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Form **990-PF**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Private Foundation

or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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For calendar year 2015, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015 , and ending 12-31-2015

Name of foundation THE GESS FOUNDATION MR GERALD SLAVET C/O FROM THE TOP		A Employer identification number 04-3539095
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 295 HUNTINGTON AVENUE No 201	Room/suite	B Telephone number (see instructions) (781) 356-2719
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code BOSTON, MA 02115		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
G Check all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <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"/> E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/> F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
H Check type of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) ▶ \$ 2,835,655	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)	

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))		Revenue and expenses per books (a)	Net investment income (b)	Adjusted net income (c)	Disbursements for charitable purposes (d) (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	1,036	1,036		
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	45,134	45,134		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss) _____				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10 _____	49,012			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 589,444				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		49,012		
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances _____				
Operating and Administrative Expenses	b Less Cost of goods sold				
	c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
	11 Other income (attach schedule)	433	1,905		
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	95,615	97,087		
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0	0		0
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule).	475	238		237
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule).	6,800	3,400		3,400
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	457	2		0
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule).	8,322	8,252		70
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	16,054	11,892		3,707
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	162,696			162,696
	26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	178,750	11,892		166,403
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-83,135			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		85,195		
	c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)				

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	6,665		
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	30,872	145,787	145,797
	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)	1,202,535	997,254	1,855,272
	c	Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)	382,391	354,281	531,815
	11	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
	12	Investments—mortgage loans			
	13	Investments—other (attach schedule)	184,470	313,840	302,771
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
Liabilities	15	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	34,251	67	0
	16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	1,841,184	1,811,229	2,835,655
	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18	Grants payable			
	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 ▶ _____)	0	82,331	
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0	82,331	
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.			
	24	Unrestricted	1,841,184	1,728,898	
	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 (see instructions)	1,841,184	1,728,898	
	31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	1,841,184	1,811,229	

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	1,841,184
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-83,135
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	3	0
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	1,758,049
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	5	29,151
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6	1,728,898

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e g , real estate, (a) 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)		How acquired (b) P—Purchase D—Donation	Date acquired (c) (mo , day, yr)	Date sold (d) (mo , day, yr)
1a	See Additional Data Table			
b				
c				
d				
e				

(e) Gross sales price	Depreciation allowed (f) (or allowable)	Cost or other basis (g) plus expense of sale	Gain or (loss) (h) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a See Additional Data Table			
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	Adjusted basis (j) as of 12/31/69	Excess of col (i) (k) over col (j), if any	Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h)) (l)
a See Additional Data Table			
b			
c			
d			
e			

2	Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	<div>If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7</div>	2	49,012
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 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))
2014	118,060	2,912,383	0 040537
2013	125,743	2,535,695	0 049589
2012	113,958	2,362,285	0 048241
2011	125,002	2,343,974	0 053329
2010	101,022	2,172,234	0 046506

2	Total of line 1, column (d).	2	0 238202
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 047640
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5.	4	2,892,264
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3.	5	137,787
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).	6	852
7	Add lines 5 and 6.	7	138,639
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4.	8	166,403

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 page 18 of the 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	852
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input checked="" 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	852
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	852
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015	6a	160
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b	
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868).	6c	5,000
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d.	7	5,160
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8	15
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	4,293
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2015 estimated tax ▶ 4,293 Refunded ▶	11	0

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

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?		Yes	No
1a				No
b	Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for definition)? <i>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</i>	1b		No
c	Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?	1c		No
d	Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year (1) On the foundation ▶ \$ _____ 0 (2) On foundation managers ▶ \$ _____ 0			
e	Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ▶ \$ _____ 0			
2	Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? <i>If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities</i>	2		No
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? <i>If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes</i>	3		No
4a	Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	4a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	4b	Yes	
5	Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T</i>	5		No
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?	6		No
7	Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV</i>	7	Yes	
8a	Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ▶ MA _____			
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? <i>If "No," attach explanation.</i>	8b	Yes	
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 2015 or the taxable year beginning in 2015 (see instructions for Part XIV)? <i>If "Yes," complete Part XIV</i>	9		No
10	Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses</i>	10		No

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		No
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		No
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ▶ N/A	13	Yes	
14	The books are in care of ▶ GERALD SLAVET Telephone no ▶ (781) 356-2719 Located at ▶ 220 FORBES ROAD BRAINTREE MA ZIP+4 ▶ 02184			
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 2015, 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 instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶	16	Yes	No

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)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No 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 2015? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	1c	No
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 2015, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2015? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," list the years ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____		
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). <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	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 ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____		
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 2015 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 2015). <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	3b	
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	No
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 2015?	4b	No

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 4945(d)(4)(A)? (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 anyof 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

No

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	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation(If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
GERALD SLAVET 15 WINTHROP ROAD WELLESLEY, MA 02181	TRUSTEE 1 00	0	0	0
SUSAN F SLAVET 15 WINTHROP ROAD WELLESLEY, MA 02181	TRUSTEE 1 00	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	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation	Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation (d)	Expense account, (e) other allowances
NONE				

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

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.▶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	
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	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	

Total. Add lines 1 through 3▶0

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	2,870,949
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	65,360
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	2,936,309
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	2,936,309
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	44,045
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	2,892,264
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	144,613

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	144,613
2a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	852
b	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	5
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	857
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	143,756
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	0
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	143,756
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	143,756

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	166,403
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	166,403
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	852
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	165,551

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 2014	(c) 2014	(d) 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7				143,756
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
a Enter amount for 2014 only.			20,616	
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____		0		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
a From 2010.				
b From 2011.				
c From 2012.				
d From 2013.				
e From 2014.				
f Total of lines 3a through e.	0			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4 ► \$ <u>166,403</u>				
a Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a			20,616	
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 2015 distributable amount.				143,756
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	2,031			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (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:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	2,031			
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 2014 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions			0	
f Undistributed income for 2016 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2015				0
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions).	0			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions). . .	0			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a.	2,031			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2011. . . .				
b Excess from 2012. . . .				
c Excess from 2013. . . .				
d Excess from 2014. . . .				
e Excess from 2015. . . .	2,031			

Part XIV

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☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
(a) 2015	(b) 2014	(c) 2013	(d) 2012	

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Part XV

1 Informa

Contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation
 have contributed more than \$5,000) (See section 507(d)(2))

10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the
which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest

2 Informa

Contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept or make gifts, grants, etc. (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under

mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed

mitted and information and materials they should include

as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other

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 Additional Data Table				
Total			▶ 3a	162,696
b Approved for future payment				
Total			▶ 3b	0

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

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

Form **990-PF** (2015)

Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations

	Yes	No
1a(1)		No
1a(2)		No
1b(1)		No
1b(2)		No
1b(3)		No
1b(4)		No
1b(5)		No
1b(6)		No
1c		No

(1) Cash.

(2) Other assets.

(1)	Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization.
(2)	Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization.
(3)	Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets.
(4)	Reimbursement arrangements.
(5)	Loans or loan guarantees.
(6)	Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations.

1c		No
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b If "Yes," complete the following schedule

**Sign
Here**

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Title

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below

(see instr.)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Firm's EIN ► 22-1478099

Phone no (617) 648-1400

Form **990-PF** (2015)

Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns a - d

List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e g , real estate, (a) 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)	How acquired P—Purchase (b) D—Donation	Date acquired (c) (mo , day, yr)	(d) Date sold (mo , day, yr)
US Trust - ST Cap Gain / Loss			
US Trust - LT Cap Gain / Loss			
From K-1 KKR - Short Term	P		
From K-1 KKR - Long Term	P		
From K-1 KKR - 1231 Gain	P		
From K-1 Och-Ziff Capital Management	P		
From K-1 Enterprise 1231 G/L	P		
Capital Gains Dividends	P		

Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns e - h

(e) Gross sales price	Depreciation allowed (f) (or allowable)	Cost or other basis (g) plus expense of sale	Gain or (loss) (h) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
190,778		249,780	-59,002
384,814		290,577	94,237
		60	-60
1,309			1,309
251			251
70			70
		15	-15
12,222			12,222

Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns i - l

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or (l) Losses (from col (h))
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	Adjusted basis (j) as of 12/31/69	Excess of col (i) (k) over col (j), if any	
			-59,002
			94,237
			-60
			1,309
			251
			70
			-15
			12,222

Form 990PF Part XV Line 1a - 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).

GERALD SLAVET

SUSAN F SLAVET

Form 990PF Part XV Line 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				
30-MILE RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION PO BOX 132 MOUNT VERNON,ME 04352		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	5,000
AJC 1000 Abernathy Road NE Suite 600 Atlanta,GA 30328		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	1,800
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL 5 PENN PLAZA NEW YORK,NY 10001		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	500
anti-defamation league 605 third avenue new york, NY 10158		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	300
Boston Book Festival 2 Canan Park 3 Cambridge,MA 02141		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	250
BOSTON JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL 123 GOULD STREET NEEDHAM,MA 02494		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	1,000
boston jewish music festival 123 gould sTREET nEEDHAM,MA 02494		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	5,000
BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 301 MASSACHUSETTS AVE BOSTON,MA 02115		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	1,316
Boston's Childrens Chorus 112 Shawmut Ave Boston,MA 02118		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	400
BOWDOIN COLLEGE 4000 COLLEGE STATION BRUNSWICK,ME 04011		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	1,000
CPI 295 HUNTINGTON AVENUE suite 201 BOSTON,MA 02115		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	15,000
doctors without borders 333 seventh avenue 2nd floor new YORK,NY 10001		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	500
DR SHAW MEMORIAL LIBRARY 35 DEMARIANO ROAD MOUNT VERNON,ME 04352		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	5,000
Friends of the Israel Defense Forces 1430 Broadway New York,NY 10118		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	930
FROM THE TOP 295 HUNTINGTON AVENUE suite 201 BOSTON,MA 02115		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	84,325
Total			3a	162,696

Form 990PF Part XV Line 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				
HEBREW SENIOR LIFE 1200 Centre Street Roslindale, MA 02131		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	500
HOUSES ON THE MOON THEATER COMPANY PO BOX 247 PLANETARIUM STATION NEW YORK, NY 10024		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	500
JSB Fund PO Box 671868 Marietta, GA 30006		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	100
Karma for Cara 650 South Exeter Street Suite 1000 BaLTIMORE, MD 21202		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	300
MAINE PUBLIC BROADCASTING 63 TEXAS AVE BANGOR, ME 04401		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	1,500
Mission Valley YMCA 5505 Friars Road SaN DIEGO, CA 92110		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	200
mt vernon fire department 7 belgrade road mt vernon, ME 04352		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	150
NATIONAL CENTER FOR JEWISH FILM BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY LOWN 102 MS053 WALTHAM, MA 04364		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	500
Nyaka School 2970 E Lake Lansing Rd East Lansing, MI 48823		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	5,245
OXFAM 226 CAUSEWAY STREET 5TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02114		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	250
PAIR PROJECT 254 FRIEND STREET 5TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02114		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	400
PAN-MASS CHALLENGE 77 4TH AVENUE NEEDHAM, MA 02494		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	100
PARKER POND ASSOCIATON 321 TOWER ROAD VIENNA, ME 04360		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	70
PLAY ON PHILLY 4501 CHESTNUT ST PHILADELPHIA, PA 19139		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	350
TEMPLE BETH ELOHIM 10 BETHAL ROAD WELLESLEY, MA 02481		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	29,610
Total ▶ 3a				162,696

Form 990PF Part XV Line 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 <i>Paid during the year</i>				
WBUR 890 Commonwealth Avenue BOSTON,MA 02215		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	300
WGBH ONE GUEST STREET BOSTON,MA 02135		PC	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	300
Total ▶ 3a				162,696

TY 2015 Accounting Fees Schedule

Name: THE GESS FOUNDATION MR GERALD SLAVET
C/O FROM THE TOP

EIN: 04-3539095

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
ACCOUNTING	6,800	3,400		3,400

TY 2015 Investments Corporate Bonds Schedule

Name: THE GESS FOUNDATION MR GERALD SLAVET
C/O FROM THE TOP

EIN: 04-3539095

Name of Bond	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
COLUMBIA BOND FUND	266,201	445,575
DOUBLELINE TOTAL RETURN	88,080	86,240

TY 2015 Investments Corporate Stock Schedule

Name: THE GESS FOUNDATION MR GERALD SLAVET

C/O FROM THE TOP

EIN: 04-3539095

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
ACCENTURE PLC	43,546	57,475
Alibaba Group Hldg LTD	59,497	56,889
ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC	9,554	53,410
AMERICAN WTR WKS CO INC	45,648	59,750
ANHEUSER BUSCH INBEV SA	31,831	68,750
APPLE INC	62,054	110,523
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC	30,065	46,214
BORG WAGNER INC	37,958	60,522
CELGENE CORP	26,757	95,808
CHURCH & DWIGHT INC	47,723	59,416
Citigroup Inc	45,917	41,400
CVS HEALTH CORP	35,667	78,216
DISCOVER FINL SVCS	14,590	53,620
ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS PARTNERS LP	5,632	33,254
FACEBOOK INC	48,613	188,388
GILEAD SCIENCES INC	41,188	60,714
HALLIBURTON CO	33,657	34,040
HOME DEPOT INC	46,568	66,125
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	48,184	71,904
MORGAN STANLEY	26,635	38,172
NOVO-NORDISK A S ADR	7,994	87,120
ROCHE HLDG LTD	37,560	55,226
SCHLUMBERGER LTD	13,621	28,100
SERVICENOW INC	46,875	69,248
STARBUCKS CORP	37,833	84,042
TE CONNECTIVITY LTD	34,785	64,610
UNITED RENTALS INC	40,230	72,540
WELLS FARGO & CO	37,072	59,796

TY 2015 Investments - Other Schedule

Name: THE GESS FOUNDATION MR GERALD SLAVET
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EIN: 04-3539095

Category/ Item	Listed at Cost or FMV	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
COLUMBIA EMERGING MARKETS FUND	AT COST	32,829	28,598
KKR & CO LP	AT COST	47,273	48,329
Prudential Global Real Estate	AT COST	117,303	110,053
Robeco Boston Partners Long/Short Res Fund	AT COST	87,977	87,333
Undiscovered Managers FDS Behavioral Value	AT COST	28,458	28,458

TY 2015 Legal Fees Schedule

Name: THE GESS FOUNDATION MR GERALD SLAVET
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EIN: 04-3539095

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Legal Fees	475	238		237

TY 2015 Other Assets Schedule

Name: THE GESS FOUNDATION MR GERALD SLAVET
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EIN: 04-3539095

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Fair Market Value
CONTRIBUTIONS PAID IN	34,251	67	

TY 2015 Other Decreases Schedule**Name:** THE GESS FOUNDATION MR GERALD SLAVET

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EIN: 04-3539095

Description	Amount
Prior Period Reconciling Item	29,151

TY 2015 Other Expenses Schedule

Name: THE GESS FOUNDATION MR GERALD SLAVET
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EIN: 04-3539095

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	8,252	8,252		0
MA FILING FEES	70	0		70

TY 2015 Other Income Schedule

Name: THE GESS FOUNDATION MR GERALD SLAVET
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EIN: 04-3539095

Description	Revenue And Expenses Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income
FROM K-1 ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS PARTNERS,L P	1,843	1,843	1,843
FROM K-1 ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS PARTNERS,L P	4	4	4
FROM K-1 KKR & CO LP	58	58	58
FROM K-1 KKR & CO LP	-774		-774
FROM K-1 OCH-ZIFF CAPITAL MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC	-698		-698

TY 2015 Other Liabilities Schedule

Name: THE GESS FOUNDATION MR GERALD SLAVET
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EIN: 04-3539095

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value
cash overdraft	0	82,331

TY 2015 Taxes Schedule

Name: THE GESS FOUNDATION MR GERALD SLAVET
C/O FROM THE TOP

EIN: 04-3539095

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
FEDERAL EXCISE TAXES	455	0		0
foreign tax	2	2		0