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c).
If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 { } 3

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

N/A

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank.

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year; see instructions before making any entries.

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2007			
2006			
2005			
2004			
2003			

2 Total of line 1, column (d)

2

3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period - divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years

3

4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2008 from Part X, line 5

4

5 Multiply line 4 by line 3

5

6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)

6

7 Add lines 5 and 6

7

8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4

8

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate.
See the Part VI instructions.

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 - see instructions)

1a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling letter: <u>05/24/42</u> (attach copy of ruling letter if necessary-see instructions)		1	N/A
b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b			
c All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b)			
2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		2	
3 Add lines 1 and 2		3	
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		4	
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		5	0.
6 Credits/Payments:			
a 2008 estimated tax payments and 2007 overpayment credited to 2008	6a		
b Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source	6b		
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c		
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d		
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7		0.
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8		
9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9		0.
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10		
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2009 estimated tax <input type="checkbox"/> Refunded <input type="checkbox"/>	11		

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
1b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see instructions for definition)? If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.		X
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation. <input type="checkbox"/> \$ <u>0.</u> (2) On foundation managers. <input type="checkbox"/> \$ <u>0.</u>		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. <input type="checkbox"/> \$ <u>0.</u>		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.		X
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T.		X
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?		X
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV.	X	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> <u>NONE</u>		
b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? If "No," attach explanation	X	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2008 or the taxable year beginning in 2008 (see instructions for Part XIV)? If "Yes," complete Part XIV		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses		X

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Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions)	11		X
12	Did the foundation acquire a direct or indirect interest in any applicable insurance contract before August 17, 2008?	12		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ► N/A	13	X	
14	The books are in care of ► TAXPAYER Telephone no. ► 303-440-8075 Located at ► 545 PEARL STREET, BOULDER, CO ZIP+4 ► 80302			
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	15		N/A

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

	Yes	No
1a During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):		
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
b If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see page 20 of the instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here	N/A	1b
c Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2008?		1c
2 Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):		
a At the end of tax year 2008, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2008? If "Yes," list the years ►	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see instructions.)	N/A	2b
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ►		
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2008 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969; (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest; or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2008)	N/A	3b
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?		4a
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2008?		4b

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Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)

5a During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3), or section 4940(d)(2)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?

☐ Yes ☒ No

b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)-(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?

N/A

5b

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here

☒

c If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?

N/A

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d)

6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?

☐ Yes ☒ No

b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?

6b

X

If you answered "Yes" to 6b, also file Form 8870.

7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?

☐ Yes ☒ No

b If yes, did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?

N/A

7b

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation.

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
THOMAS A. BARRON 545 PEARL STREET BOULDER, CO. 80302	PRESIDENT 10.00	0.	0.	0.
CURRIE C. BARRON 545 PEARL STREET BOULDER, CO. 80302	DIRECTOR 10.00	0.	0.	0.
LESLIE COLLIS WARD RIDGEFIELD, CT.	DIRECTOR 3.00	0.	0.	0.

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000

0

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Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors *(continued)***3** Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services

0

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.

	Expenses
1 N/A	
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.

	Amount
1 N/A	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	0.

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Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	5,856.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	2,473.
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	8,329.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0.
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0.
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	8,329.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	125.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	8,204.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	410.

Part XI Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here ☐ and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	410.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2008 from Part VI, line 5	2a	
b	Income tax for 2008. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	0.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	410.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	0.
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	410.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	0.
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	410.

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. - total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	250,000.
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	0.
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	250,000.
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	5	0.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	250,000.

Note. The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

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Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2007	(c) 2007	(d) 2008
1 Distributable amount for 2008 from Part XI, line 7				410.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2007				
a Enter amount for 2007 only			0.	
b Total for prior years:		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2008:				
a From 2003	280,480.			
b From 2004	254,772.			
c From 2005	214,550.			
d From 2006	265,752.			
e From 2007	277,433.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	1,292,987.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2008 from Part XII, line 4: ► \$ 250,000.				
a Applied to 2007, but not more than line 2a			0.	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)		0.		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)	0.			
d Applied to 2008 distributable amount				410.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	249,590.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2008 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)	0.			0.
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:	1,542,577.			
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed		0.		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount - see instructions		0.		
e Undistributed income for 2007. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see instr.			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2008. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2009				0.
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3)	0.			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2003 not applied on line 5 or line 7	280,480.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2009. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	1,262,097.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2004	254,772.			
b Excess from 2005	214,550.			
c Excess from 2006	265,752.			
d Excess from 2007	277,433.			
e Excess from 2008	249,590.			

Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment				
Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year				
SEE STATEMENT 5				
Total			3a	250,000.
b Approved for future payment				
NONE				
Total			3b	0.

Schedule B(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Schedule of Contributors**

▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, and 990-PF.

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Name of the organization

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THE MERLIN FOUNDATION**84-1232001**

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☐ 501(c)() (enter number) organization☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**. (Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.)

General Rule

- ☒ For organizations filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

Special Rules

- ☐ For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1)/170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h or 2% of the amount on Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II
- ☐ For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, aggregate contributions or bequests of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III
- ☐ For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, some contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not aggregate to more than \$1,000. (If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year.) ▶ \$ _____

Caution. Organizations that are not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules do not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but they **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2 of their Form 990, or check the box in the heading of their Form 990-EZ, or on line 2 of their Form 990-PF, to certify that they do not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

LHA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990. These instructions will be issued separately.

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2008)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	FRANCIS CABOT 545 PEARL STREET BOULDER, CO 80302	\$ 16,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
2	THOMAS BARRON 545 PEARL STREET BOULDER, CO 80302	\$ 240,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
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FORM 990-PF INTEREST ON SAVINGS AND TEMPORARY CASH INVESTMENTS STATEMENT 1

SOURCE	AMOUNT
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS	79.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 3, COLUMN A	79.

FORM 990-PF ACCOUNTING FEES STATEMENT 2

DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
ACCOUNTING	1,200.	1,200.	1,200.	0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16B	1,200.	1,200.	1,200.	0.

FORM 990-PF OTHER EXPENSES STATEMENT 3

DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
MISCELLANEOUS	34.	34.	34.	0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 23	34.	34.	34.	0.

FORM 990-PF CORPORATE STOCK STATEMENT 4

DESCRIPTION	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
MUTUAL FUNDS	6,373.	6,061.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 10B	6,373.	6,061.

FORM 990-PF

GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS
PAID DURING THE YEAR

STATEMENT 5

RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS	RECIPIENT RELATIONSHIP AND PURPOSE OF GRANT	RECIPIENT STATUS	AMOUNT
ALASKA WILDERNESS LEAGUE,	NONE GENERAL PURPOSE	PUBLIC CHARITY	1,000.
ALEXANDER DAWSON SCHOOL,	NONE GENERAL PURPOSE	PUBLIC CHARITY	5,000.
ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND,	NONE GENERAL PURPOSE	PUBLIC CHARITY	10,000.
EARTHJUSTICE LEAGUE DEFENSE FUND,	NONE GENERAL PURPOSE	PUBLIC CHARITY	10,000.
HARVARD UNIVERSITY,	NONE GENERAL PURPOSE	PUBLIC CHARITY	1,000.
HEROES PROJECT,	NONE GENERAL PURPOSE	PUBLIC CHARITY	114,000.
JANE GOODALL INSTITUTE,	NONE GENERAL PURPOSE	PUBLIC CHARITY	11,000.
KINHAVEN MUSIC SCHOOL,	NONE GENERAL PURPOSE	PUBLIC CHARITY	1,000.
NATIONAL OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SCHOOL	NONE GENERAL PURPOSE	PUBLIC CHARITY	1,000.

NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION	NONE GENERAL PURPOSE	PUBLIC CHARITY	5,000.
NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL,	NONE GENERAL PURPOSE	PUBLIC CHARITY	10,000.
THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY,	NONE GENERAL PURPOSE	PUBLIC CHARITY	60,000.
UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS,	NONE GENERAL PURPOSE	PUBLIC CHARITY	1,000.
AMERICANS FOR OXFORD,	NONE GENERAL PURPOSE	PUBLIC CHARITY	10,000.
ASPEN CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES	NONE GENERAL PURPOSE	PUBLIC CHARITY	10,000.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART XV, LINE 3A			<u>250,000.</u>