

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

2003

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2003 calendar year, or tax year beginning 2003, and ending 20

- B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Final return, Amended return, Application pending

C Name of organization: MIDDLE EAST RESEARCH & INFO PROJECT. D Employer identification number: 04-2552770. E Telephone number. F Accounting method: Accrual.

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

- H and I are not applicable to section 527 organizations. H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? H(b) If "Yes," enter number of affiliates. H(c) Are all affiliates included? H(d) Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling?

G Website:

J Organization type (check only one): 501(c)3

K Check here: If the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000...

L Gross receipts Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12: 294,140

I Group Exemption Number. M Check if the organization is not required to attach Sch B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See page 18 of the instructions)

Table with 21 rows and multiple columns. Rows include: 1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received; 2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts; 3 Membership dues and assessments; 4 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments; 5 Dividends and interest from securities; 6a Gross rents; 6b Less rental expenses; 6c Net rental income or (loss); 7 Other investment income; 8a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory; 8b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses; 8c Gain or (loss) (attach schedule); 8d Net gain or (loss); 9 Special events and activities; 9a Gross revenue; 9b Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses; 9c Net income or (loss) from special events; 10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances; 10b Less cost of goods sold; 10c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory; 11 Other revenue; 12 Total revenue; 13 Program services; 14 Management and general; 15 Fundraising; 16 Payments to affiliates; 17 Total expenses; 18 Excess or (deficit) for the year; 19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year; 20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances; 21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year.

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Part II Statement of Functional Expenses

All organizations must complete column (A). Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others. (See page 22 of the instructions.)

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I.		(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising	
22	Grants and allocations (attach schedule) (cash \$ _____ noncash \$ _____)	22				
23	Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)	23				
24	Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)	24				
25	Compensation of officers, directors, etc.	25				
26	Other salaries and wages	26	87,383	71,148	16,235	
27	Pension plan contributions	27	1,711		1,711	
28	Other employee benefits	28	5,199		5,199	
29	Payroll taxes	29	8,549		8,549	
30	Professional fundraising fees	30				
31	Accounting fees	31	45,760	22,528	15,232	8,000
32	Legal fees	32				
33	Supplies	33	2,176	2,176		
34	Telephone	34	12,032	12,032		
35	Postage and shipping	35	11,299	1,031	7,914	2,354
36	Occupancy	36	14,922		14,922	
37	Equipment rental and maintenance	37	1,158		1,158	
38	Printing and publications	38	43,694	43,694		
39	Travel	39	3,888	2,603	1,285	
40	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	40	2,664	600	786	1,278
41	Interest	41				
42	Depreciation, depletion, etc. (attach schedule)	42	1,657		1,657	
43	Other expenses not covered above (itemize) a <u>MAGAZINE</u>	43a	31,952	31,952		
b	<u>MEDIA OUTREACH, INSURANCE</u>	43b	28,123	26,443	1,680	
c	<u>MESA, OTHER PRGM EXP</u>	43c	12,066	12,066		
d	<u>CONSULTANTS, ADVERTISING</u>	43d	39,071	39,071		
e	<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	43e	4,751		4,630	121
44	Total functional expenses (add lines 22 through 43) Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15	44	358,055	265,344	80,958	11,753

Joint Costs. Check if you are following SOP 98-2

Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services? Yes No

If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ _____, (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ _____;

(iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ _____; and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ _____

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See page 25 of the instructions)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS VALUES

All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable. (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.)

Program Service Expenses
(Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs., and 4947(a)(1) trusts, but optional for others.)

a	TO SUPPORT RESEARCH, PUBLICATION, & DISTRIBUTION OF MAGAZINES AIMED AT PROMOTING THE CULTURAL LEGITIMACY OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE ARAB WORLD (PUB. & DITRIB.) (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	265,344
b	 (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
c	 (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
d	 (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
e	Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
f	Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services)	265,344

Part IV Balance Sheets (See page 25 of the instructions)

Note: Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
A s s e t s	45 Cash - non-interest-bearing	34,499	45	19,289
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments	161,127	46	107,046
	47 a Accounts receivable	47a		
	b Less allowance for doubtful accounts	47b	47c	
	48 a Pledges receivable	48a		
	b Less allowance for doubtful accounts	48b	48c	
	49 Grants receivable		49	
	50 Receivables from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)		50	
	51 a Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule)	51a		
	b Less allowance for doubtful accounts	51b	51c	
52 Inventories for sale or use	3,547	52	1,047	
53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		53		
54 Investments - securities (attach schedule) <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV		54		
55 a Investments - land, buildings, and equipment: basis	55a			
b Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	55b	55c		
56 Investments - other (attach schedule)		56		
57 a Land, buildings, and equipment: basis	57a	32,180		
b Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	57b	28,642	57c	
58 Other assets (describe)		3,072	58	3,538
59 Total assets (add lines 45 through 58) (must equal line 74)		202,245	59	130,920
L i a b i l i t i e s	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		60	
	61 Grants payable		61	
	62 Deferred revenue		62	
	63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)		63	
	64 a Tax-exempt bond liabilities (attach schedule)		64a	
	b Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)		64b	
	65 Other liabilities (describe LOAN PAYABLE)		15,786	65
66 Total liabilities (add lines 60 through 65)		15,786	66	2,806
N F u n d A s s e t a n c e s	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74.			
	67 Unrestricted	186,459	67	128,114
	68 Temporarily restricted		68	
	69 Permanently restricted		69	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74.			
	70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds		70	
	71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		71	
	72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		72	
	73 Total net assets or fund balances (add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72, column (A) must equal line 19; column (B) must equal line 21)	186,459	73	128,114
	74 Total liabilities and net assets / fund balances (add lines 66 and 73)	202,245	74	130,920

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments

Part IV-A Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements with Revenue per Return (See page 27 of the instructions)

a	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . ▶	a	294,140
b	Amounts included on line a but not on line 12, Form 990:		
	(1) Net unrealized gains on investments . . \$ _____		
	(2) Donated services and use of facilities . \$ _____		
	(3) Recoveries of prior year grants \$ _____		
	(4) Other (specify): _____		
	_____ \$ _____		
	Add amounts on lines (1) through (4) . ▶	b	
c	Line a minus line b ▶	c	294,140
d	Amounts included on line 12, Form 990 but not on line a:		
	(1) Investment expenses not included on line 6b, Form 990 \$ _____		
	(2) Other (specify): _____		
	_____ \$ _____		
	Add amounts on lines (1) and (2) . . . ▶	d	
e	Total revenue per line 12, Form 990 (line c plus line d) ▶	e	294,140

Part IV-B Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements with Expenses per Return

a	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements ▶	a	358,055
b	Amounts included on line a but not on line 17, Form 990:		
	(1) Donated services and use of facilities . \$ _____		
	(2) Prior year adjustments reported on line 20, Form 990 \$ _____		
	(3) Losses reported on line 20, Form 990 . . \$ _____		
	(4) Other (specify): _____		
	_____ \$ _____		
	Add amounts on lines (1) through (4) . ▶	b	
c	Line a minus line b ▶	c	358,055
d	Amounts included on line 17, Form 990 but not on line a:		
	(1) Investment expenses not included on line 6b, Form 990 \$ _____		
	(2) Other (specify): _____		
	_____ \$ _____		
	Add amounts on lines (1) and (2) . . . ▶	d	
e	Total expenses per line 17, Form 990 (line c plus line d) ▶	e	358,055

Part V List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (List each one even if not compensated; see page 27 of the 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 & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
CHRISTOPHER TOENSING 2700 INTARIO RD, NW, WASH DC	EXEC DIRECTOR 40	41,817	0	0
SANDRA TAMARI ILLINOIS	INDEP CONSULT 0	0	0	0
TED SWEDENBURG UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, AR	DIRECTOR 0	0	0	0
KAREN PFEIFER ECONOMICS DEPT, SMITH CO, MA	DIRECTOR 0	0	0	0
DAVID MCMURRAY OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY, OR	DIRECTOR 0	0	0	0
BRUCE DUNNE WASHINGTON, DC	VICE CHAIR 0	0	0	0
JILLIAN SCHWENDLER UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND	CHAIR 0	0	0	0

75 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee receive aggregate compensation of more than \$100,000 from your organization and all related organizations, of which more than \$10,000 was provided by the related organizations? Yes No
If "Yes," attach schedule - see page 28 of the instructions

Part VI Other Information (See page 28 of the instructions)		Yes	No
76	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		X
77	Were any changes made in the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes.		X
78a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
79	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach a statement		X
80a	Is the organization related (other than by association with a statewide or nationwide organization) through common membership, governing bodies, trustees, officers, etc., to any other exempt or nonexempt organization?		X
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the organization <input type="checkbox"/> and check whether it is <input type="checkbox"/> exempt or <input type="checkbox"/> nonexempt.		
81a	Enter direct and indirect political expenditures. See line 81 instructions	81a	
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	81b	X
82a	Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value?	82a	X
b	If "Yes," you may indicate the value of these items here. Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II. (See instructions in Part III)	82b	
83a	Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?	83a	X
b	Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions?	83b	X
84a	Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?	84a	X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	84b	
85	501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations. a Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?	85a	
b	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? If "Yes" was answered to either 85a or 85b, do not complete 85c through 85h below unless the organization received a waiver for proxy tax owed for the prior year.	85b	
c	Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members	85c	
d	Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures	85d	
e	Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices	85e	
f	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)	85f	
g	Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?	85g	
h	If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year?	85h	
86	501(c)(7) orgs. Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12	86a	
b	Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities	86b	
87	501(c)(12) orgs. Enter: a Gross income from members or shareholders	87a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	87b	
88	At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Part IX	88	X
89a	501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 <input type="checkbox"/> ; section 4912 <input type="checkbox"/> ; section 4955 <input type="checkbox"/>		
b	501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) orgs. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach a statement explaining each transaction	89b	X
c	Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 <input type="checkbox"/>		
d	Enter: Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
90a	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		
b	Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2003 (See instructions.)	90b	3
91	The books are in care of <input type="checkbox"/> THE CORPORATION Telephone no. <input type="checkbox"/> 202-223-3677 Located at <input type="checkbox"/> ADDRESS PER RETURN ZIP + 4 <input type="checkbox"/>		
92	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <input type="checkbox"/>	92	

Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities (See page 33 of the instructions.)

Note: 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) Exclusion code	(D) Amount	
93 Program service revenue:					
a <u>MAGAZINE/LITERATURE</u>					209,562
b <u>SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT</u>					12,719
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
f Medicare/Medicaid payments					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
94 Membership dues and assessments					
95 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments			14	15,371	
96 Dividends and interest from securities					
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a debt-financed property					
b not debt-financed property					
98 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
99 Other investment income					
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
101 Net income or (loss) from special events					
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
103 Other revenue a _____					
b _____					
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))				15,371	222,281
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					237,652

Note: Line 105 plus line 1d, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I.

Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes (See page 34 of the instructions)

Line No.	Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes)
93A	PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL & INFO ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUES AND
93A	EVENTS. THE FEES RECEIVED ARE OFFSET AGAINST THE MAGAZINE COST.
93B	DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST ISSUES AND EVENTS.

Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities (See page 34 of the instructions)

(A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity	(B) Percentage of ownership interest	(C) Nature of activities	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets
	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts (See page 34 of the instructions)

- (a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? Yes No
- (b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? Yes No

Note: If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions).

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, 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 officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Please Sign

Chris Jones

1/2/25/04
Date

DIRECTOR

Date _____ Check if self-prepared Preparer's SSN or PTIN (See Gen Inst W)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k),
501(n), or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

OMB No 1545-0047

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Supplementary Information – (See separate instructions.)

▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

MIDDLE EAST RESEARCH & INFO PROJECT

04-2552770

Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees
(See page 1 of the instructions. List each one. If there are 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 & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				
Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 ▶				

Part II Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services
(See page 2 of the instructions. List each one (whether individuals or firms). If there are none, enter "None")

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶		

Part III Statements About Activities (See page 2 of the instructions)

	Yes	No
1 During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ▶\$ _____ (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line I of Part VI-B) Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes," must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.		X
2 During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.)		
a Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?		X
b Lending of money or other extension of credit?		X
c Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?		X
d Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?		X
e Transfer of any part of its income or assets?		X
3 a Do you make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc.? (If "Yes," attach an explanation of how you determine that recipients qualify to receive payments.)		X
b Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?		X
4 Did you maintain any separate account for participating donors where donors have the right to provide advice on the use or distribution of funds?		X

Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 3 through 6 of the instructions.)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is. (Please check only ONE applicable box.)

- 5 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)
- 6 A school. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) (Also complete Part V.)
- 7 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 8 A Federal, state, or local government or governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 9 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state 00B
- 10 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A.)
- 11a An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A.)
- 11b A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A.)
- 12 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its charitable, etc., functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A.)
- 13 An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and supports organizations described in (1) lines 5 through 12 above; or (2) section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6), if they meet the test of section 509(a)(2). (See section 509(a)(3).)

Provide the following information about the supported organizations (See page 5 of the instructions.)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Line number from above

- 14 An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4) (See page 6 of the instructions)

Part IV-A Support Schedule (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12.) Use cash method of accounting.

Note: You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting.

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2002	(b) 2001	(c) 2000	(d) 1999	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received. (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)	135,282	166,359	209,503	320,552	831,696
16 Membership fees received					
17 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc., purpose	243,606	33,702	51,877	28,621	357,806
18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975	2,025	4,870	6,347	6,072	19,314
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18					
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf					
21 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge					
22 Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets					
23 Total of lines 15 through 22	380,913	204,931	267,727	355,245	1,208,816
24 Line 23 minus line 17	137,307	171,229	215,850	326,624	851,010
25 Enter 1% of line 23	3,809	2,049	2,677	3,552	

26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11: a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24	26a	
b Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 1999 through 2002 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts	26b	
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test. Enter line 24, column (e)	26c	
d Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines 18 _____ 19 _____ 22 _____ 26b _____	26d	
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)	26e	
f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))	26f	%

27 Organizations described on line 12: a For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person." Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of such amounts for each year:

(2002) _____ (2001) _____ (2000) _____ (1999) _____

b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000. (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11, as well as individuals.) Do not file this list with your return. After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year:

(2002) _____ (2001) _____ (2000) _____ (1999) _____

c Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 15 <u>831,696</u> 16 _____ 17 <u>357,806</u> 20 _____ 21 _____	27c	<u>1,189,502</u>
d Add: Line 27a total _____ and line 27b total _____	27d	
e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)	27e	<u>1,189,502</u>
f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test: Enter amount from line 23, column (e)	27f	<u>1,208,816</u>
g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))	27g	<u>98.40%</u>
h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))	27h	<u>1.60%</u>

28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 1999 through 2002, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant. Do not file this list with your return. Do not include these grants in line 15.

Depreciation and Amortization (Including Information on Listed Property)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ See separate instructions.

▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return

Business or activity to which this form relates

Identifying number

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MANAGEMENT/GENERAL -

04-2552770

Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount. See page 2 of the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	\$100,000
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see page 2 of the instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation	3	\$400,000
4	Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see page 2 of the instructions	5	

	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost	
6				
7	Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7		
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7		8	
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8		9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2002 Form 4562		10	
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)		11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11		12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2004. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	▶ 13		

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

Part II Special Deduction Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property)

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see page 3 of the instructions)	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election (see page 4 of the instructions)	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS) (see page 4 of the instructions)	16	1,445

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See page 4 of the instructions)

Section A

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2003	17	
18	If you are electing under section 168(i)(4) to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here	▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	

Section B - Assets Placed in Service During 2003 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only-see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property		2,123	5	HY	SL	212
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs.		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27 5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
			27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs.	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

Section C - Assets Placed in Service During 2003 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a	Class life				S/L	
b	12-year		12 yrs		S/L	
c	40-year		40 yrs.	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See page 6 of the instructions)

21	Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations - see instr	22	1,657
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	▶ 23	

Name as shown on Return

Employer identification number

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-----OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS-----

Description	Amount
UNREALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENT	5,570
Total	5,570

Application for Extension of Time to File an Exempt Organization Return

▶ File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I and check this box
- If you are filing for an Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form).

Note: Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time - Only submit original (no copies needed)

Note: Form 990-T corporations requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only

All other corporations (including Form 990-C filers) must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns. Partnerships, REMICs and trusts must use Form 8736 to request an extension of time to file Form 1065, 1066, or 1041.

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return See instructions.	Name of Exempt Organization MIDDLE EAST RESEARCH & INFO PROJECT	Employer identification number 04-2552770
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 1500 MASS. AVE, NW, STE. 119	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. WASHINGTON, DC 20005	

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return):

- | | | |
|--|---|------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ . If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6-month, for 990-T corporation) extension of time until _____, 20____, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

▶ calendar year 20 03 or

▶ tax year beginning _____, 20____, and ending _____, 20____.

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions \$ _____

b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit \$ _____

c Balance Due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions \$ _____

Signature and Verification

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form

Signature ▶ *Eric Bali* Title ▶ CAA Date ▶ 5/5/04

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