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Under Treas. Reg. 301.6501(c)-1(f)(2)(iii), in order for there to be adequate disclosure and start the statute of limitations, among other things, the tax return must include "a brief description of the terms of the trust, or in lieu of a brief description of the trust terms, a copy of the trust instrument." Most accountants include a copy of the trust agreement because (i) it is a certainty that such inclusion satisfies this requirement and (ii) it does not require any drafting. However, the regulations clearly state that "a brief description of the terms of the trust" would be sufficient.

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is it your position that a summary of the trust document with a note that says full document available upon request. and attached to a tax return leaves it open to be deemed / =A0 not adequately disclosed ??!

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It is considered "best practice" to attach the complete trust document. You can avoid running afoul of adequate disclosure. Some agent could "deem" a brief summary of the trust to be inadequate. This issue is avoided by having the trust document attached.

I'm sure Alan Halperin would agree.

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Note that the Form 709 instructions also indicate that either a copy of the trust document or a brief summary of the trust provisions should be attached to the 709 if there are any trust gifts reported. I haven't seen the IRS question the absence of this; but technically, the gift has not been "adequately disclosed" without this attachment, meaning that the statute of limitations never begins to run on the return.

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