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Form **990-PF****Return of Private Foundation**
or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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For calendar year 2013 or tax year beginning 12-01, 2013, and ending 12-31, 2013

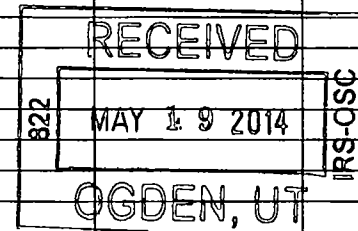
Name of foundation SPARKS FOUNDATION		A Employer identification number 72-1343011
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 2104 ISLAND DRIVE	Room/suite	B Telephone number (see instructions) (318) 398-2204
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code MONROE, LA 71201		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
G Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Name change		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
H Check type of organization <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) ▶ \$ 206,877	J Accounting method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)	F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>

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) (see instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)				
	2 Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	5			
	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)				
	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) (attach schedule)					
11 Other income (attach schedule)					
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	5	0			
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.				
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)				
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)				
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)				
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	0	0		0
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	1,000			1,000
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	1,000	0		1,000	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	(995)				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		0			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			0		

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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only. (See instructions.)			Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value		
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing	6,843	5,848	5,848		
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	4,704	4,704	4,704		
	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 (attach schedule) (see instructions)					
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶					
		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 (attach schedule)					
	b	Investments - corporate stock (attach schedule) STM137	105,966	105,966	196,325		
	c	Investments - corporate bonds (attach schedule)					
Liabilities	11	Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶					
		Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶					
	12	Investments - mortgage loans					
	13	Investments - other (attach schedule)					
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment, basis ▶					
		Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶					
	15	Other assets (describe ▶)					
	16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	117,513	116,518	206,877		
	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 (attach schedule)					
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶)					
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0	0			
		Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/>					
	24	Unrestricted					
	25	Temporarily restricted					
	26	Permanently restricted					
		Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	117,513	116,518			
	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 (see instructions)	117,513	116,518			
	31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	117,513	116,518			

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	117,513
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	(995)
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	116,518
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	116,518

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 (yr., mo., day)	(d) Date sold (yr., mo., day)
1a				
b				
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) FMV 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) (see instructions) 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.)

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 the 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))
2012	2,520	176,040	0.014315
2011	1,634	127,500	0.012816
2010	2,894	133,118	0.02174
2009	12,848	142,323	0.090274
2008	19,412	145,500	0.133416
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			2 0.27256
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 0.054512
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2013 from Part X, line 5			4 194,595
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			5 10,608
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			6
7 Add lines 5 and 6			7 10,608
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 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.			8 1,000

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 type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter: _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary-see instructions)		1	0
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	0
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	0
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		5	0
6 Credits/Payments:			
a 2013 estimated tax payments and 2012 overpayment credited to 2013	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		
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		
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 2014 estimated tax	11		
Refunded			

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
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see instructions for the 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 (2) On foundation managers		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers		
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)		
LA		
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 2013 or the taxable year beginning in 2013 (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

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 make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	12		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	13	X	
Website address ▶ N/A				
14	The books are in care of ▶ WOOD T SPARKS Telephone no ▶ 318-398-2204			
	Located at ▶ 2104 ISLAND DRIVE, MONROE, LA ZIP+4 ▶ 71201			
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041-Check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year ▶ 15			
16	At any time during calendar year 2013, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶	16	Yes	No
				X

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 instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	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 2013?	1c	X
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 2013, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2013? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," list the years ▶		
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)	2b	X
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 2013 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 2013.)	3b	
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	X
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 2013?	4b	X

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)? (see instructions) ☐ 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)? ☐ **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? ☐ 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 "Yes" to 6b, 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? ☐ **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 (see instructions).**

(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
SUSAN S SPARKS 2104 ISLAND DRIVE, MONROE, LA 71201	PRESIDENT 0	0	0	0
WOOD T SPARKS 2104 ISLAND DRIVE, MONROE, LA 71201	SEC/TREA 0	0	0	0
ELIZABETH N SPARKS 2104 ISLAND DRIVE, MONROE, LA 71201	DIRECTOR 0	0	0	0
JENNIFER C SPARKS 2104 ISLAND DRIVE, MONROE, LA 71201	DIRECTOR 0	0	0	0

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1 - see instructions). 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

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)**3** Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). 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		►

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	NONE	0
2		
3		
4		

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

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

Amount

1	NONE	0
2		
3	All other program-related investments. See instructions	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3		►

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	186,508
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	11,050
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	197,558
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	197,558
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	2,963
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	194,595
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	9,730

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	9,730
2a	Tax on investment income for 2013 from Part VI, line 5	2a	
b	Income tax for 2013 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	9,730
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	9,730
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	9,730

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	1,000
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	
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	1,000
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 (see instructions)	5	
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	1,000

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

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2012	(c) 2012	(d) 2013
1 Distributable amount for 2013 from Part XI, line 7				9,730
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2013:				
a Enter amount for 2012 only				
b Total for prior years'				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2013:				
a From 2008				
b From 2009	647			
c From 2010				
d From 2011				
e From 2012				
f Total of lines 3a through e	647			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2013 from Part XII, line 4. ▶ \$ 1,000				
a Applied to 2012, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)				
d Applied to 2013 distributable amount				1,000
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2013 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))	647			647
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
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				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount - see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2012. Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount - see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2013. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2014				8,083
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (see instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2008 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2014. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a				
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2009				
b Excess from 2010				
c Excess from 2011				
d Excess from 2012				
e Excess from 2013				

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2013, enter the date of the ruling ▶

b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2013	(b) 2012	(c) 2011	(d) 2010	
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed					
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon.					
a "Assets" alternative test - enter:					
(1) Value of all assets					
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b "Endowment" alternative test - enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed					
c "Support" alternative test - enter:					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (Interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year - see instructions.)

- 1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**
- a** List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2).)
- b** List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest
- 2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:**
- Check here ☒ if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc. (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d.
- a** The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail of the person to whom applications should be addressed:
- b** The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:
- c** Any submission deadlines:
- d** Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:

Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	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
a Paid during the year				
SALVATION ARMY				
105 HART STREET				
MONROE, LA 71201	NONE		CHARITABLE DONATION	250
EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA				
13640 E BOUNDARY ROAD				
MIDLOTHIAN, VA 23112	NONE		EDUCATION	250
RECTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND				
405 GLENMAR				
MONROE, LA 71201	NONE		RELIGIOUS	500
Total			3a	1,000
b Approved for future payment				
Total			3b	

Part XVI-A	Analysis of Income-Producing Activities
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Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated		Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income (See instructions)
		(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclusion code	(d) Amount	
1	Program service revenue					
a	_____					
b	_____					
c	_____					
d	_____					
e	_____					
f	_____					
g	Fees and contracts from government agencies . . .					
2	Membership dues and assessments					
3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments .			14		
4	Dividends and interest from securities			14	5	
5	Net rental income or (loss) from real estate*					
a	Debt-financed property					
b	Not debt-financed property					
6	Net rental income or (loss) from personal property . . .					
7	Other investment income					
8	Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory			18		
9	Net income or (loss) from special events					
10	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11	Other revenue: a _____					
b	_____					
c	_____					
d	_____					
e	_____					
12	Subtotal. Add columns (b), (d), and (e)				5	
13	Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)					13

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations)

Part XVI-B	Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes
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Federal Supporting Statements

2013 PG 01

Name(s) as shown on return

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SPARKS FOUNDATION

72-1343011

FORM 990PF, PART II, LINE 10(B)
INVESTMENTS: CORPORATE STOCK SCHEDULE

STATEMENT #137

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>BOY</u>	<u>BOOK VALUE</u>	<u>EOY FMV</u>
J P MORGAN CHASE - 3224 SHARES	103,361	103,361	188,540
BANK OF AMERICA	2,605	2,605	7,785
TOTALS	105,966	105,966	196,325

Form **1128**
(Rev. January 2008)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Application To Adopt, Change, or Retain a Tax Year

► See separate instructions.

OMB No 1545-0134

Attachment
Sequence No. 148

Part I General Information

Important: All filers must complete Part I and sign below. See instructions.

Name of filer (if a joint return is filed, also enter spouse's name) (see instructions)	Filer's identifying number
Sparks Foundation	72-1343011
Number, street, and room or suite no. (if a P.O. box, see instructions)	Service Center where income tax return will be filed
2104 Island Drive	E-FILE
City or town, state, and ZIP code	Filer's area code and telephone number/Fax number
Monroe, LA 71201	(318) 388-1911 / ()
Name of applicant, if different than the filer (see instructions)	Applicant's identifying number (see instructions)
Name of person to contact (if not the applicant or filer, attach a power of attorney)	Contact person's area code and telephone number/Fax number
WOOD T SPARKS, SECRETARY/TREASURER	(318) 388-1911 / ()

1 Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate the type of applicant (see instructions).

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative (sec. 1381(a))	<input type="checkbox"/> Passive foreign investment company (PFIC) (sec. 1297)
<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/> Controlled foreign corporation (CFC) (sec. 957)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other foreign corporation
<input type="checkbox"/> Estate	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign sales corporation (FSC) or interest-charge domestic international sales corporation (IC-DISC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax-exempt organization
<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Specified foreign corporation (SFC) (sec. 898)	<input type="checkbox"/> Homeowners Association (sec. 528)
<input type="checkbox"/> S corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> 10/50 corporation (sec. 904(d)(2)(E))	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal service corporation (PSC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Trust	(Specify entity and applicable Code section)

2a Approval is requested to (check one) (see instructions)

- ☐ Adopt a tax year ending ► (Partnerships and PSCs: Go to Part III after completing Part I.)
- ☒ Change to a tax year ending ► **12/31** ☐ Retain a tax year ending ►

b If changing a tax year, indicate the date the present tax year ends. ► **11/30**

c If adopting or changing a tax year, the first return or short period return will be filed for the tax year beginning ► **December 1**, 20 **13**, and ending ► **December 31**, 20 **13**

3 Is the applicant's present tax year, as stated on line 2b above, also its current financial reporting year? ► ☒ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach an explanation.

4 Indicate the applicant's present overall method of accounting.

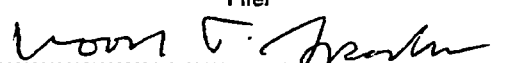
☒ Cash receipts and disbursements method ☐ Accrual method


☐ Other method (specify) ►

5 State the nature of the applicant's business or principal source of income.

Signature—All Filers (See Who Must Sign in the instructions)

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this application, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than filer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Filer*

Signature and date **5-12-14**

Preparer (other than filer)

Signature of individual preparing the application and date **5/12/2014**

WOOD T SPARKS, SECRETARY/TREASURER
Name and title (print or type)

CHARLES R HUNT, CPA
Name of individual preparing the application

*If the application is filed on behalf of a controlled foreign corporation or a 10/50 corporation by a controlling domestic shareholder, see instructions.

CHARLES R HUNT, CPA, PA
Name of firm preparing the application

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions.

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Form **1128** (Rev. 1-2008)

Part II Automatic Approval Request (see instructions)

- Identify the revenue procedure under which this automatic approval request is filed ▶

Section A—Corporations (Other Than S Corporations or Personal Service Corporations) (Rev. Proc. 2008-45, or its successor)

	Yes	No
1 Is the applicant a corporation (including a homeowners association (section 528)) that is requesting a change in tax year and is not precluded from using the automatic approval rules under section 4 of Rev. Proc. 2006-45 (or its successor)? (see instructions) ▶	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2 Does the corporation intend to elect to be an S corporation for the tax year immediately following the short period? If "Yes" and the corporation is electing to change to a permitted tax year, file Form 1128 as an attachment to Form 2553.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3 Is the applicant a corporation requesting a concurrent change for a CFC, FSC or IC-DISC? (see instructions) ▶	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Section B—Partnerships, S Corporations, Personal Service Corporations (PSCs), and Trusts (Rev. Proc. 2006-46, or its successor)

	Yes	No
4 Is the applicant a partnership, S corporation, PSC, or trust that is requesting a tax year and is not precluded from using the automatic approval rules under section 4 of Rev. Proc. 2006-46 (or its successor)? (see instructions) ▶	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5 Is the partnership, S corporation, PSC, or trust requesting to change to its required tax year or a partnership, S corporation, or PSC that wants to change to a 52-53 week tax year ending with reference to such tax year? ▶	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6 Is the partnership, S corporation, or PSC (other than a member of a tiered structure) requesting a tax year that coincides with its natural business year described in section 4.01(2) of Rev. Proc. 2006-46 (or its successor)? Attach a statement showing gross receipts for the most recent 47 months. (See instructions for information required to be submitted) ▶	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7 Is the S corporation requesting an ownership tax year? (see instructions) ▶	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8 Is the applicant a partnership requesting a concurrent change pursuant to section 6.09 of Rev. Proc. 2006-45 (or its successor) or section 5.04(8) of Rev. Proc. 2002-39 (or its successor)? (see instructions) ▶	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Section C—Individuals (Rev. Proc. 2003-62, or its successor) (see instructions)

	Yes	No
9 Is the applicant an individual requesting a change from a fiscal year to a calendar year? ▶	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Section D—Tax-Exempt Organizations (Rev. Proc. 76-10 or 85-58) (see instructions)

	Yes	No
10 Is the applicant a tax-exempt organization requesting a change? ▶	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part III Ruling Request (All applicants requesting a ruling must complete Section A and any other section that applies to the entity. See instructions.) (Rev. Proc. 2002-39, or its successor)**Section A—General Information**

	Yes	No
1 Is the applicant a partnership, S corporation, personal service corporation, or trust that is under examination by the IRS, before an appeals office, or a Federal court? ▶ If "Yes," see the instructions for information that must be included on an attached explanation.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2 Has the applicant changed its annual accounting period at any time within the most recent 48-month period ending with the last month of the requested tax year? ▶ If "Yes" and a letter ruling was issued granting approval to make the change, attach a copy of the letter ruling, or if not available, an explanation including the date approval was granted. If a letter ruling was not issued, indicate when and explain how the change was implemented.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3 Within the most recent 48-month period, has any accounting period application been withdrawn, not perfected, denied, or not implemented? ▶ If "Yes," attach an explanation.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4a Is the applicant requesting to establish a business purpose under section 5.02(1) of Rev. Proc. 2002-39 (or its successor)? ▶ If "Yes," attach an explanation of the legal basis supporting the requested tax year (see instructions).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If your business purpose is based on one of the natural business year tests under section 5.03, check the applicable box. <input type="checkbox"/> Annual business cycle test <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal business test <input type="checkbox"/> 25-percent gross receipts test Attach a statement showing gross receipts from sales and services (and inventory cost if applicable) for the test period. (see instructions)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5 Enter the taxable income or (loss) for the 3 tax years immediately preceding the year of change and for the short period. If necessary, estimate the amount for the short period. Short period \$ First preceding year \$ Second preceding year \$ Third preceding year \$ Note: Individuals, enter adjusted gross income. Partnerships and S corporations, enter ordinary income. Section 501(c) organizations, enter unrelated business taxable income. Estates, enter adjusted total income. All other applicants, enter taxable income before net operating loss deduction and special deductions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

6 Corporations only, enter the losses or credits, if any, that were generated or that expired in the short period:			Yes	No
	Generated	Expiring		
Net operating loss	\$ _____	\$ _____		
Capital loss	\$ _____	\$ _____		
Unused credits	\$ _____	\$ _____		
7 Enter the amount of deferral, if any, resulting from the change (see section 5.05(1), (2), (3) and 6.01(7) of Rev. Proc. 2002-39, or its successor) ▶ \$ _____				
8a Is the applicant a U.S. shareholder in a CFC? ▶				
If "Yes," attach a statement for each CFC providing the name, address, identifying number, tax year, the percentage of total combined voting power of the applicant, and the amount of income included in the gross income of the applicant under section 951 for the 3 tax years immediately before the short period and for the short period.				
b Will each CFC concurrently change its tax year? ▶				
If "Yes" to line 8b, go to Part II, line 3.				
If "No," attach a statement explaining why the CFC will not be conforming to the tax year requested by the U.S. shareholder.				
9a Is the applicant a U.S. shareholder in a PFIC as defined in section 1297? ▶				
If "Yes," attach a statement providing the name, address, identifying number, and tax year of the PFIC, the percentage of interest owned by the applicant, and the amount of distributions or ordinary earnings and net capital gain from the PFIC included in the income of the applicant.				
b Did the applicant elect under section 1295 to treat the PFIC as a qualified electing fund? ▶				
10a Is the applicant a member of a partnership, a beneficiary of a trust or estate, a shareholder of an S corporation, a shareholder of an IC-DISC, or a shareholder of an FSC? ▶				
If "Yes," attach a statement providing the name, address, identifying number, type of entity (partnership, trust, estate, S corporation, IC-DISC, or FSC), tax year, percentage of interest in capital and profits, or percentage of interest of each IC-DISC or FSC and the amount of income received from each entity for the first preceding year and for the short period. Indicate the percentage of gross income of the applicant represented by each amount.				
b Will any partnership concurrently change its tax year to conform with the tax year requested? ▶				
c If "Yes" to line 10b, has any Form 1128 been filed for such partnership? ▶				
11 Does the applicant or any related entity currently have any accounting method, tax year, ruling, or technical advice request pending with the IRS National Office? ▶				
If "Yes," attach a statement explaining the type of request (method, tax year, etc.) and the specific issues involved in each request				
12 Is Form 2848, Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative, attached to this application? ▶				
13 Does the applicant request a conference of right (in person or by telephone) with the IRS National Office, if the IRS proposes to disapprove the application? ▶				
14 Enter amount of user fee attached to this application (see instructions) ▶ \$ _____				
Section B—Corporations (other than S corporations and controlled foreign corporations) (see instructions)				
15 Enter the date of incorporation. ▶				
16a Does the corporation intend to elect to be an S corporation for the tax year immediately following the short period? ▶			Yes	No
b If "Yes," will the corporation be going to a permitted S corporation tax year? ▶				
If "No" to line 16b, attach an explanation.				
17 Is the corporation a member of an affiliated group filing a consolidated return? ▶				
If "Yes," attach a statement providing (a) the name, address, identifying number used on the consolidated return, tax year, and Service Center where the applicant files the return; (b) the name, address, and identifying number of each member of the affiliated group; (c) the taxable income (loss) of each member for the 3 years immediately before the short period and for the short period; and (d) the name of the parent corporation.				
18a Personal service corporations (PSCs): Attach a statement providing each shareholder's name, type of entity (individual, partnership, corporation, etc.), address, identifying number, tax year, percentage of ownership, and amount of income received from the PSC for the first preceding year and the short period.				
b If the PSC is using a tax year other than the required tax year, indicate how it obtained its tax year.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Grandfathered (attach copy of letter ruling) <input type="checkbox"/> Section 444 election (date of election _____)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Letter ruling (date of letter ruling _____ (attach copy))				

Section C—S Corporations (see instructions)

19	Enter the date of the S corporation election. ▶	N/A	Yes	No
20	Is any shareholder applying for a corresponding change in tax year? ▶ If "Yes," each shareholder requesting a corresponding change in tax year must file a separate Form 1128 to get advance approval to change its tax year.			
21	If the corporation is using a tax year other than the required tax year, indicate how it obtained its tax year. <input type="checkbox"/> Grandfathered (attach copy of letter ruling) <input type="checkbox"/> Section 444 election (date of election _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Letter ruling (date of letter ruling _____ (attach copy))			
22	Attach a statement providing each shareholder's name, type of shareholder (individual, estate, qualified subchapter S Trust, electing small business trust, other trust, or exempt organization), address, identifying number, tax year, percentage of ownership, and the amount of income each shareholder received from the S corporation for the first preceding year and for the short period.			

Section D—Partnerships (see instructions)

23	Enter the date the partnership's business began. ▶	N/A	Yes	No
24	Is any partner applying for a corresponding change in tax year? ▶			
25	Attach a statement providing each partner's name, type of partner (individual, partnership, estate, trust, corporation, S corporation, IC-DISC, etc.), address, identifying number, tax year, and the percentage of interest in capital and profits.			
26	Is any partner a shareholder of a PSC as defined in Regulations section 1.441-3(c)? ▶ If "Yes," attach a statement providing the name, address, identifying number, tax year, percentage of interest in capital and profits, and the amount of income received from each PSC for the first preceding year and for the short period.			
27	If the partnership is using a tax year other than the required tax year, indicate how it obtained its tax year. <input type="checkbox"/> Grandfathered (attach copy of letter ruling) <input type="checkbox"/> Section 444 election (date of election _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Letter ruling (date of letter ruling _____ (attach copy))			

Section E—Controlled Foreign Corporations (CFC)

28	Attach a statement for each U.S. shareholder (as defined in section 951(b)) providing the name, address, identifying number, tax year, percentage of total value and percentage of total voting power, and the amount of income included in gross income under section 951 for the 3 tax years immediately before the short period and for the short period.
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Section F—Tax-Exempt Organizations

29	Type of organization: <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▶	Yes	No
30	Date of organization. ▶		
31	Code section under which the organization is exempt. ▶		
32	Is the organization required to file an annual return on Form 990, 1120-C, 990-PF, 990-T, 1120-H, or 1120-POL? ▶		
33	Enter the date the tax exemption was granted. ▶ Attach a copy of the letter ruling granting exemption. If a copy of the letter ruling is not available, attach an explanation.		
34	If the organization is a private foundation, is the foundation terminating its status under section 507? . . . ▶		

Section G—Estates

35	Enter the date the estate was created. ▶
36a	Attach a statement providing the name, identifying number, address, and tax year of each beneficiary and each person who is an interested party of any portion of the estate.
b	Based on the adjusted total income of the estate entered in Part III, Section A, line 5, attach a statement showing the distribution deduction and the taxable amounts distributed to each beneficiary for the 2 tax years immediately before the short period and for the short period.

Section H—Passive Foreign Investment Companies

37	If the applicant is a passive foreign investment company, attach a statement providing each U.S. shareholder's name, address, identifying number, and percentage of interest owned.
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