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## Return of Private Foundation

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Form 990-PF

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

For calendar year 2015 or tax year beginning

, and ending

Name of foundation <b>THE INDIA BENTON LESSER FOUNDATION</b>		A Employer identification number <b>58-2436064</b>
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) <b>C/O SUN TRUST, PO BOX 2138 MC 3701</b>		B Telephone number <b>941-951-3297</b>
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>SARASOTA, FL 34230</b>		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 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		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) <b>\$ 250,032.</b>	J Accounting method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	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).)		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received		75,890.		N/A	
2 Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments		6.	6.		STATEMENT 1
4 Dividends and interest from securities		3,668.	3,668.		STATEMENT 2
5a Gross rents					
b Net rental income or (loss)					
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10		10,048.			
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a <b>225,475.</b>					
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)			10,048.		
8 Net short-term capital gain					
9 Income modifications					
10a Gross sales less returns and allowances					
b Less Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss)					
11 Other income					
12 Total Add lines 1 through 11		89,612.	13,722.		
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc		0.	0.		0.
14 Other employee salaries and wages					
15 Pension plans, employee benefits					
16a Legal fees STMT 3		2,203.	1,101.		1,102.
b Accounting fees STMT 4		2,650.	1,325.		1,325.
c Other professional fees STMT 5		3,188.	1,594.		1,594.
17 Interest					
18 Taxes STMT 6		222.			0.
19 Depreciation and depletion					
20 Occupancy					
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings		5,216.			0.
22 Printing and publications					
23 Other expenses STMT 7		50.			0.
24 Total operating and administrative expenses Add lines 13 through 23		13,529.	4,090.		4,021.
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid		110,456.			110,456.
26 Total expenses and disbursements Add lines 24 and 25		123,985.	4,090.		114,477.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements		<34,373.>			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)			9,632.		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)				N/A	

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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only	Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing	23,044.	4,877.	4,877.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	6,288.	16,523.	16,523.
	3	Accounts receivable ▶			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	4	Pledges receivable ▶			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5	Grants receivable			
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	7	Other notes and loans receivable ▶			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8	Inventories for sale or use			
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	929.	1,108.	
	10a	Investments - U.S. and state government obligations			
	b	Investments - corporate stock STMT 8	208,363.	184,334.	187,965.
	c	Investments - corporate bonds STMT 9	51,127.	42,302.	40,667.
Liabilities	11	Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
		Less accumulated depreciation ▶			
	12	Investments - mortgage loans			
	13	Investments - other			
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶			
		Less accumulated depreciation ▶			
	15	Other assets (describe ▶)			
	16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	289,751.	249,144.	250,032.
	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	6,234.	0.	
	18	Grants payable			
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19	Deferred revenue			
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable			
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶)			
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	6,234.	0.	
		Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31			
	24	Unrestricted	283,517.	249,144.	
	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	283,517.	249,144.	
	31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	289,751.	249,144.	

## 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	283,517.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	<34,373.>
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	0.
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	249,144.
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	0.
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	249,144.

**Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income**

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)	(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
<b>1a SUNTRUST #2620 - SHORT TERM - SEE SCHEDULE</b>			
<b>b ATTACHED</b>	P		12/31/15
<b>c SUNTRUST #2620 - LONG TERM - SEE SCHEDULE</b>			
<b>d ATTACHED</b>	P		12/31/15
<b>e CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS</b>			

(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)
<b>a</b>			
<b>b 141,229.</b>		<b>140,930.</b>	<b>299.</b>
<b>c</b>			
<b>d 80,270.</b>		<b>74,497.</b>	<b>5,773.</b>
<b>e 3,976.</b>			<b>3,976.</b>

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

(i) F.M.V. as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
<b>a</b>			
<b>b</b>			<b>299.</b>
<b>c</b>			
<b>d</b>			<b>5,773.</b>
<b>e</b>			<b>3,976.</b>

<b>2</b> 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 }	<b>2</b>	<b>10,048.</b>
<b>3</b> Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6): If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8	{ }	<b>3</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**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))
2014	148,843.	339,191.	.438818
2013	79,536.	360,461.	.220651
2012	45,958.	305,196.	.150585
2011	82,565.	310,022.	.266320
2010	101,256.	391,962.	.258331

<b>2</b> Total of line 1, column (d)	<b>2</b>	<b>1.334705</b>
<b>3</b> 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	<b>3</b>	<b>.266941</b>
<b>4</b> Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5	<b>4</b>	<b>273,664.</b>
<b>5</b> Multiply line 4 by line 3	<b>5</b>	<b>73,052.</b>
<b>6</b> Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	<b>6</b>	<b>96.</b>
<b>7</b> Add lines 5 and 6	<b>7</b>	<b>73,148.</b>
<b>8</b> Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	<b>8</b>	<b>114,477.</b>

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

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

1a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter: _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary-see instructions)			
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		1	96.
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	96.
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	96.
6 Credits/Payments:			
a 2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015	6a	943.	
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	943.	
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	847.	
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2016 estimated tax	11	0.	

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities**

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
1b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see instructions for 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
1c 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. ► \$ 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? 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) ► FL		
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 2015 or the taxable year beginning in 2015 (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

N/A

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities** (continued)

	Yes	No
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)		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)		X
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ► <b>WWW.THELESSERFOUNDATION.ORG</b>	X	
14 The books are in care of ► <b>SUNTRUST BANK</b> Telephone no. ► <b>941-951-3120</b> Located at ► <b>P.O. BOX 2018, SARASOTA, FL</b> ZIP+4 ► <b>34230</b>		
15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year ► 15 N/A		
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 the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►		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 N/A ► <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?	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 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 ► , , , b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see instructions.) N/A c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ► , , ,	2b	
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.) N/A	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 2015?	4b	X

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

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 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 any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?

N/A

5b

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here

▶ ☐

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

N/A

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

6b

X

If "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?

N/A

7b

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

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

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
SEE STATEMENT 10		0.	0.	0.

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

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

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

0

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

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

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

0

**Part IX-A****Summary of Direct Charitable Activities**

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

	Expenses
1 N/A	
2	
3	
4	

**Part IX-B****Summary of Program-Related Investments**

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

	Amount
1 N/A	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	

Total. Add lines 1 through 3

0.

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

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	252,465.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	25,366.
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c	
d	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	277,831.
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	277,831.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	4,167.
5	<b>Net value of noncharitable-use assets</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	273,664.
6	<b>Minimum investment return</b> Enter 5% of line 5	6	13,683.

**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	13,683.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5	2a	96.
b	Income tax for 2015. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	96.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	13,587.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	0.
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	13,587.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	0.
7	<b>Distributable amount</b> as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	13,587.

**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	114,477.
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	<b>Qualifying distributions</b> Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	114,477.
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	5	96.
6	<b>Adjusted qualifying distributions.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	114,381.

**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
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7				13,587.
<b>2</b> Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
<b>a</b> Enter amount for 2014 only			0.	
<b>b</b> Total for prior years:		0.		
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015:				
<b>a</b> From 2010	81,948.			
<b>b</b> From 2011	70,332.			
<b>c</b> From 2012	32,575.			
<b>d</b> From 2013	63,238.			
<b>e</b> From 2014	133,547.			
<b>f</b> Total of lines 3a through e	381,640.			
<b>4</b> Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4: ► \$	114,477.			
<b>a</b> Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a			0.	
<b>b</b> Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)		0.		
<b>c</b> Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)	0.			
<b>d</b> Applied to 2015 distributable amount				13,587.
<b>e</b> Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	100,890.			
<b>5</b> Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))	0.			0.
<b>6</b> Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
<b>a</b> Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5	482,530.			
<b>b</b> Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
<b>c</b> 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.		
<b>d</b> Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount - see instructions		0.		
<b>e</b> Undistributed income for 2014. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see instr.			0.	
<b>f</b> Undistributed income for 2015. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2016				0.
<b>7</b> 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.			
<b>8</b> Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7	81,948.			
<b>9</b> Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	400,582.			
<b>10</b> Analysis of line 9:				
<b>a</b> Excess from 2011	70,332.			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2012	32,575.			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2013	63,238.			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2014	133,547.			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2015	100,890.			



**Part XV** Supplementary Information (continued)

<b>3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment</b>				
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)				
<b>a Paid during the year</b>				
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY P.O. BOX 22718 OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73123	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	10,000.
ASOLO THEATRE 5555 NORTH TAMiami TRAIL SARASOTA, FL 34243	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	23,833.
ATHENS YMCA 915 HAWTHORNE AVENUE ATHENS, GA 30606	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	1,000.
CALLAGHAN TIRE CHARITY PRO-AM 5066 18TH AVE WEST BRADENTON, FL 34209	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	700.
CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF VENICE, INC. PO BOX 2116 VENICE, FL 34284	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	1,600.
<b>Total</b>	<b>SEE CONTINUATION SHEET(S)</b>			<b>110,456.</b>
<b>b Approved for future payment</b>				
NONE				
<b>Total</b>				<b>0.</b>

**Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities**

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
	(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclu- sion 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	6.		
4 Dividends and interest from securities			14	3,668.		
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	10,048.		
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)		0.		13,722.		0.
13 Total Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)					13	13,722.

(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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**Part XV Supplementary Information****3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)**

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
CHILDREN FIRST 1723 NORTH ORANGE AVE SARASOTA, FL 34242	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	8,820.
COEXISTENCE INC PO BOX 2559 SARASOTA, FL 34230	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	750.
DAVIS LOVE FOUNDATION P.O. BOX 30959 SEA ISLAND, GA 31561	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	6,000.
GIRL SCOUTS OF GULFCOAST FLORIDA 4780 CATTLEMEN SARASOTA, FL 34233	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	1,000.
GIRLS INC OF SARASOTA COUNTY 201 SOUTH TUTTLE AVENUE SARASOTA, FL 34237	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	1,000.
HUMANE SOCIETY OF LAKEWOOD RANCH 7334 TRADE COURT SARASOTA, FL 34240	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	1,100.
MEALS ON WHEELS OF MIDDLE GEORGIA 1212 GRAY HIGHWAY MACON, GA 31208	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	1,000.
MOUNT WASHINGTON PEDIATRIC 1708 WEST ROGERS AVENUE BALTIMORE, MD 21209	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	250.
PETS ON WHEELS P.O. BOX 44176 BALTIMORE, MD 21236	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	500.
SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE BOOSTER 1133 19TH STREET NORTHWEST WASHINGTON, DC 20036	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	2,170.
<b>Total from continuation sheets</b>				<b>73,323.</b>

**Part XV** Supplementary Information**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)**

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
ST MARTHAS CATHOLIC CHURCH 200 NORTH ORANGE AVENUE SARASOTA, FL 34236	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	150.
THE MENTORS PROJECT OF BIBB COUNTY 484 MULBERRY STREET MACON, GA 31208	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	250.
THE METHODIST HOME 304 PIERCE AVENUE MACON, GA 31204	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	75.
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 1 SELIG CIRCLE ATHENS, GA 30602	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	6,870.
WESLEY GLEN MINISTRIES 4850 NORTH MUMFORD ROAD MACON, GA 31210	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	750.
YMCA FOUNDATION OF SARASOTA 1 SOUTH SCHOOL AVENUE, SUITE 302 SARASOTA, FL 34237	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	1,580.
ALLAPATTAH CHAPTER NSDAR 1776 D STREET NORTHWEST WASHINGTON, DC 20006	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	100.
ANIMAL RESCUE COALITION 6320 TOWER LANE SARASOTA, FL 34240	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	20,490.
BALTIMORE CITY COLLEGE 3220 THE ALAMEDA BALTIMORE, MD 21218	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	250.
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF SARASOTA COUNTY 3100 FRUITVILLE ROAD SARASOTA, FL 34237	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	1,000.
<b>Total from continuation sheets</b>				



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**Part XV** Supplementary Information**3** Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)

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
EAGLE RANCH, INC. PO BOX 7200 CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN, GA 30502	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	1,000.
EXECUTIVE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION 300 AVENUE OF THE CHAMPIONS, SUITE 140 PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33418	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	240.
MADISON COUNTY AG CENTER INC 97 SUNSET DRIVE DANIELSVILLE, GA 30633	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	500.
METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL 60 TEMPLE PLACE #6 BOSTON, MA 02111	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	200.
MEALS ON WHEELS PLUS OF MANATEE 811 23RD AVENUE EAST BRADENTON, FL 34208	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	1,000.
SARASOTA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 5415 BAHIA VISTA STREET SARASOTA, FL 34232	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	100.
SARASOTA MEMERIAL HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION 1515 SOUTH OSPREY AVENUE, SUITE B-4 SARASOTA, FL 34239	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	5,145.
SOUTHEASTERN GUIDE DOGS 4210 77TH STREET EAST PALMETTO, FL 34221	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	1,500.
THE HOSPITALITY HOUSE OF THE UPPER PENINSULA 1301 NORTH 3RD STREET MARQUETTE, MI 49855	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	1,500.
THE RESCUE MISSION OF MIDDLE GEORGIA 774 HAZEL STREET MACON, GA 31201	NONE	501 (C)(3)	GENERAL	1,200.
Total from continuation sheets				

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### 3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)

**Total from continuation sheets**

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

- ▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.  
▶ Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and  
its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

OMB No 1545-0047

**2015**

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

THE INDIA BENTON LESSER FOUNDATION

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Organization type (check one)

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

Form 990-PF

☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundationCheck if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.**Note.** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.**General Rule**

- ☒ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

**Special Rules**

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year. ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution.** An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2015)

Name of organization	Employer identification number
<b>THE INDIA BENTON LESSER FOUNDATION</b>	<b>58-2436064</b>

**Part I Contributors** (see instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	INDIA BENTON LESSER 2849 WILFRED REID CIRCLE SARASOTA, FL 34240	\$ 74,566.	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions )
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions )
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Employer identification number

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Name of organization <b>THE INDIA BENTON LESSER FOUNDATION</b>	Employer identification number <b>58-2436064</b>
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**Part III** Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year (Enter this info once) ▶ \$  
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee

## FORM 990-PF INTEREST ON SAVINGS AND TEMPORARY CASH INVESTMENTS STATEMENT 1

SOURCE	(A) REVENUE PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME
SUNTRUST	6.	6.	
TOTAL TO PART I, LINE 3	6.	6.	

## FORM 990-PF DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST FROM SECURITIES STATEMENT 2

SOURCE	GROSS AMOUNT	CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS	(A) REVENUE PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME
SUNTRUST	3,668.	0.	3,668.	3,668.	
SUNTRUST - CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS	3,976.	3,976.	0.	0.	
TO PART I, LINE 4	7,644.	3,976.	3,668.	3,668.	

## FORM 990-PF LEGAL FEES STATEMENT 3

DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
LEGAL FEES	2,203.	1,101.		1,102.
TO FM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16A	2,203.	1,101.		1,102.

## FORM 990-PF ACCOUNTING FEES STATEMENT 4

DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
ACCOUNTING	2,650.	1,325.		1,325.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16B	2,650.	1,325.		1,325.

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FORM 990-PF	OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES	STATEMENT	5
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DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
INVESTMENT FEES	3,188.	1,594.		1,594.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16C	3,188.	1,594.		1,594.

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FORM 990-PF	TAXES	STATEMENT	6
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DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
2014 EXCISE TAX	152.	0.		0.
FOREIGN TAX	70.	70.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 18	222.	70.		0.

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FORM 990-PF	OTHER EXPENSES	STATEMENT	7
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DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
OFFICE	50.	0.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 23	50.	0.		0.

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FORM 990-PF	CORPORATE STOCK	STATEMENT	8
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DESCRIPTION	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
SUNTRUST - CORPORATE STOCK	168,492.	174,525.
SUNTRUST - CORPORATE FUNDS	15,842.	13,440.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 10B	184,334.	187,965.

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FORM 990-PF	CORPORATE BONDS	STATEMENT	9
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DESCRIPTION	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
SUNTRUST - CORPORATE BONDS	42,302.	40,667.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 10C	42,302.	40,667.

FORM 990-PF	PART VIII - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS TRUSTEES AND FOUNDATION MANAGERS	STATEMENT	10
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NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVRG HRS/WK	COMPEN- SATION	EMPLOYEE BEN PLAN CONTRIB	EXPENSE ACCOUNT
INDIA BENTON LESSER 1862 WOOD VALLEY RD MACON, GA 31211	TRUSTEE 5.00	0.	0.	0.
BRUCE W. LESSER 1862 WOOD VALLEY RD MACON, GA 31211	TRUSTEE 5.00	0.	0.	0.
STEVE LESSER 3304 TIMBERFIELD LANE BALTIMORE, MD 21208	TRUSTEE 5.00	0.	0.	0.
RUTH M. SMITH 504 HIGH POINT NORTH RD MACON, GA 31210	TRUSTEE 5.00	0.	0.	0.
DIANE WALTON 1249 CHISOLM TRAIL MACON, GA 31210	TRUSTEE 5.00	0.	0.	0.
RACHEL STOKES 653 CAPTAIN KELL DRIVE MACON, GA 31204	TRUSTEE 5.00	0.	0.	0.
TOTALS INCLUDED ON 990-PF, PAGE 6, PART VIII		0.	0.	0.