

ABERDEEN COMMONWEALTH INCOME FUND INC
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Aberdeen
Commonwealth Income
Fund, Inc.

Quarterly Report

January 31, 2002

Letter to Shareholders

March 15, 2002

Dear Shareholder,

We present this Quarterly Report which covers the activities of Aberdeen Commonwealth Income Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") for the quarter ended January 31, 2002. Included in this report is a review of the Australian, Canadian, New Zealand, United Kingdom and selected Asian economies and investment markets, together with an overview of the Fund's investments prepared by the Investment Manager, Aberdeen Asset Managers (C.I.) Limited.

High Credit Quality: 87.4% of Securities Rated or Deemed Equivalent to AA/Aa or Better

The Fund's high credit quality has been maintained. Over 87.4% of assets are rated AA/Aa or better, or are considered of equivalent quality by the Investment Manager. An additional 8.5% is held in A rated securities.

Distributions: 9.5% Annual Cash Distribution Rate

Distributions to common shareholders for the 12 months ended January 31, 2002 totaled 83.0 cents per share. Based on the share price of \$8.74 on January 31, 2002, the cash distribution rate over the 12 months then ended was 9.5%. Since all distributions are paid after deducting applicable withholding taxes, the effective distribution rate may be higher for those U.S. investors who are able to claim a tax credit.

On March 14, 2002, the Board of Directors declared a monthly distribution of 6.0 cents per share payable on April 12, 2002 to all shareholders of record as of March 28, 2002 (ex-dividend date of March 26, 2002).

The Board's policy is to provide investors with a stable monthly distribution out of current income, supplemented by realized capital gains and, to the extent necessary, paid-in capital. It is the Board's intention that the monthly distribution of 6.0 cents per share be maintained for 12 months, having begun with the February 2002 distribution. This policy is subject to regular review at the Board's quarterly meetings, unless market conditions require an earlier evaluation. The next review is scheduled to take place in June 2002.

Net Asset Value Performance: 5.3% Per Annum Return Since Inception

The Fund's total return based on Net Asset Value ("NAV") decreased by 3.0% over the quarter ended January 31, 2002. Since inception, the Fund's total return based on NAV has increased by 5.3% per annum to January 31, 2002. The Fund's market price per share fell 2.9% over the quarter, from \$9.00 on October 31, 2001 to \$8.74

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on January 31, 2002. The Fund's NAV per share was \$9.47 on January 31, 2002, representing a discount to the market price per share of 7.7%, compared with a discount of 9.9% on October 31, 2001.

Implementation of Global Investment Strategy

In March 1999, the Fund's shareholders approved amendments to the Fund's principal investment objective, investment policies and investment restrictions to enable the Fund to invest up to 35% of its total assets in Global Debt Securities. This strategy was proposed to be implemented in two phases. The first phase involved the immediate investment of up to 20% of the Fund's assets in Asian debt markets. On September 3, 2001, the Board of Directors authorized the Investment Manager, in its discretion, to implement the second phase of the global investment strategy. This will now allow the Fund to invest up to 35% of its total assets in Global Debt Securities, with a view to enhancing yield.

Asian Investments: 6.3% of Total Assets Invested in Asian Debt Securities

As of January 31, 2002, 6.3% of the Fund's total assets were held in Asian debt securities, a sector that presents attractive opportunities. The Fund's ability to increase its investment in Asian markets remains constrained by the potential realization of foreign exchange losses.

For information about the Fund, including weekly updates of share price, NAV, and details of recent distributions, contact Aberdeen Asset Management, Investor Relations, by:

- o calling toll free on 1-800-522-5465 or 1-212-968-8800 in the United States,
- o emailing to InvestorRelations@aberdeen-asset.com, or
- o visiting the website at www.aberdeen-asset.com/usa

For information about the Aberdeen group, visit the Aberdeen website at www.aberdeen-asset.com

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Martin J. Gilbert

Martin J. Gilbert
Chairman

All amounts are U.S. Dollars unless otherwise stated.

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Your Board's policy is to provide investors with a stable monthly distribution out of current income, supplemented by realized capital gains and, to the extent necessary, paid-in capital.

The Fund is subject to U.S. corporate, tax and securities laws. Under U.S. tax

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accounting rules, the amount of distributable income for each fiscal period depends on the actual exchange rates during the entire year between the U.S. dollar and the currencies in which Fund assets are denominated and on the aggregate gains and losses realized by the Fund during the entire year.

Therefore the exact amount of distributable income for each fiscal year can only be determined as of the end of the Fund's fiscal year, October 31. However, under the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, the Fund is required to indicate the source of each distribution to shareholders. The Fund estimates that distributions for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 2001, including the distribution paid on March 8, 2002, are comprised of 59% net investment income and 41% return of paid in capital.

This estimated distribution composition may vary from month to month because it may be materially impacted by future realized gains and losses on securities and fluctuations in the value of the currencies in which Fund assets are denominated.

In January 2003, a Form 1099-DIV will be sent to shareholders, which will state the amount and composition of distributions and provide information with respect to their appropriate tax treatment.

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Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan

We invite you to participate in the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan ("the Plan") which allows you to automatically reinvest your distributions in shares of the Fund's common stock at favorable commission rates. Distributions made under the Plan are taxable to the same extent as are cash distributions. The Plan also enables you to make additional cash investments in shares of at least \$100 per month. Under this arrangement, the Plan Agent will purchase shares for you on the stock exchange or otherwise on the open market on or about the 15th of each month unless shares of the Fund are trading at a premium, in which case, the Fund will issue additional shares. As a participant in the Plan, you will have the convenience of:

Automatic reinvestment--the Plan Agent will automatically reinvest your distributions, allowing you to gradually grow your holdings in the Fund;

Lower costs--shares purchased on your behalf under the Plan will be at reduced brokerage rates. Brokerage on share purchases is currently 2 cents per share;

Convenience--the Plan Agent will hold your shares in non-certificated form and will provide a detailed record of your holdings at the end of each distribution period.

To request a brochure containing information on the Plan, together with an authorization form, please contact the Plan Agent, State Street Bank & Trust Company, P.O. Box 8200 Boston, MA 02266 or call toll free on 1-800-426-5523.

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Report of the Investment Manager

Share Price Performance

On January 31, 2002, the Fund's share price was \$8.74, which represented a

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discount of 7.7% to the NAV of \$9.47. At the date of this report, the share price was \$8.70 representing a discount of 8.0% to the NAV of \$9.46.

Distributions

The Board reduced the Fund's monthly distribution from 7.0 cents per share to 6.0 cents per share beginning with the distribution paid on February 8, 2002. The Investment Manager continues its efforts to reallocate the portfolio toward higher yielding Global Debt Securities, in addition to fixed income securities denominated in the Commonwealth Currencies. Further, with the expectation for an improving global economy in mid to late 2002, the Investment Manager anticipates improvement in the value of non-U.S. Dollar currencies. Together, these factors may enhance the Fund's net investment income and ability to realize capital gains. There can, however, be no assurance that the Investment Manager's expectations will be met.

Auction Market Preferred Stock (AMPS)

The Fund's \$30 million of AMPS continued to be well bid at the weekly auctions. The average interest rate paid was 2.25% over the quarter ended January 31, 2002, compared with 1.85% for 30-day U.S. commercial paper over the same period. These rates have decreased since the quarter ended October 31, 2001, due to the lowering of interest rates by the U.S. Federal Reserve over the period.

On September 3, 2001, the Board of Directors resolved to amend the Fund's policies with respect to derivatives to enable the Investment Manager to use interest rate swaps to hedge up to one third of the Fund's AMPS liabilities. This gives the Investment Manager the flexibility to lock in historically low U.S. dollar interest rates with respect to up to one third of the Fund's outstanding AMPS.

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A significant type of risk associated with interest rate swaps is the risk that the counter-party may default or file for bankruptcy, in which case the Fund would bear the risk of loss of the amount expected to be received under the swap agreement. There can be no assurance that the Fund will have an interest rate swap in place at any given time nor can there be any assurance that, if an interest rate swap is in place, it will be successful in hedging the Fund's interest rate risk with respect to the AMPS.

Over the past year, the impact of AMPS has been slightly negative, largely as a result of general currency weakness against the U.S. dollar. Offsetting this to some extent have been capital gains as bond yields have fallen. In addition, U.S. monetary policy was eased more aggressively than in the Commonwealth countries during the period, opening up a positive yield differential between AMPS funding rates and investment yields. Overall, the outlook over the medium-term for investment markets and the portfolio in respect of these factors is considered by the Manager to be favorable, and therefore AMPS are seen as having the potential to enhance total shareholder returns in the medium term.

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Portfolio Composition

Geographic Composition

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The table below shows the geographic composition of the Fund's total investments as of January 31, 2002, compared with the previous quarter and twelve months.

TABLE 1: ABERDEEN COMMONWEALTH INCOME FUND, INC.--

GEOGRAPHIC ASSET ALLOCATION

| | January 31, 2002 % | October 31, 2001 % | January 31, 2001 % |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Australia | 23.9 | 24.2 | 24.7 |
| Canada | 31.8 | 31.2 | 33.3 |
| New Zealand | 5.0 | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| United Kingdom | 29.9 | 31.3 | 29.4 |
| United States* | 3.1 | 3.8 | 3.1 |
| Asia | 6.3 | 5.7 | 5.8 |
| Total Portfolio | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

* It is the policy of the Investment Manager to maintain a portion of the Fund's investments in U.S. short-term securities to cover distributions and expenses.

Currency Composition

The table below shows the currency composition of the Fund's total investments as of January 31, 2002, compared with the previous quarter and twelve months.

TABLE 2: ABERDEEN COMMONWEALTH INCOME FUND, INC.--

CURRENCY ALLOCATION

| | January 31, 2002 % | October 31, 2001 % | January 31, 2001 % |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Australian Dollar | 23.9 | 24.2 | 24.7 |
| Canadian Dollar | 31.5 | 31.2 | 33.3 |
| New Zealand Dollar | 5.3 | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| British Pound | 29.9 | 31.3 | 29.4 |
| United States Dollar* | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.1 |
| Asia Currencies | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.8 |
| Total Portfolio | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

* Includes Asian Yankee bond investments.

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Portfolio Composition (continued)

Maturity Composition

On January 31, 2002, the average maturity of the Fund's assets remained at 7.8 years. The Fund's modified duration was 4.9 years on January 31, 2002, compared with 5.0 years on October 31, 2001. The table below shows the maturity

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composition of the Fund's investments as of January 31, 2002:

TABLE 3: ABERDEEN COMMONWEALTH INCOME FUND, INC.--

MATURITY ANALYSIS

| | Less than 1 year % | 1 to 5 years % | 5 to 10 years % | Over 10 years % |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Australia | 21.7 | 30.9 | 35.5 | 11.9 |
| Canada | 25.9 | 16.7 | 17.8 | 39.6 |
| New Zealand | 10.4 | 50.8 | 38.8 | -- |
| United Kingdom | 8.5 | 30.5 | 22.5 | 38.5 |
| United States | 100.0 | -- | -- | -- |
| Asia | 34.5 | 49.1 | 14.9 | 1.5 |
| Total Portfolio | 21.8 | 26.8 | 23.6 | 27.8 |

Sectoral Composition

The table below shows the sectoral composition of the Fund's total investments as of January 31, 2002:

TABLE 4: ABERDEEN COMMONWEALTH INCOME FUND, INC.--

SECTORAL COMPOSITION

| | Sovereign Gov't. Bonds % | Provincial/ State Bonds % | Utilities/ Supranational Bonds % | Corporate Bonds % | Cash or Equivalen % |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Australia | 9.4 | 7.6 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 2.9 |
| Canada | 20.8 | 5.5 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 4.6 |
| New Zealand | -- | -- | 0.8 | 2.8 | 1.4 |
| United Kingdom | 20.9 | -- | 2.0 | 4.5 | 2.5 |
| United States | -- | -- | -- | -- | 3.1 |
| Asia | 4.2 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.0 |
| Total Portfolio | 55.3 | 13.7 | 5.1 | 10.4 | 15.5 |

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Quality of Investments

On January 31, 2002, 87.4% of the Fund's assets were invested in securities

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where either the issue or the issuer was rated at least "AA" by Standard & Poor's Corporation or "Aa" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or, if unrated, were judged to be of equivalent quality by the Investment Manager. The table below shows the asset quality of the Fund's portfolio as of January 31, 2002.

TABLE 5: ABERDEEN COMMONWEALTH INCOME FUND, INC.--

ASSET QUALITY

| | AAA/Aaa | AA/Aa | A | BBB/Baa | BB/Ba* |
|-----------------|---------|-------|------|---------|--------|
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Australia | 77.9 | 22.1 | -- | -- | -- |
| Canada | 14.4 | 75.9 | 9.7 | -- | -- |
| New Zealand | 56.4 | 18.4 | 25.2 | -- | -- |
| United Kingdom | 67.7 | 20.7 | 11.6 | -- | -- |
| United States | 100.0 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Asia | 20.7 | -- | 10.9 | 67.1 | 1.3 |
| Total Portfolio | 50.8 | 36.6 | 8.5 | 4.0 | 0.1 |

* Below investment grade.

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Market Review and Outlook

AUSTRALIA

The benchmark 10-year bond yield rose to 6.01% from 5.23% over the quarter ended January 31, 2002. Bank bill yields also rose over the quarter, closing at 4.31%. Market confidence in Australia's ability to ride out the global recession has been boosted by a number of recent indicators showing the economy ended 2001 with consumer spending and housing investment still strong and the jobs market enjoying a tentative recovery. The very low level of interest rates means that housing finance for construction and building approvals could remain at relatively high levels until the interest rate cycle turns. The composition of growth is likely to shift again in 2002 as export growth slows further, impacted by a weaker global economy, while domestic consumption is likely to remain supported by low interest rates and positive real wages growth.

The Australian dollar rose slightly over the quarter, closing at \$0.51.

CANADA

The Bank of Canada's ("BoC") latest Monetary Policy Report saw a growth profile that delivers excess supply for the Canadian economy through 2002, and one that will deliver a substantially deeper disinflationary and negative output gap than previously expected. The BoC's overall growth view sees the potential for a slight recession in the second half of this year and a recovery to above trend growth in both Canada and the U.S. in the second half of next year. Canada's output-based GDP rose 0.3% in October, to be down 0.6% over a year ago, and down 1.2% at an annual rate from the third quarter average.

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The Canadian dollar remained steady over the quarter closing at \$0.63.

NEW ZEALAND

After a strong first half of 2001, growth in the New Zealand economy moderated in the third quarter, expanding by, a smaller than expected, 0.3%. Fourth quarter data to date, however, suggests positive momentum has been maintained into the year-end, with dwelling consents, non-residential approvals, car registrations and business and consumer sentiment all higher. Indeed, despite global uncertainty, the confidence of New Zealand's consumers has remained relatively robust, providing a solid base for retail spending in the near term.

The New Zealand dollar rose slightly over the quarter, closing at \$0.42.

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Market Review and Outlook (concluded)

UNITED KINGDOM

Over the quarter, UK consumer spending remained fairly buoyant while the manufacturing sector remained weak, underlining the current two-speed nature of the UK economy. Given the ongoing strength of consumer spending, the Investment Manager is inclined to put the chance of further rate cuts in the UK at less than 50%. However, a benign inflation background throughout 2002 should allow the monetary policy to remain on hold for most of the year, although there are upward risks to this view in line with the market's expectations.

The pound has depreciated against the U.S. dollar over the quarter, closing at \$1.41.

ASIA

Domestic and Yankee (U.S.\$ denominated) bonds

Among domestic Asian bond markets, Thailand posted strong gains over the quarter, as investors started to price in an interest rate cut which the Bank of Thailand delivered late in December 2001. Singapore underperformed, with the market selling-off in November, on the back of weakness in global bond markets. U.S. dollar-denominated Asian bonds rallied strongly over the quarter as investors purchased high-yield bonds, especially in the latter part of November 2001.

Currencies

The South Korean won depreciated against the U.S. dollar over the quarter, while the Singapore dollar, Philippine peso and Thai baht remained broadly unchanged. The Malaysian ringgit remained pegged to the U.S. dollar. Strong gains in local currency terms of most Asian bond markets were, for the most part, neutralized by the relative strength of the Australian dollar, which appreciated against most Asian currencies.

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Summary of Key Rates

The following table summarizes the movements of key interest rates and currencies over the last three and twelve month periods.

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| | January 31, 2002 | October 31, 2001 | January 31, 2001 |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Australia | | | |
| 90 day bank bills | 4.31% | 4.29% | 5.74% |
| 10 year bonds | 6.01% | 5.23% | 5.35% |
| Australian Dollar | \$ 0.51 | \$ 0.50 | \$ 0.55 |
| Canada | | | |
| 90 day bank bills | 1.97% | 2.35% | 5.12% |
| 10 year bonds | 5.44% | 4.86% | 5.39% |
| Canadian Dollar | \$ 0.63 | \$ 0.63 | \$ 0.67 |
| New Zealand | | | |
| 90 day bank bills | 4.90% | 4.96% | 6.41% |
| 10 year bonds | 6.65% | 6.18% | 6.07% |
| NZ Dollar | \$ 0.42 | \$ 0.41 | \$ 0.44 |
| United Kingdom | | | |
| 90 day bank bills | 3.92% | 4.15% | 5.58% |
| 10 year bonds | 4.89% | 4.53% | 4.84% |
| British Pound | \$ 1.41 | \$ 1.45 | \$ 1.46 |
| South Korea | | | |
| 90 day T-bills | 4.37% | 4.37% | 5.60% |
| 10 year bonds | 7.11% | 6.85% | 6.54% |
| South Korean Won* | (won) 1311.5 | (won) 1290 | (won) 1257 |
| Thailand | | | |
| 90 day deposits | 2.25% | 2.50% | 3.00% |
| 10 year bonds | 4.76% | 5.55% | 4.00% |
| Thai Baht* | (baht) 44.1 | (baht) 44.7 | (baht) 42.5 |
| Philippines | | | |
| 90 day T-bills | 7.90% | 11.07% | 11.43% |
| 10 year bonds | 14.73% | 17.80% | 16.30% |
| Philippines Peso* | (peso) 51.2 | (peso) 52.0 | (peso) 49.0 |
| Malaysia | | | |
| 90 day T-bills | 2.77% | 2.73% | 2.92% |
| 10 year bonds | 4.35% | 3.30% | 4.98% |
| Malaysian Ringgit* | (ringgit) 3.8 | (ringgit) 3.8 | (ringgit) 3.8 |
| Singapore | | | |
| 90 day T-bills | 0.83% | 0.60% | 2.09% |
| 10 year bonds | 3.91% | 2.97% | 3.69% |
| Singapore Dollar* | S\$ 1.84 | S\$ 1.82 | S\$ 1.74 |
| US\$ Yankee Bonds** | | | |
| South Korea | 5.86% | 5.54% | 7.23% |
| Malaysia | 6.54% | 6.57% | 7.18% |
| Philippines | 8.76% | 10.19% | 10.68% |

* These currencies are quoted Asian currency per U.S. dollar. The Australian, Canadian and New Zealand dollars and the British pound are quoted U.S. dollars per currency.

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March 2002

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Portfolio of Investments (unaudited)

As of January 31, 2002

| Principal Amount Local Currency (a) (000) | Description | Value (US\$) |
|---|--|-----------------|
| LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS--84.7% | | |
| AUSTRALIA--21.1% | | |
| Government Bonds--8.6% | | |
| A\$ | | |
| | Commonwealth of Australia, | |
| 3,000 | 10.00%, 10/15/02..... | 1,579,466 |
| 2,000 | 9.50%, 8/15/03..... | 1,082,822 |
| 1,000 | 10.00%, 2/15/06..... | 586,605 |
| 2,500 | 6.75%, 11/15/06..... | 1,323,266 |
| 1,000 | 10.00%, 10/15/07..... | 608,711 |
| 3,000 | 8.75%, 8/15/08..... | 1,753,216 |
| 2,500 | 7.50%, 9/15/09..... | 1,383,485 |
| 1,500 | 6.50%, 5/15/13..... | 781,381 |
| | Federal National Mortgage Association, Series EMTN, | |
| 2,000 | 6.375%, 8/15/07..... | 1,026,896 |
| | Total government bonds (cost US\$12,145,134)..... | 10,125,848 |
| Semi-Government Bonds--7.6% | | |
| New South Wales--2.5% | | |
| | New South Wales Treasury Corporation, | |
| 1,500 | 7.00%, 4/01/04..... | 786,239 |
| 4,200 | 7.00%, 12/01/10..... | 2,227,524 |
| | | 3,013,763 |
| Queensland--1.9% | | |
| A\$ | | |
| | Queensland Treasury Corporation, | |
| 2,000 | 8.00%, 5/14/03 (Global)..... | 1,052,923 |
| 1,000 | 8.00%, 9/14/07 (Global)..... | 554,751 |
| 1,250 | 6.00%, 6/14/21..... | 599,382 |
| | | 2,207,056 |
| Victoria--1.5% | | |

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|-------------------------|---|-----------|
| | State Electricity Commission of Victoria, 10.50%, 5/27/03..... | 289,440 |
| 535 | Treasury Corporation of Victoria, 9.00%, 6/27/05..... | 554,127 |
| 1,000 | 10.25%, 11/15/06..... | 894,450 |
| 1,500 | | ----- |
| | | 1,738,017 |
| | | ----- |
| Western Australia--1.7% | | |
| | Western Australia Treasury Corporation, 8.00%, 6/15/13..... | 1,998,891 |
| 3,500 | | ----- |
| | Total Australian semi-government bonds (cost US\$10,451,359)..... | 8,957,727 |
| | | ----- |
| Supranational--1.8% | | |
| | Eurofima, 9.875%, 1/17/07..... | 2,067,288 |
| 3,500 | | ----- |
| | Total Australian dollar supranational bonds (cost US\$2,143,094)..... | 2,067,288 |
| | | ----- |

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| Principal Amount Local Currency (a) (000) | Description | Value (US\$) |
|---|--|-----------------|
| ----- | | |
| Utilities--0.9% | | |
| A\$ | | |
| | Telstra Corp., 11.50%, 10/15/02..... | 1,061,036 |
| 2,000 | | ----- |
| | Total Australian utility bonds (cost US\$1,408,214)..... | 1,061,036 |
| | | ----- |
| Banking and Finance--0.2% | | |
| | ING Bank (Australia) Ltd., 7.125%, 3/13/02..... | 253,963 |
| 500 | | ----- |
| | Total Australian banking and finance bonds (cost US\$371,631)..... | 253,963 |
| | | ----- |

Corporate Non-Banks--2.0%

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|-----------------------------|---|------------|
| 4,000 | Brisbane Airport Corporation, Ltd., 7.30%, 6/30/10..... | 2,086,003 |
| 600 | GE Capital Australia, 6.75%, 9/15/07..... | 311,496 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total Australian corporate non-bank bonds (cost US\$2,503,340)..... | 2,397,499 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total Australian long-term investments (cost US\$29,022,772)..... | 24,863,361 |
| | | ----- |
| CANADA--27.0% | | |
| Government Bonds--20.6% | | |
| C\$ | | |
| | Canadian Government, | |
| 6,000 | 8.50%, 4/01/02..... | 3,810,653 |
| 5,000 | 5.25%, 9/01/03..... | 3,247,673 |
| 2,500 | 7.25%, 6/01/07..... | 1,739,860 |
| 2,000 | 5.50%, 6/01/09..... | 1,273,337 |
| 1,000 | 10.75%, 10/01/09..... | 838,215 |
| 3,000 | 10.25%, 3/15/14..... | 2,662,608 |
| 4,000 | 8.00%, 6/01/23..... | 3,174,066 |
| 8,000 | 9.00%, 6/01/25..... | 7,030,210 |
| | Canada (Cayman), | |
| 750 | 7.25%, 6/01/08..... | 518,481 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total Canadian government bonds (cost US\$26,779,969)..... | 24,295,103 |
| | | ----- |
| Semi-Government Bonds--5.5% | | |
| British Columbia--1.4% | | |
| | Province of British Columbia, | |
| 2,000 | 9.50%, 1/09/12..... | 1,608,955 |
| | | ----- |
| Ontario--0.9% | | |
| | Ontario Hydro, | |
| 500 | 8.50%, 5/26/25..... | 402,849 |
| | Province of Ontario, | |
| 1,000 | 8.75%, 4/22/03..... | 678,279 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 1,081,128 |
| | | ----- |

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Portfolio of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

As of January 31, 2002

| Principal Amount Local Currency (a) (000) | Description | Value (US\$) |
|---|-------------|-----------------|
|---|-------------|-----------------|

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|---------------------------|--|------------|
| ----- | | |
| Quebec--2.8% | | |
| C\$ | | |
| 1,500 | Quebec Hydro, 7.00%, 6/01/04..... | 1,012,169 |
| 1,000 | 2.14%, 1/28/05 (b)..... | 633,641 |
| 2,000 | 9.625%, 7/15/22..... | 1,727,204 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 3,373,014 |
| | | ----- |
| Toronto--0.4% | | |
| 750 | Metropolitan Municipality of Toronto, 9.625%, 5/14/02..... | 481,040 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total Canadian semi-government bonds (cost US\$7,015,637)..... | 6,544,137 |
| | | ----- |
| Utilities--0.3% | | |
| 500 | Bell Telephone Company of Canada, 10.50%, 7/15/09..... | 330,103 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total Canadian utility bonds (cost US\$428,990)..... | 330,103 |
| | | ----- |
| Banking and Finance--0.6% | | |
| 1,000 | Credit Local de France, 6.75%, 3/21/06..... | 671,575 |
| | Total Canadian banking and finance bonds (cost US\$709,943)..... | 671,575 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total Canadian long-term investments (cost US\$34,934,539)..... | 31,840,918 |
| | | ----- |
| DENMARK--2.1% | | |
| Banking and Finance--2.1% | | |
| NZ\$ | | |
| 2,000 | Bayerische Hypo- und Vereinsbank AG, 7.00%, 9/14/05..... | 832,782 |
| 4,000 | Landesbank Hessen-Thuringen Girozentrale, 7.00%, 12/17/07..... | 1,664,715 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total Denmark long-term investments (cost US\$2,585,925)..... | 2,497,497 |
| | | ----- |
| HONG KONG--0.2% | | |
| Corporate Non-Banks--0.2% | | |
| US\$ | | |
| 200 | PCCW-HKTC Capital LTD., 7.75%, 11/15/11..... | 200,840 |
| | | ----- |

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| | | |
|-----------------------------|--|------------------|
| | Total Hong Kong long-term investments (cost US\$199,418) | 200,840 ----- |
| MALAYSIA--0.7% | | |
| Semi-Government Bonds--0.7% | | |
| MYR | | |
| 3,100 | Danamodal Nasional Berhad, 0.00%, 10/21/03..... | 772,716 ----- |
| | Total Malaysia long-term investments (cost US\$749,597) | 772,716 ----- |

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Portfolio of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

As of January 31, 2002

| Principal Amount Local Currency (a) (000) | Description | Value (US\$) |
|---|--|------------------|
| ----- | | |
| NEW ZEALAND--1.8% | | |
| Government Bonds--0.3% | | |
| NZ\$ | | |
| 1,000 | Canadian Government, 6.625%, 10/03/07..... | 411,124 ----- |
| | Total New Zealand government bonds (cost US\$553,974) | 411,124 ----- |
| Utilities--0.7% | | |
| 1,000 | Electricity Corporation of New Zealand Ltd., 8.00%, 2/15/03..... | 427,190 |
| 1,000 | TCNZ Finance Limited, 9.25%, 7/01/02..... | 421,381 ----- |
| | Total New Zealand utility bonds (cost US\$1,153,439) | 848,571 ----- |
| Banking and Finance--0.2% | | |
| 500 | Transpower Finance Ltd., 8.00%, 6/15/05..... | 216,298 ----- |
| | Total New Zealand banking and finance bonds (cost US\$344,566) | 216,298 ----- |

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Corporate Non-Banks--0.6%

NZ\$

| | | |
|-------|--|-----------|
| 1,500 | Housing New Zealand, 8.00%, 11/15/06..... | 653,228 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total New Zealand corporate non-bank bonds (cost US\$798,430)..... | 653,228 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total New Zealand long-term investments (cost US\$2,850,409)..... | 2,129,221 |
| | | ----- |

PHILIPPINES--0.2%

Government Bonds--0.2%

| | | |
|--------------|--|---------|
| | Philippine Government, | |
| PHP 7,000 | 16.50%, 2/25/09..... | 153,593 |
| US\$ 100 | 9.875%, 1/15/19..... | 95,465 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total Philippine long-term investments (cost US\$285,906)..... | 249,058 |
| | | ----- |

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Portfolio of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

As of January 31, 2002

Principal

Amount

Local

Currency (a)

(000)

Description

Value

(US\$)

SINGAPORE--0.5%

Government Bonds--0.4%

SG\$

| | | |
|-----|--|---------|
| 100 | Singapore Government, 3.00%, 11/01/02..... | 55,251 |
| 50 | 4.00%, 3/01/07..... | 28,011 |
| 700 | 4.625%, 7/01/10..... | 400,945 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total Singapore government bonds (cost US\$503,723)..... | 484,207 |
| | | ----- |

Utilities--0.1%

| | | |
|-----|--|---------|
| 250 | Singapore Power, 4.60%, 9/21/07..... | 143,426 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total Singapore corporate non-bank bonds (cost US\$143,849)..... | 143,426 |

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| | | ----- |
| | Total Singapore | |
| | long-term investments | |
| | (cost US\$647,572) | 627,633 |
| | | ----- |
| SOUTH KOREA--3.2% | | |
| Government Bonds--1.3% | | |
| US\$ | | |
| | EMBARC Ltd. Linked Note | |
| | Series 1-9, | |
| 2,000 | 5.671%, 8/18/03 (b) (c) | 1,584,760 |
| | | ----- |
| Government Banks--1.7% | | |
| | EMBARC Ltd. Linked Note | |
| | Series 1-7, | |
| 2,600 | 5.029%, 6/28/02 (b) (d) | 2,005,588 |
| | | ----- |
| Banking and Finance--0.2% | | |
| | Korea Development Bank, | |
| 200 | 5.25%, 11/16/06 | 196,568 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total Korean | |
| | long-term investments | |
| | (cost US\$4,529,537) | 3,786,916 |
| | | ----- |
| THAILAND--0.6% | | |
| Government Bonds--0.4% | | |
| THB | | |
| | Thailand Government, | |
| 5,000 | 6.125%, 4/12/02 (e) | 114,377 |
| 550 | 8.25%, 10/14/03 (e) | 13,707 |
| 12,000 | 8.00%, 12/08/06 (e) | 328,280 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total Thailand | |
| | government bonds | |
| | (cost US\$481,165) | 456,364 |
| | | ----- |

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Portfolio of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

As of January 31, 2002

| Principal Amount Local Currency (a) (000) | Description | Value (US\$) |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------|
| ----- | | |
| Utilities--0.1% | | |
| THB | | |
| | Eastern Water Resources | |
| | Development and Management | |
| | Company Limited, | |
| 4,000 | 9.00%, 7/22/04 (e) | 101,887 |
| | | ----- |

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|---------------------------|--|------------|
| | Total Thailand utility bonds (cost US\$101,524) | 101,887 |
| | | ----- |
| Corporate Non-Banks--0.1% | | |
| | Advanced Info Service Public Company Limited, 3,900 6.50%, 3/20/03 (e) | 90,703 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total Thailand corporate non-bank bonds (cost US\$103,366) | 90,703 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total Thailand long-term investments (cost US\$686,055) | 648,954 |
| | | ----- |
| UNITED KINGDOM--27.3% | | |
| Government Bonds--21.0% | | |
| (pound) | | |
| | United Kingdom Treasury, | |
| 1,500 | 8.00%, 6/10/03 | 2,217,769 |
| 500 | 5.00%, 6/07/04 | 709,672 |
| 1,250 | 8.50%, 12/07/05 | 1,983,044 |
| 1,100 | 7.50%, 12/07/06 | 1,722,375 |
| 500 | 5.75%, 12/07/09 | 743,396 |
| 1,500 | 8.00%, 9/27/13 | 2,688,111 |
| 600 | 8.00%, 12/07/15 | 1,109,529 |
| 3,000 | 8.00%, 6/07/21 | 5,937,564 |
| 2,350 | 6.00%, 12/07/28 | 3,983,198 |
| | Republic of Finland, | |
| 1,000 | 8.00%, 4/07/03 | 1,462,621 |
| 1,250 | 10.125%, 6/22/08 | 2,200,392 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total United Kingdom government bonds (cost US\$27,258,219) | 24,757,671 |
| | | ----- |
| Utilities--2.0% | | |
| (pound) | | |
| | British Gas PLC, | |
| 1,400 | 8.875%, 7/08/08 | 2,293,377 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total United Kingdom utility bonds (cost US\$2,204,796) | 2,293,377 |
| | | ----- |
| Banking and Finance--4.3% | | |
| | Abbey National Treasury Services PLC, | |
| 1,250 | 8.00%, 4/02/03 | 1,826,120 |
| 1,000 | Barclays Bank PLC, 9.875%, 5/29/49 | 1,698,843 |
| 500 | Lloyds Bank PLC, 7.375%, 3/11/04 | 733,503 |
| 500 | Prudential Finance B.V., 9.375%, 6/04/07 | 825,634 |
| | | ----- |

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|---|------------|
| Total United Kingdom banking and finance bonds (cost US\$5,041,374) | 5,084,100 |
| ----- | |
| Total United Kingdom long-term investments (cost US\$34,504,389) | 32,135,148 |
| ----- | |
| Total long-term investments (cost US\$110,996,119) | 99,752,262 |
| ----- | |

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Portfolio of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

As of January 31, 2002

| Principal Amount Local Currency (a) (000) | Description | Value (US\$) |
|---|--|-----------------|
| ----- | | |
| SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS--13.2% | | |
| Australia--2.7% | | |
| A\$ | | |
| 6,338 | Banque Nationale de Paris Fixed Deposit, 4.00%, 2/01/02 (cost US\$3,211,619) | 3,211,620 |
| | | ----- |
| Canada--4.7% | | |
| C\$ | | |
| 8,770 | State Street Bank and Trust Company Time Deposit, 1.75%, 2/06/02 (cost US\$5,521,975) | 5,515,030 |
| | | ----- |
| United Kingdom--2.6% | | |
| (pound) | | |
| 2,170 | State Street Bank and Trust Company Fixed Deposit, 3.94%, 2/06/02 (cost US\$3,067,078) | 3,066,861 |
| | | ----- |
| United States--3.2% | | |
| US\$ | | |
| 3,777 | Repurchase Agreement, State Street Bank and Trust Company, 1.77% dated 1/31/02, due 2/01/02 in the amount of \$3,777,186 (collateralized by \$2,985,000 U.S. Treasury Bonds, 7.875% due 2/15/21; value \$3,853,193) (cost US\$3,777,000) | 3,777,000 |
| | | ----- |

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|---|---------------|
| Total short-term investments (cost US\$15,577,672) | 15,570,511 |
| ----- | |
| Total Investments--97.9% (cost US\$126,573,791) | 115,322,773 |
| Net unrealized appreciation on forward foreign currency exchange contracts--0.0% (f) | 4,615 |
| Other assets in excess of liabilities--2.1% | 2,465,128 |
| ----- | |
| Total Net Assets--100.0% | \$117,792,516 |
| ===== | |

(a) Portfolio securities are listed based on the currency in which they are traded.

A\$--Australian dollar
 C\$--Canadian dollar
 MYR--Malaysian Ringgit
 NZ\$--New Zealand dollar
 PHP--Philippine Peso
 SG\$--Singapore dollar
 THB--Thailand Baht
 (pound)--British pound
 US\$--United States dollar

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Portfolio of Investments (unaudited) (concluded)

As of January 31, 2002

- (b) Coupon changes periodically upon a predetermined schedule. Stated interest rate in effect at January 31, 2002.
- (c) Value of security is linked to the value of Government of Korea 7.70%, 8/16/03 and the movement of the South Korean Won.
- (d) Value of security is linked to the value of Korea Development Bank 7.01%, 6/26/02 and the movement of the South Korean Won.
- (e) Securities, or a portion thereof, pledged as collateral for forward currency exchange contracts.
- (f) Forward foreign currency exchange contracts entered into as of January 31, 2002 were as follows:

 Purchases

| Contracts to Receive | In Exchange for | Settlement Date | Value | Unrealized Appreciation |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| ----- | | | | |
| PHP 18,410,800 | US\$350,000 | 03/26/02 | US\$356,350 | \$ 6,350 |
| ----- | | | | |

 Sales

| Contracts to Deliver | In Exchange for | Settlement Date | Value | Unrealized Depreciation |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|----------------------------|
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|----------------------------|

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| | | | | |
|---------------|-------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| CAD 1,000,000 | US\$627,117 | 02/01/02 | US\$628,852 | \$ (1,735) |
| | | | Total | \$ 4,615 |
| | | | | ===== |

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