

Executive Branch Personnel

Public Financial Disclosure Report:

Periodic Transaction Report (OGE Form 278-T)

Filer's Information

MERTEN, KENNETH H

Chief of Mission - Sofia, Bulgaria, Department of State

Electronic Signature - I certify that the statements I have made in this form are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ MERTEN, KENNETH H [electronically signed on 05/19/2023 by MERTEN, KENNETH H in Integrity.gov]

Agency Ethics Official's Opinion - On the basis of information contained in this report, I conclude that the filer is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations (subject to any comments below).

/s/ Walker, Denise, Certifying Official [electronically signed on 05/23/2023 by Walker, Denise in Integrity.gov]

Other review conducted by

/s/ Walker, Denise, Ethics Official [electronically signed on 05/23/2023 by Walker, Denise in Integrity.gov]

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/s/ Granahan, Megan, Certifying Official [electronically signed on 06/06/2023 by Granahan, Megan in Integrity.gov]

Transactions

#	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	DATE	NOTIFICATION RECEIVED OVER 30 DAYS AGO	AMOUNT
1	Congress Small Cap Growth Fund Institutional Class Shares (CSMCX)	Purchase	05/11/2023	No	\$1,001 - \$15,000
2	American Beacon AHL Managed Futures Strategy Fund Class Y Shares (AHLYX)	Purchase	05/11/2023	No	\$1,001 - \$15,000
3	Fidelity Advisor Municipal Income Fund Class I Shares (FROGX)	Purchase	05/11/2023	No	\$1,001 - \$15,000
4	Goldman Sachs GQG Partners International Opportunities Fund Institutional Class Shs (GSIMX)	Purchase	05/11/2023	No	\$1,001 - \$15,000
5	Hartford World Bond Fund Class I Shares (HWDIX)	Purchase	05/11/2023	No	\$1,001 - \$15,000
6	Washington Mutual Investors Fund Class F2 Shares (WMFFX)	Purchase	05/11/2023	No	\$1,001 - \$15,000
7	MFS Municipal High Income Fund Class I Shares (MMIIX)	Purchase	05/11/2023	No	\$1,001 - \$15,000
8	MFS International Diversification Fund Class I Shares (MDIJX)	Purchase	05/11/2023	No	\$1,001 - \$15,000
9	Nuveen Intermediate Duration Municipal Bond Fund Class I Shares (NUVBX)	Purchase	05/11/2023	No	\$1,001 - \$15,000
10	Wells Fargo Short-Term Municipal Bond Fund Institutional Class Shares (WSBIX)	Purchase	05/11/2023	No	\$1,001 - \$15,000
11	Touchstone Mid Cap Fund Class Y Shares (TMCPX)	Purchase	05/11/2023	No	\$1,001 - \$15,000
12	Undiscovered Managers Behavioral Value Fund Class L Shares (UBVLX)	Purchase	05/11/2023	No	\$1,001 - \$15,000
13	Vanguard Tax-Exempt Bond Index Fund ETF Shares (VTEB)	Purchase	05/11/2023	No	\$1,001 - \$15,000
14	Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund ETF Shares (VXUS)	Purchase	05/11/2023	No	\$1,001 - \$15,000
15	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund ETF Shares (VO)	Purchase	05/11/2023	No	\$1,001 - \$15,000

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16	Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund ETF Shares (VB)	Purchase	05/11/2023	No	\$1,001 - \$15,000
17	Vanguard 500 Index Fund ETF Shares (VOO)	Purchase	05/11/2023	No	\$1,001 - \$15,000
18	Virtus KAR Mid-Cap Core Fund Class I Shares (VIMCX)	Purchase	05/11/2023	No	\$1,001 - \$15,000

Endnotes

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