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Investment Company Act file number 811-5822

MFS CHARTER INCOME TRUST

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

500 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

James R. Bordewick, Jr.
Massachusetts Financial Services Company
500 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

(Name and address of agents for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 954-5000

Date of fiscal year end: November 30, 2004

Date of reporting period: May 31, 2004

ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS

MFS(R) Mutual Funds
SEMIANNUAL REPORT 5/31/04

MFS(R) CHARTER INCOME TRUST

A path for pursuing opportunity

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INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

MFS(R) PRIVACY POLICY: A COMMITMENT TO YOU

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LETTER FROM THE CEO

Dear Shareholders,

[Photo of Robert J. Manning]

Our firm was built on the strength of MFS Original Research(R), our in-depth analysis of every security we consider for our portfolios. We've been honing this process since 1932, when we created one of the mutual fund industry's first research departments. And we continue to fine-tune this process so that we can provide strong and consistent long-term investment performance to help you achieve your financial goals.

While we have achieved strong investment performance in many of our portfolios, our goal is to achieve the same strong results across all asset classes. To ensure that our portfolio teams are doing the best possible job for our firm's clients and shareholders, I am focusing the vast majority of my time on the three key elements that I believe truly differentiate MFS from its competitors: people, process, and culture.

PEOPLE

Our people have always been our most valuable resource. Our philosophy is to deliver consistent, repeatable investment results by hiring the most talented investors in our industry. We recruit from the nation's top business schools and hire experienced analysts, both domestically and around the globe.

Our analysts are the engine that powers our entire investment team because their recommendations have a direct impact on the investment performance of our portfolios. To demonstrate our ongoing commitment in this area, we increased the number of equity analysts at MFS from less than 40 at the end of 2000 to about 50 in June 2004. During that same period, we doubled the average investment experience of our domestic equity analysts, in part by recruiting more seasoned analysts to the firm. Moreover, our international network of investment personnel now spans key regions of the world with offices in London, Mexico City, Singapore, and Tokyo, as well as Boston.

One of the major advantages that MFS has over many of its competitors is that the position of research analyst is a long-term career for many members of our team, not simply a steppingstone toward becoming a portfolio manager. We have worked to elevate the stature of the analyst position to be on par with that of a portfolio manager. In fact, an exceptional research analyst has the opportunity to earn more at MFS than some portfolio managers.

At the same time, we look within the firm to promote talented analysts who

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choose a path toward becoming a portfolio manager. We rarely hire portfolio managers from our competitors because we believe the best investors are those steeped in the MFS process and culture. In the past few months, we have identified three senior research analysts who will assume roles on the management teams of several of our larger portfolios. MFS is fortunate to have a deep bench of talented investment personnel, and we welcome the opportunity to put their skills to work for our clients.

PROCESS

MFS was built on the strength of its bottom-up approach to researching securities. We have enhanced the mentoring process for our research analysts by calling on several of our most seasoned portfolio managers to supplement the work of Director of Global Equity Research David A. Antonelli. These portfolio managers are taking a special interest in developing the careers of our research analysts and strengthening our investment process. Kenneth J. Enright of our value equity group is working with a team of domestic analysts; David E. Sette-Ducati of our small- and mid-cap equity team is working with analysts concentrating on small- and mid-cap companies; and Barnaby Wiener of our international equity team in London heads the European equity research team.

We have combined the bottom-up approach of our research process with a top-down approach to risk controls on portfolio composition. We have a very strong quantitative team under the leadership of industry veteran Deborah H. Miller, who represents the equity management department on the Management Committee of the firm. Quantitative analysis helps us generate investment ideas and, more importantly, assess the appropriate level of risk for each portfolio. The risk assessment is designed to assure that each portfolio operates within its investment objectives.

Additionally, we have increased the peripheral vision of our investment personnel across asset classes through the collaboration of our Equity, Fixed Income, Quantitative Analysis, and Risk Management teams. We recently codified this key aspect of our culture by forming an Investment Management Committee, composed of key members of these teams. This Committee will work to ensure that all teams are sharing information, actively debating investment ideas, and creating a unified investment team.

CULTURE

Teamwork is at the heart of our ability to deliver consistent and competitive investment performance over time. At MFS, each member of our team is involved in our success; we have no superstars. The collaborative nature of our process works to assure a consistent investment approach across all of our products and provides a high level of continuity in portfolio management because our investment performance never depends on the contributions of just a single individual. Our culture is based on an environment of teamwork that allows our investment personnel to be successful. In turn, we demand superior investment results from every member of our team.

We have created a meritocracy at our firm based on investment results. We hold all of our portfolio managers accountable for the performance of their portfolios and their contributions to the team. We also track the equity and fixed-income ratings of our analysts so we can evaluate them based on the performance of their recommendations. We align bonus compensation to investment performance by weighting rewards to those who have created the greatest long-term benefit for our shareholders and who contribute most successfully to the Original Research(SM) process.

The strength of our culture has resulted in a tremendous amount of stability, both in terms of people and assets under management. Although we have

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dismissed members of our team whose performance did not meet MFS' high standards, only one portfolio manager has voluntarily left the firm over the past six months, based on a decision to retire from the industry. Similarly, our firm's assets under management have remained quite steady in the midst of a challenging environment.

In short, we can help you achieve your financial goals by hiring talented people, following a disciplined process, and maintaining our firm's unique culture. The recent enhancements described in this letter reflect the collaborative spirit and the depth of resources in our investment teams.

As always, we appreciate your confidence in MFS and welcome any questions or comments you may have.

Respectfully,

/s/ Robert J. Manning

Robert J. Manning
CEO, President, and Chief Investment Officer
MFS Investment Management (R)

June 18, 2004

PAST PERFORMANCE IS NO GUARANTEE OF FUTURE RESULTS.

The opinions expressed in this letter are those of MFS, and no forecasts can be guaranteed.

MFS ORIGINAL RESEARCH (R)

THE MFS (R) DIFFERENCE

For 80 years MFS has been offering investors clear paths to pursuing specific investment objectives. Today, millions of individuals and thousands of institutions all over the world look to MFS to manage their assets with insight and care.

Our success, we believe, has to do with the fact that we see investors as people with plans, not just dollars to invest.

When you invest with MFS, you invest with a company dedicated to helping you realize your long-term financial goals.

INVESTORS CHOOSE MFS FOR OUR

- o global asset management expertise across all asset classes
- o time-tested money management process for pursuing consistent results
- o full spectrum of investment products backed by MFS Original Research (R)
- o resources and services that match real-life needs

TURNING INFORMATION INTO OPPORTUNITY

Sound investments begin with sound information. MFS has been doing its own research and analyzing findings in-house for decades. The process we use to uncover opportunity is called MFS Original Research (R).

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MFS ORIGINAL RESEARCH INVOLVES

- o meeting with the management of 3,000 companies each year to assess their business plans and the managers' ability to execute those plans
- o making onsite visits to more than 2,000 companies annually to gain first-hand knowledge of their operations and products
- o analyzing financial statements and balance sheets
- o talking extensively with companies' customers and competitors
- o developing our own proprietary estimates of companies' earnings

MANAGEMENT REVIEW

MARKET ENVIRONMENT

The six-month period ended May 31, 2004, encompassed two markedly contrasting backdrops for fixed-income investing. Early in the period, interest rates continued to move down amid uncertainty about the pace of economic growth, especially in view of reports documenting the lack of new-job creation. In our view, improving corporate profitability and rising gross domestic product statistics were not enough to persuade investors that the economy was in full recovery. We believe the predominant expectation early in the period was that the U.S. Federal Reserve Board was not likely to tighten monetary policy quickly. In this environment, the riskier, higher-yielding classes of bonds, especially domestic high-yield securities and emerging market debt, showed the strongest performance.

A new environment emerged for the final two months of the period, however, after the U.S. Department of Labor reported strong job growth for April and May. We believe investors began to anticipate that the Fed would begin raising short-term interest rates, perhaps as early as June, and that market interest rates shot up and prices of Treasuries and other domestic high-grade securities fell on the basis of those expectations. The yield on the 10-year Treasury, which fell to as low as 3.68% in March, rose to 4.65% by May 31, after starting the six-month period at 4.32%.

Despite losing ground in the final month of the period, domestic high-yield bonds led other fixed-income sectors in performance for the six months, while high-grade domestic securities and Treasuries tended to lag. (The principal value and interest on Treasury securities are guaranteed by the U.S. government if held to maturity while those of other high-grade securities are not.) High-grade sovereign debt of foreign nations fared better than U.S. Treasuries, while emerging market debt fell hard in the final two months after performing strongly early in the period.

TRUST POSITIONING

Throughout the period, we maintained overweighted positions relative to what we would consider neutral positions, in domestic high-yield and emerging market debt to take advantage of their yield premiums over lower-yielding, high-grade investments. This continued the strategy we initiated during 2003 when we became less conservative and sought to benefit from the prospect of an improving economy and rising corporate profitability. Together, domestic high-yield corporate bonds and emerging market securities accounted for approximately 40% of portfolio assets for much of the period. We de-emphasized Treasuries and high-grade domestic bonds, which have tended to be the most sensitive to the

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risk of falling prices when interest rates begin to rise. To further protect the trust's exposure to interest-rate risk, we lowered the portfolio's effective duration from 4.59 years to 4.36 years, paying particular attention to the duration of our domestic high-grade holdings, which we feel are the most vulnerable to rising rates in the United States.

CONTRIBUTORS TO PERFORMANCE

The trust's emphasis on U.S. high-yield bonds was a significant factor supporting trust performance. Even when interest rates started to rise and overall bond prices declined in April, high-yield bonds tended to hold up better than other types of bonds. However, even they lost value in the final month of the period as investors, we believe, became more risk averse. The lowering of duration helped to reduce the negative impact on prices associated with rising interest rates. The trust's diversification and exposure to non-dollar government bonds also helped, as these securities were less affected by increasing interest rates in the United States.

DETRACTORS FROM PERFORMANCE

A goal of this portfolio is to provide investors with diversification across the fixed-income markets. Relative performance results will naturally vary when compared with a particular benchmark that comprises just one or a few fixed-income sectors. For the six-month period ended May 31, 2004, the trust's net asset value results trailed two of the four benchmarks for the types of securities in which it invests: the Lehman Brothers High Yield Index, a solely high-yield benchmark, and the Citigroup World Government Non-Dollar Hedged Index, which is composed of currency-hedged, high-grade U.S. and foreign government bonds. Conversely, the trust at net asset value outperformed the Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond Index, a benchmark that covers the broad U.S. fixed-income market, and the J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global, which is composed entirely of emerging market issues. Nevertheless, the trust's overweighted position in emerging market debt did detract from overall performance.

While the portfolio's performance at net asset value was positive, the discount deepened on the market price of publicly traded trust shares. This resulted in a negative return at the trust's market price despite positive performance by the underlying investment portfolio.

Respectfully,

/s/ Joseph C. Flaherty, Jr.

Joseph C. Flaherty, Jr.
Portfolio Manager

The views expressed in this report are those of the portfolio manager only through the end of the period of the report as stated on the cover and do not necessarily reflect the views of MFS or any other person in the MFS organization. These views are subject to change at any time based on market and other conditions, and MFS disclaims any responsibility to update such views. These views may not be relied upon as investment advice or as an indication of trading intent on behalf of any MFS fund. References to specific securities are not recommendations of such securities and may not be representative of any MFS fund's current or future investments.

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PORTFOLIO MANAGER'S PROFILE

Joseph C. Flaherty, Jr., is Senior Vice President of MFS Investment Management (R) (MFS(R)) and Director of Fixed Income Quantitative Research. He is portfolio manager of the global asset allocation portfolios of our mutual funds, variable annuities, and offshore investment products.

Joe joined MFS as a fixed-income quantitative research associate in 1993 and was named quantitative research analyst and Assistant Vice President in 1996. He became Vice President and manager of the Quantitative Research Group in 1998, portfolio manager in 1999, and Director of Fixed Income Quantitative Research in 2004.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Tufts University in 1984 and an M.B.A. in finance from Bentley College in 1990.

All portfolio managers at MFS are supported by an investment staff of over 160 professionals utilizing MFS Original Research(R), a global, company-oriented, bottom-up process of selecting securities.

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY THROUGH 5/31/04

All results are historical. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, and shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. More recent returns may be different from those shown. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

PRICE SUMMARY

Six months ended
5/31/04

	Date	Price
Net asset value	11/30/2003	\$9.58
	5/31/2004	\$9.43
New York Stock Exchange	11/30/2003	\$8.78
	3/10/2004 (high)*	\$9.32
	5/12/2004 (low)*	\$8.23
	5/31/2004	\$8.37

*For the period December 1, 2003, through May 31, 2004.

TOTAL RETURN VS BENCHMARKS

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Six months ended
5/31/04

New York Stock Exchange price*	-1.68%
Net asset value*	1.52%
Citigroup World Government Non-dollar Hedged Index#	1.56%
J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global#	-0.86%
Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond Index#	0.60%
Lehman Brothers High Yield Index#	2.19%

* Includes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions.

Source: Standard & Poor's Micropal.

INDEX DEFINITIONS

CITIGROUP WORLD GOVERNMENT NON-DOLLAR HEDGED INDEX - measures the government bond markets around the world, ex-U.S.

J.P. MORGAN EMERGING MARKETS BOND INDEX GLOBAL (THE EMBI GLOBAL) - tracks debt instruments in the emerging markets (includes a broader array of countries than the EMBI Plus).

LEHMAN BROTHERS AGGREGATE BOND INDEX - a measure of the U.S. bond market.

LEHMAN BROTHERS HIGH YIELD INDEX - measures the performance of the high-yield bond market.

It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

KEY RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Investing in foreign and/or emerging markets securities involves risks relating to interest rates, currency exchange rates, economic, and political conditions.

The portfolio may invest in derivative securities, which may include futures and options. These types of instruments can increase price fluctuation.

The portfolio focuses on companies in a limited number of sectors, making it more susceptible to adverse economic, political, or regulatory developments affecting those sectors than a portfolio that invests more broadly.

Investments in high yield or lower-rated securities may provide greater returns but are subject to greater-than-average risk.

Because the portfolio invests in a limited number of companies a change in one security's value may have a more significant effect on the portfolio's value.

Government guarantees apply to the underlying securities only and not to the prices and yields of the portfolio.

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These risks may increase share price volatility. Please see the prospectus for further information on these and other risk considerations.

In accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the trust hereby gives notice that it may from time to time repurchase shares of the trust in the open market at the option of the Board of Trustees and on such terms as the Trustees shall determine.

DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND CASH PURCHASE PLAN

The trust offers a Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan that allows you to reinvest either all of the distributions paid by the trust or only the long-term capital gains. Purchases are made at the market price unless that price exceeds the net asset value (the shares are trading at a premium). If the shares are trading at a premium, purchases will be made at a discounted price of either the net asset value or 95% of the market price, whichever is greater. Twice each year you can also buy shares. Investments may be made in any amount over \$100 in January and July on the 15th of the month or shortly thereafter.

If your shares are in the name of a brokerage firm, bank, or other nominee, you can ask the firm or nominee to participate in the plan on your behalf. If the nominee does not offer the plan, you may wish to request that your shares be re-registered in your own name so that you can participate.

There is no service charge to reinvest distributions, nor are there brokerage charges for shares issued directly by the trust. However, when shares are bought on the New York Stock Exchange or otherwise on the open market, each participant pays a pro rata share of the commissions. The automatic reinvestment of distributions does not relieve you of any income tax that may be payable (or required to be withheld) on the distributions.

To enroll in or withdraw from the plan, or if you have any questions, call 1-800-637-2304 any business day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern time. Please have available the name of the trust and your account and Social Security numbers. For certain types of registrations, such as corporate accounts, instructions must be submitted in writing. Please call for additional details. When you withdraw from the plan, you can receive the value of the reinvested shares in one of two ways: a check for the value of the full and fractional shares, or a certificate for the full shares and a check for the fractional shares.

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (unaudited) - 5/31/04

The Portfolio of Investments is a complete list of all securities owned by your fund. It is categorized by broad-based asset classes.

Bonds - 94.1%

ISSUER	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000 Omitted)	\$ VALUE
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U.S. Bonds - 61.6%

Advertising & Broadcasting - 2.0%

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Allbritton Communications Co., 7.75%, 2012	\$1,500	\$1,486,875
Lamar Media Corp., 7.25%, 2013	1,390	1,428,225
Muzak LLC, 10%, 2009	440	422,400
Paxson Communications Corp., 0% to 2006, 12.25% to 2009	2,305	1,959,250
Spanish Broadcasting System, Inc., 9.625%, 2009	1,500	1,582,500
XM Satellite Radio Holdings, Inc., 12%, 2010	882	987,840
XM Satellite Radio Holdings, Inc., 0% to 2005, 14% to 2009	358	331,608
Young Broadcasting, Inc., 8.5%, 2008	2,600	2,749,500
		\$10,948,198
Aerospace - 0.8%		
Hexcel Corp., 9.875%, 2008	\$1,240	\$1,370,200
Hexcel Corp., 9.75%, 2009	800	836,000
K&F Industries, Inc., 9.25%, 2007	941	959,820
TransDigm Holding Co., 8.375%, 2011	995	995,000
		\$4,161,020
Agency - Other - 1.0%		
Financing Corp., 10.35%, 2018	\$3,600	\$5,296,291
Airlines - 0.3%		
Continental Airlines, Inc., 7.568%, 2006	\$575	\$472,730
Continental Airlines, Inc., 7.566%, 2020	1,077	877,481
		\$1,350,211
Apparel Manufacturers - 0%		
WestPoint Stevens, Inc., 7.875%, 2005 - 2008**	\$3,550	\$71,000
Asset Backed & Securitized - 4.5%		
Airplane Pass-Through Trust, 10.875%, 2019**	\$222	\$1,111
Amresco Commercial Mortgage Funding I, 7%, 2029	3,000	3,232,031
Asset Securitization Corp., 8.0037%, 2026	2,000	1,994,221
Asset Securitization Corp., 7.525%, 2029	1,586	1,338,053
Commercial Mortgage Acceptance Corp., 5.44%, 2013	3,535	3,151,150
Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage, 6.75%, 2030##	2,000	1,783,200

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First Union-Lehman Brothers Bank of America, 0.5505%, 2028^^	82,997	1,960,545
First Union-Lehman Brothers Commercial Mortgage Trust, 7%, 2014	850	911,923
First Union-Lehman Brothers Commercial Mortgage Trust, 7.5%, 2029	3,000	3,031,875
Morgan Stanley Capital I, Inc., 7.6943%, 2010	2,000	2,066,367
Mortgage Capital Funding, Inc., 0.912%, 2031^^	25,225	719,238
TIAA Real Estate CDO Ltd., 7.17%, 2032##	4,221	4,512,512
		\$24,702,226
Automotive - 1.5%		
Dana Corp., 9%, 2011	\$1,195	\$1,359,313
Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc., 9.75%, 2013	905	966,088
Ford Motor Credit Co., 7%, 2013	952	955,481
General Motors Acceptance Corp., 8%, 2031	1,363	1,378,037
Metaldyne Corp., 11%, 2012	610	506,300
TRW Automotive, Inc., 9.375%, 2013	781	872,768
TRW Automotive, Inc., 11%, 2013	84	97,860
Tenneco Automotive, Inc., 10.25%, 2013	1,715	1,903,650
		\$8,039,497
Banks & Credits Cos. - 0.1%		
RBS Capital Trust II, 6.425%, 2049	\$829	\$788,731
Broadcast & Cable TV - 2.8%		
CSC Holdings, Inc., 8.125%, 2009	\$3,450	\$3,622,500
Charter Communications, Inc., 8.625%, 2009	3,030	2,484,600
Continental Cablevision, Inc., 9.5%, 2013	2,390	2,670,875
DIRECTV Holdings LLC, 8.375%, 2013	335	370,175
Lenfest Communications, Inc., 10.5%, 2006	1,900	2,159,607
Mediacom Broadband LLC, 11%, 2013	2,400	2,538,000
TCI Communications, Inc., 9.8%, 2012	1,169	1,479,443
		\$15,325,200
Building - 0.8%		

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American Standard Cos., Inc., 7.375%, 2008	\$1,005	\$1,092,938
Atrium Cos., Inc., 10.5%, 2009	1,070	1,120,825
Jacuzzi Brands, Inc., 9.625%, 2010	510	545,700
Williams Scotsman, Inc., 9.875%, 2007	1,650	1,608,750
Williams Scotsman, Inc., 10%, 2008	205	221,400
		\$4,589,613
Business Services - 0.9%		
Iron Mountain, Inc., 7.75%, 2015	\$3,000	\$2,977,500
Xerox Corp., 7.625%, 2013	1,995	1,966,627
		\$4,944,127
Chemicals - 1.9%		
Equistar Chemicals LP, 10.625%, 2011	\$710	\$779,225
Huntsman International LLC, 10.125%, 2009	1,950	1,998,750
IMC Global, Inc., 10.875%, 2013	1,745	2,085,275
JohnsonDiversey, Inc., "B", 9.625%, 2012	2,000	2,140,000
JohnsonDiversey, Inc., 0% to 2007, 10.67% to 2013	1,470	1,087,800
Lyondell Chemical Co., 11.125%, 2012	1,690	1,850,550
Nalco Co., 7.75%, 2011##	690	721,050
		\$10,662,650
Consumer Goods & Services - 0.3%		
Kindercare Learning Centers, Inc., 9.5%, 2009	\$656	\$669,120
Samsonite Corp., 10.75%, 2008	925	962,000
		\$1,631,120
Containers - 0.3%		
Owens-Brockway Glass Container, Inc., 8.875%, 2009	\$660	\$693,000
Owens-Brockway Glass Container, Inc., 8.25%, 2013	745	741,275
Pliant Corp., 13%, 2010	190	171,000
		\$1,605,275
Defense Electronics - 0.3%		
L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc., 7.625%, 2012	\$1,480	\$1,528,100

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Energy - Independent - 0.4%

Chesapeake Energy Corp., 7.5%, 2014##	\$2,165	\$2,208,300
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Entertainment - 1.1%

AMC Entertainment, Inc., 9.5%, 2011	\$1,224	\$1,266,840
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News Media Holdings, Inc., 7.7%, 2025	530	596,175
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News Media Holdings, Inc., 6.55%, 2033	538	541,412
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Six Flags, Inc., 9.75%, 2013	1,500	1,500,000
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Turner Broadcasting System, Inc., 8.375%, 2013	1,784	2,090,097
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\$5,994,524

Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages - 0.1%

Seminis Vegetable Seeds, Inc., 10.25%, 2013	\$360	\$390,600
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Forest & Paper Products - 1.0%

Buckeye Technologies, Inc., 8.5%, 2013	\$1,680	\$1,730,400
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Graphic Packaging International, Inc., 8.5%, 2011	500	532,500
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Graphic Packaging International, Inc., 9.5%, 2013	2,940	3,160,500
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\$5,423,400

Gaming & Lodging - 2.3%

GEO Group, Inc., 8.25%, 2013	\$1,120	\$1,092,000
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Hilton Hotels Corp., 7.625%, 2012	1,100	1,171,500
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MGM Mirage, Inc., 8.375%, 2011	1,675	1,809,000
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Park Place Entertainment Corp., 8.875%, 2008	1,550	1,685,625
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Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc., 8.75%, 2013	900	884,250
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Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd., 8%, 2010	1,195	1,278,650
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Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc., 7.875%, 2012	3,000	3,150,000
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Venetian Casino Resort LLC, 11%, 2010	1,550	1,780,563
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\$12,851,588

Industrial - 0.2%

MSW Energy Holdings, 7.375%, 2010##	\$1,045	\$1,029,325
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Insurance - Property & Casualty - 0.2%

Fund American Cos., Inc., 5.875%, 2013	\$1,351	\$1,344,129
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Machinery & Tools - 1.8%

AGCO Corp., 9.5%, 2008	\$1,750	\$1,898,750
AMSTED Industries, Inc., 10.25%, 2011##	1,865	2,014,200
Case New Holland, Inc., 9.25%, 2011##	2,185	2,294,250
Terex Corp., 9.25%, 2011	1,405	1,513,888
United Rentals, Inc., 6.5%, 2012##	2,430	2,284,200
		\$10,005,288

Medical & Health Technology & Services - 0.3%

Fisher Scientific International, Inc., 8.125%, 2012	\$1,147	\$1,212,953
Mariner Health Care, Inc., 8.25%, 2013##	255	249,900
		\$1,462,853

Metals & Mining - 0.2%

Peabody Energy Corp., 6.875%, 2013	\$355	\$357,663
U.S. Steel Corp., 9.75%, 2010	858	945,945
		\$1,303,608

Mortgage Backed - 9.3%

Fannie Mae, 6%, 2016 - 2033	\$15,029	\$15,440,241
Fannie Mae, 5.989%, 2020	4	3,571
Fannie Mae, 6.5%, 2031 - 2032	7,680	7,957,445
Fannie Mae, 5.5%, 2033	22,524	22,346,825
Fannie Mae, 5%, 2034	5,639	5,429,021
		\$51,177,103

Natural Gas - Distribution - 0.6%

AmeriGas Partners LP, 8.875%, 2011	\$3,235	\$3,429,100
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Natural Gas - Pipeline - 1.3%

El Paso Energy Corp., 7.625%, 2010	\$2,890	\$2,918,900
Southern Natural Gas Co., Inc., 8.875%, 2010	1,650	1,790,250
Williams Cos., Inc., 7.125%, 2011	2,100	2,121,000
		\$6,830,150

Personal Computers & Peripherals - 0.2%

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Jabil Circuit, Inc., 5.875%, 2010	\$1,042	\$1,074,056
Pharmaceuticals - 0.2%		
Schering-Plough Corp., 6.5%, 2033	\$996	\$989,785
Pollution Control - 0.5%		
Allied Waste North America, Inc., 7.875%, 2013	\$2,500	\$2,550,000
Printing & Publishing - 0.9%		
Dex Media East LLC, 9.875%, 2009	\$1,500	\$1,695,000
Dex Media West LLC, 9.875%, 2013##	1,500	1,651,875
Media News Group, Inc., 6.875%, 2013	1,700	1,640,500
		\$4,987,375
Retailers - 0.8%		
Gap, Inc., 10.55%, 2008	\$1,070	\$1,292,025
J. Crew Operating Corp., 10.375%, 2007	1,100	1,100,000
Rite Aid Corp., 9.5%, 2011	1,250	1,350,000
Rite Aid Corp., 9.25%, 2013	825	845,625
		\$4,587,650
Supermarkets - 0.3%		
Roundy's, Inc., 8.875%, 2012	\$1,650	\$1,757,250
Telecommunications - Wireless - 1.7%		
Alamosa Holdings, Inc., 11%, 2010	\$1,251	\$1,369,845
Alamosa Holdings, Inc., 8.5%, 2012##	385	377,300
Centennial Communications Corp., 10.125%, 2013	1,800	1,836,000
Crown Castle International Corp., 7.5%, 2013	1,745	1,683,925
Dobson Communications Corp., 8.875%, 2013	500	387,500
Nextel Communications, Inc., 7.375%, 2015	520	523,900
Rural Cellular Corp., 9.75%, 2010	98	90,160
Rural Cellular Corp., 9.875%, 2010	1,175	1,177,938
Western Wireless Corp., 9.25%, 2013	1,735	1,787,050
		\$9,233,618

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Telecommunications - Wireline - 1.1%

MCI, Inc., 5.908%, 2007	\$119	\$115,133
MCI, Inc., 6.688%, 2009	119	111,563
MCI, Inc., 7.735%, 2014	102	92,693
Qwest Corp., 13.5%, 2010##	2,500	2,881,250
Verizon New York, Inc., 6.875%, 2012	2,542	2,734,043
		\$5,934,682

Tobacco - 0.1%

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Holdings, Inc., 7.25%, 2012	\$818	\$760,740
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U.S. Government Agencies - 6.4%

Fannie Mae, 5%, 2007^	\$5,105	\$5,327,343
Fannie Mae, 6%, 2008^	3,672	3,954,535
Freddie Mac, 7%, 2005^	6,100	6,431,224
Freddie Mac, 6%, 2011^	5,005	5,351,121
Small Business Administration, 4.34%, 2024	8,168	7,818,308
Small Business Administration, 4.77%, 2024	6,386	6,204,398
		\$35,086,929

U.S. Treasury Obligations - 9.9%

U.S. Treasury Bonds, 10.75%, 2005^	\$8,000	\$8,829,064
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 12%, 2013^	7,500	9,957,128
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 10.625%, 2015^	3,350	5,019,767
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 9.875%, 2015^	5,025	7,216,764
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.875%, 2006^	8,000	8,660,624
U.S. Treasury Notes, 3.375%, 2007^	6,701	7,222,722
U.S. Treasury Notes, 3.625%, 2008^	6,543	7,200,003
		\$54,106,072

Utilities - Electric Power - 3.2%

CMS Energy Corp., 8.5%, 2011	\$2,000	\$2,035,000
Calpine Corp., 8.75%, 2013##	1,185	986,513
DPL, Inc., 6.875%, 2011	1,673	1,673,000

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Dynergy Holdings, Inc., 9.875%, 2010##	1,150	1,207,500
Dynergy Holdings, Inc., 6.875%, 2011	1,500	1,230,000
PG&E Corp., 6.875%, 2008##	405	425,250
PSEG Energy Holdings LLC, 7.75%, 2007	3,101	3,225,040
Pacific Gas & Electric Co., 6.05%, 2034	479	449,058
Reliant Resources, Inc., 9.25%, 2010	370	390,350
Reliant Resources, Inc., 9.5%, 2013	430	455,800
System Energy Resources, Inc., 5.129%, 2014##	2,757	2,701,474
TXU Corp., 6.375%, 2006	2,727	2,890,565
		\$17,669,550
Total U.S. Bonds		\$337,830,934
Foreign Bonds - 32.5%		
Australia - 0.8%		
Burns Philp Capital Property Ltd., 9.75%, 2012 (Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages)	\$2,000	\$2,060,000
Government of Australia, 6.25%, 2015 (International Market Sovereign)^	AUD 3,011	2,214,506
		\$4,274,506
Austria - 1.7%		
Republic of Austria, 5.5%, 2007 (International Market Sovereign)	EUR 5,859	\$7,691,744
Republic of Austria, 5%, 2012 (International Market Sovereign)	772	995,528
Republic of Austria, 4.65%, 2018 (International Market Sovereign)	358	438,355
		\$9,125,627
Belgium - 0.9%		
Kingdom of Belgium, 3.75%, 2009 (International Market Sovereign)	EUR 1,810	\$2,228,984
Kingdom of Belgium, 5%, 2012 (International Market Sovereign)	1,973	2,537,672
		\$4,766,656
Brazil - 1.6%		
Federal Republic of Brazil, 2.125%, 2012 (Emerging Market		

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Sovereign)	\$728	\$594,755

Federal Republic of Brazil, 8%, 2014 (Emerging Market Sovereign)	6,651	5,923,183

Federal Republic of Brazil, 2.0625%, 2024 (Emerging Market Sovereign)	749	576,730

Federal Republic of Brazil, 11%, 2040 (Emerging Market Sovereign)	1,993	1,783,735

		\$8,878,403

Bulgaria - 0.3%		

Republic of Bulgaria, 8.25%, 2015 (Emerging Market Sovereign)##	\$1,604	\$1,800,490

Canada - 2.0%		

Abitibi-Consolidated, Inc., 8.3%, 2005 (Forest & Paper Products)	\$2,592	\$2,691,685

Acetex Corp., 10.875%, 2009 (Chemicals)	1,350	1,471,500

EnCana Holdings Finance Corp., 5.8%, 2014 (Energy - Independent)	1,348	1,373,329

Government of Canada, 5.5%, 2009 - 2010 (International Market Sovereign)	CAD 6,054	4,693,775

Government of Canada, 5.25%, 2012 (International Market Sovereign)	369	280,291

Government of Canada, 8%, 2023 (International Market Sovereign)	224	218,064

		\$10,728,644

Chile - 0.6%		

AES Corp., 7.5%, 2014 (Utilities - Electric Power)##	\$281	\$252,900

Empresa Nacional de Electricidad S.A., 8.35%, 2013 (Utilities - Electric Power)	1,288	1,333,113

Enerjis S.A., 7.375%, 2014 (Utilities - Electric Power)##	1,656	1,577,459

		\$3,163,472

Colombia - 0.3%		

Republic of Colombia, 10.75%, 2013 (Emerging Market Sovereign)	\$1,475	\$1,537,688

Denmark - 1.0%		

Kingdom of Denmark, 7%, 2007 (International Market Sovereign)	DKK 11,863	\$2,180,062

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Kingdom of Denmark, 6%, 2009 (International Market Sovereign)	16,161	2,928,553
Kingdom of Denmark, 5%, 2013 (International Market Sovereign)	3,511	599,354
		\$5,707,969

Finland - 1.9%		
Republic of Finland, 2.75%, 2006 (International Market Sovereign)	EUR 4,222	\$5,167,276
Republic of Finland, 3%, 2008 (International Market Sovereign)	4,489	5,410,485
		\$10,577,761

France - 2.4%		
Crown European Holdings S.A., 9.5%, 2011 (Containers)	\$2,580	\$2,799,300
Republic of France, 4.75%, 2007 - 2012 (International Market Sovereign)	EUR 5,270	6,745,712
Republic of France, 4%, 2009 (International Market Sovereign)	1,681	2,086,858
Rhodia S.A., 8.875%, 2011 (Chemicals)##	\$1,045	799,425
Vivendi Universal S.A., 6.25%, 2008 (Advertising & Broadcasting)	915	956,175
		\$13,387,470

Germany - 3.8%		
Federal Republic of Germany, 4%, 2007 (International Market Sovereign)	EUR 2,998	\$3,761,739
Federal Republic of Germany, 3.5%, 2008 (International Market Sovereign)	9,552	11,707,138
Federal Republic of Germany, 5.25%, 2010 (International Market Sovereign)	2,111	2,778,861
Kreditanstalt fur Wiederaufbau, 3.25%, 2008 (International Market Agencies)	2,244	2,732,893
Kronos International, Inc., 8.875%, 2009 (Chemicals)	100	127,052
		\$21,107,683

Ireland - 2.3%		
Eircom Funding PLC, 8.25%, 2013 (Telecommunications - Wireline)	\$810	\$826,200
MDP Acquisitions PLC, 9.625%, 2012 (Forest & Paper Products)	970	1,052,450

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Republic of Ireland, 4.25%, 2007 (International Market Sovereign)	EUR 5,547	7,016,801
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Republic of Ireland, 3.25%, 2009 (International Market Sovereign)	3,123	3,759,687
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		\$12,655,138
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Japan - 0.8%		
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Mizuho Financial Group, Inc., 5.79%, 2014 (Banks & Credit Companies)##	\$1,898	\$1,825,903
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UFJ Finance Aruba AEC, 6.75%, 2013 (Banks & Credit Companies)	2,700	2,762,386
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		\$4,588,289
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Kazakhstan - 0.6%		
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Kazkommerts International B.V., 10.125%, 2007 (Banks & Credit Companies)##	\$123	\$133,455
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Kazkommerts International B.V., 10.125%, 2007 (Banks & Credit Companies)+	128	138,880
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Kazkommerts International B.V., 8.5%, 2013 (Banks & Credit Companies)	190	185,250
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Kazkommerts International B.V., 8.5%, 2013 (Banks & Credit Companies)##	949	934,765
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Turanalem Finance B.V., 8%, 2014 (Banks & Credit Companies)##	2,012	1,810,800
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		\$3,203,150
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Luxembourg - 0.4%		
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Millicom International Cellular S.A., 10%, 2013 (Telecommunications - Wireless)##	\$865	\$890,950
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Telecom Italia S.p.A., 5.25%, 2013 (Telecommunications - Wireline)##	1,418	1,371,322
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		\$2,262,272
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Malaysia - 0.5%		
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Petroliam Nasional Berhad, 7.75%, 2015 (Emerging Market Agencies)	\$970	\$1,109,719
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Petroliam Nasional Berhad, 7.875%, 2022 (Emerging Market Agencies)##	1,357	1,489,069
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		\$2,598,788
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Mexico - 2.3%		
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BBVA Bancomer Capital Trust I, 10.5%, 2011 (Banks & Credit Companies)##	\$1,000	\$1,092,500

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Innova S. de R.L., 9.375%, 2013 (Telecommunications - Wireless)	654	680,160
Pemex Finance Ltd., 9.69%, 2009 (Emerging Market Agencies)	915	1,050,127
Pemex Project Funding Master Trust, 8.625%, 2022 (Emerging Market Agencies)	5,105	5,360,250
Petroleos Mexicanos, 9.5%, 2027 (Emerging Market Agencies)	1,416	1,600,080
United Mexican States, 8%, 2022 (Emerging Market Sovereign)	889	924,560
United Mexican States, 7.5%, 2033 (Emerging Market Sovereign)	1,804	1,749,880
		\$12,457,557

Netherlands - 2.0%		
Hurricane Finance B.V., 9.625%, 2010 (Oils)	\$735	\$749,700
Kingdom of Netherlands, 3.75%, 2009 (International Market Sovereign)	EUR 4,895	6,018,393
Kingdom of Netherlands, 5%, 2012 (International Market Sovereign)	3,173	4,092,081
		\$10,860,174

New Zealand - 1.0%		
Government of New Zealand, 7%, 2009 (International Market Sovereign)	NZD 2,425	\$1,587,014
Government of New Zealand, 6.5%, 2013 (International Market Sovereign)^	6,408	4,109,886
		\$5,696,900

Panama - 0.4%		
Republic of Panama, 9.375%, 2029 (Emerging Market Sovereign)	\$2,208	\$2,412,240

Poland - 0.3%		
PTC International Finance II S.A., 11.25%, 2009 (Telecommunications - Wireless)	\$1,316	\$1,414,700

Portugal - 0.4%		
Republic of Portugal, 5.45%, 2013 (International Market Sovereign)	EUR 1,777	\$2,350,811

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Qatar - 0.6%

State of Qatar, 9.75%, 2030 (Emerging Market Sovereign)+	\$2,292	\$3,082,740
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Russia - 1.4%

Gaz Capital S.A., 8.625%, 2034 (Utilities - Gas)##	\$1,410	\$1,378,275
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Gazprom OAO, 9.625%, 2013 (Utilities - Gas)##	1,020	1,048,050
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Mobile TeleSystems OJSC, 9.75%, 2008 (Telecommunications - Wireless)##	1,042	1,068,050
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Russian Federation, 3%, 2008 - 2011 (Emerging Market Sovereign)	954	741,240
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Russian Federation, 11%, 2018 (Emerging Market Sovereign)	721	905,216
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Siberian Oil Co. (SIBNEFT), 10.75%, 2009 (Energy - Integrated)	750	742,500
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Tyumen Oil Co., 11%, 2007 (Energy - Integrated)	1,514	1,669,185
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\$7,552,516

Singapore - 0.2%

Flextronics International Ltd., 6.5%, 2013 (Electronics)	\$1,145	\$1,110,650
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Spain - 1.1%

Kingdom of Spain, 6%, 2008 (International Market Sovereign)	EUR 1,600	\$2,143,726
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Kingdom of Spain, 5.35%, 2011 (International Market Sovereign)	3,014	3,977,667
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\$6,121,393

Sweden - 0.3%

Spintab AB, 5%, 2008 (Banks & Credit Companies)	SEK 12,700	\$1,760,976
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Ukraine - 0.2%

Ukraine Cabinet of Ministers, 6.875%, 2011 (Emerging Market Sovereign)##	\$1,000	\$947,500
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United Kingdom - 0.4%

United Kingdom Treasury, 7.25%, 2007 (International Market Sovereign)	GBP 826	\$1,616,081
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United Kingdom Treasury, 5%, 2012 (International Market Sovereign)	298	540,221
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\$2,156,302

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Total Foreign Bonds		\$178,288,465
Total Bonds (Identified Cost, \$506,575,214)		\$516,119,399

Convertible Bonds - 0.3%		

Telecommunications - Wireless - 0.3%		

Nextel Communications, Inc., 5.25%, 2010 (Identified Cost, \$1,436,036)	\$1,500	\$1,441,875

Stocks - 0.2%		

ISSUER	SHARES	\$ VALUE

Apparel Manufacturers - 0.1%		

Sind Holdings, Inc.*	5,720	\$446,160

Machinery & Tools - 0%		

Thermadyne Holdings Corp.*	119	\$1,589

Specialty Chemicals - 0%		

Sterling Chemicals, Inc.*	59	\$1,298

Telephone Services - 0.1%		

MCI, Inc.*	44,340	\$658,449

Total Stocks (Identified Cost, \$3,018,813)		\$1,107,496

Warrants - 0%		

Basic Industry - Other - 0%		

Thermadyne Holdings Corp., Expire 5/23/06*	760	\$608

Broadcast & Cable TV - 0%		

Ono Finance PLC, Expire 2/15/11*	1,000	\$0

Business Services - 0%		

Loral Space & Communications Ltd., Expire 1/15/07*	1,625	\$0

Loral Space & Communications Ltd., Expire 1/15/07*	750	0

		\$0

Specialty Chemicals - 0%		

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Sterling Chemicals, Inc., Expire 12/19/08*	3	\$4
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Total Warrants (Identified Cost, \$176,974)		\$612

Collateral for Securities Loaned - 13.4%

Navigator Securities Lending Prime Portfolio	73,233,925	\$73,233,925
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Portfolio of Investments (unaudited) - continued

Repurchase Agreements - 3.1%

ISSUER	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000 Omitted)	\$ VALUE
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Morgan Stanley Repurchase Agreement, dated 5/28/04, due 6/01/04, total to be received \$16,982,962 (secured by various U.S. Treasury and Federal Agency obligations in a jointly traded account), at Cost	\$16,981	\$16,981,000
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Total Investments(+) (Identified Cost, \$601,421,962)		\$608,884,307

Other Assets, Less Liabilities - (11.1)%	(60,677,542)
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Net Assets - 100.0%	\$548,206,765
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(+) As of May 31, 2004, one security representing \$446,160 and 0.08% of net assets was fair value in accordance with the policies adopted by the Board of Trustees.

- * Non-income producing security.
- ** Non-income producing security - in default.
- ## SEC Rule 144A restriction.
- + Restricted security.
- ^ All or a portion of this security is on loan.
- ^^ Interest only security.

Abbreviations have been used throughout this report to indicate amounts shown in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. A list of abbreviations is shown below.

AUD = Australian Dollar	JPY = Japanese Yen
CAD = Canadian Dollar	KRW = Korean Won
DKK = Danish Krone	NZD = New Zealand Dollar
EUR = Euro	SEK = Swedish Krona
GBP = British Pound	

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (unaudited)

This statement represents your fund's balance sheet, which details the assets and liabilities composing the total value of your fund.

AT 5/31/04

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ASSETS

Investments, at value, including \$71,800,306 of securities on loan (identified cost, \$601,421,962)	\$608,884,307	
Cash	87,449	
Foreign currency, at value (identified cost, \$863)	882	
Receivable for forward foreign currency exchange contracts	399,073	
Receivable for forward foreign currency exchange contracts subject to master netting agreements	184,411	
Receivable for investments sold	3,021,338	
Interest receivable	10,228,041	
Other assets	17,491	
Total assets		\$622,822

LIABILITIES

Payable to dividend disbursing agent	\$210,583	
Payable for forward foreign currency exchange contracts	359,171	
Payable for investments purchased	137,303	
Payable for treasury shares reacquired	247,622	
Collateral for securities loaned, at value	73,233,925	
Payable to affiliates		
Management fee	37,785	
Transfer agent and dividend disbursing costs	17,475	
Administrative fee	673	
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	371,690	
Total liabilities		\$74,616
Net assets		\$548,206

NET ASSETS CONSIST OF

Paid-in capital	\$609,167,161	
Unrealized appreciation on investments and translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	7,573,597	
Accumulated net realized loss on investments and foreign currency transactions	(55,852,685)	
Accumulated distributions in excess of net investment income	(12,681,308)	

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Net assets	\$548,206
Shares of beneficial interest outstanding (62,734,983 issued, less 4,601,344 treasury shares)	58,133
Net asset value per share (net assets of \$548,206,765/58,133,639 shares of beneficial interest outstanding)	\$

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

This statement describes how much your fund received in investment income and paid in expenses. It also describes any gains and/or losses generated by fund operations.

FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED 5/31/04

NET INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS)

Income	
Interest	\$16,977,486
Dividends	1,995
Total investment income	\$16,979
Expenses	
Management fee	\$1,728,017
Trustees' compensation	45,639
Transfer agent and dividend disbursing costs	50,713
Administrative fee	34,948
Investor communication expense	101,817
Custodian fee	158,477
Printing	18,249
Postage	15,007
Auditing fees	22,650
Legal fees	4,325
Miscellaneous	77,555
Total expenses	\$2,257
Fees paid indirectly	(3,692)

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Net expenses		\$2,253
Net investment income		\$14,725
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS		
Realized gain (loss) (identified cost basis)		
Investment transactions	\$11,158,475	
Futures contracts	162,070	
Foreign currency transactions	(4,724,424)	
Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions		\$6,596
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)		
Investments	\$(16,849,095)	
Futures contracts	(239,779)	
Translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	2,635,230	
Net unrealized loss on investments and foreign currency translation	\$(14,453,644)	
Net realized and unrealized loss on investments and foreign currency		\$(7,857)
Increase in net assets from operations		\$6,868

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

This statement describes the increases and/or decreases in net assets resulting from operations, distributions, and any shareholder transactions.

	SIX MONTHS ENDED 5/31/04 (UNAUDITED)	YEAR 11/3
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS		
OPERATIONS		
Net investment income	\$14,725,776	\$29,2
Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions	6,596,121	14,8

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Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency translation	(14,453,644)	15,7
Increase in net assets from operations	\$6,868,253	\$59,7

DISTRIBUTIONS DECLARED TO SHAREHOLDERS

From net investment income	\$(16,146,858)	\$(31,7
Net decrease in net assets from trust share transactions	\$(4,414,412)	\$(12,3
Total increase (decrease) in net assets	\$(13,693,017)	\$15,6

NET ASSETS

At beginning of period	\$561,899,782	\$546,2
At end of period (including accumulated distributions in excess of net investment income of \$12,681,308 and \$11,260,226, respectively)	\$548,206,765	\$561,8

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand the trust's financial performance and the past 5 fiscal years. Certain information reflects financial results for a single trust share. The table represents the rate by which an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the trust (of all distributions) held for the entire period.

	SIX MONTHS ENDED 5/31/04 (UNAUDITED)	2003	2002	YEAR ENDED 11/ 2001
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$9.58	\$9.09	\$9.17	\$9.20
INCOME FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS#(S) (S)				
Net investment income	\$0.25	\$0.49	\$0.52	\$0.67
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency	(0.12)	0.53	(0.02)	(0.01)
Total from investment operations	\$0.13	\$1.02	\$0.50	\$0.66

LESS DISTRIBUTIONS DECLARED TO SHAREHOLDERS

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From net investment income	\$ (0.28)	\$ (0.53)	\$ (0.49)	\$ (0.64)
From paid-in capital	--	--	(0.09)	(0.05)
Total distributions declared to shareholders	\$ (0.28)	\$ (0.53)	\$ (0.58)	\$ (0.69)
Net asset value, end of period	\$9.43	\$9.58	\$9.09	\$9.17
Per share market value, end of period	\$8.37	\$8.78	\$8.26	\$8.35
Total return at market value (%)	(1.68)++	13.02	5.99	6.92

RATIOS (%) TO AVERAGE
NET ASSETS AND
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

Expenses##	0.80+	0.83	0.85	0.91
Net investment income	5.21+	5.21	5.80	7.18
Portfolio turnover	26	129	137	98
Net assets at end of period (000 Omitted)	\$548,207	\$561,900	\$546,281	\$556,614

+ Annualized.

++ Not annualized.

Per share data are based on average shares outstanding.

Ratios do not reflect expense reductions from fees paid indirectly.

(S) (S) As required, effective December 1, 2001, the trust adopted the provisions of the AICPA Investment Companies and began amortizing premium on debt securities. The effect of this November 30, 2002 was to decrease net investment income per share by \$0.02, increase net share by \$0.02, and decrease the ratio of net investment income to average net assets by supplemental data for periods prior to December 1, 2001 have not been restated to reflect

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

(1) BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATION

MFS Charter Income Trust (the trust) is a non-diversified Massachusetts business trust and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a closed-end management investment company.

(2) SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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The trust can invest in foreign securities. Investments in foreign securities are vulnerable to the effects of changes in the relative values of the local currency and the U.S. dollar and to the effects of changes in each country's legal, political, and economic environment.

INVESTMENT VALUATIONS - Bonds and other fixed income securities (other than short-term obligations) in the trust's portfolio are valued at an evaluated bid price as reported by an independent pricing service, or to the extent a valuation is not reported by a pricing service, such securities are valued on the basis of quotes from brokers and dealers. Prices obtained from pricing services utilize both dealer-supplied valuations and electronic data processing techniques which take into account appropriate factors such as institutional-size trading in similar groups of securities, yield, quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics, and other market data without exclusive reliance upon quoted prices or exchange or over-the-counter prices, since such valuations are believed to reflect more accurately the fair value of such securities. Equity securities in the trust's portfolio for which market quotations are available are valued at the last sale or official closing price as reported by an independent pricing service on the primary market or exchange on which they are primarily traded, or at the last quoted bid price for securities in which there were no sales during the day. Equity securities traded over the counter are valued at the last sales price traded each day as reported by an independent pricing service, or to the extent there are no sales reported, such securities are valued on the basis of quotations obtained from brokers and dealers. Futures contracts are valued at the settlement price as reported by an independent pricing service on the primary exchange on which they are traded. Forward foreign currency contracts are valued using spot rates and forward points as reported by an independent pricing source. Short-term obligations with a remaining maturity in excess of 60 days will be valued upon dealer-supplied valuations. All other short-term obligations in the trust's portfolio are valued at amortized cost, which constitutes market value as determined by the Board of Trustees. Money market mutual funds are valued at net asset value. Investment valuations, other assets, and liabilities initially expressed in foreign currencies are converted each business day into U.S. dollars based upon current exchange rates. When pricing service information or market quotations are not readily available, securities are priced at fair value as determined under the direction of the Board of Trustees.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS - The trust may enter into repurchase agreements with institutions that the trust's investment adviser has determined are creditworthy. Each repurchase agreement is recorded at cost. The trust requires that the securities collateral in a repurchase transaction be transferred to the custodian in a manner sufficient to enable the trust to obtain those securities in the event of a default under the repurchase agreement. The trust monitors, on a daily basis, the value of the collateral to ensure that its value, including accrued interest, is greater than amounts owed to the trust under each such repurchase agreement. The trust, along with other affiliated entities of Massachusetts Financial Services Company (MFS), may utilize a joint trading account for the purpose of entering into one or more repurchase agreements.

FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION - Purchases and sales of foreign investments, income, and expenses are converted into U.S. dollars based upon currency exchange rates prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. Gains and losses attributable to foreign currency exchange rates on sales of securities are recorded for financial statement purposes as net realized gains and losses on investments. Gains and losses attributable to foreign exchange rate movements on income and expenses are recorded for financial statement purposes as foreign currency transaction gains and losses. That portion of both realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments that results from

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fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates is not separately disclosed.

DEFERRED TRUSTEE COMPENSATION - Under a Deferred Compensation Plan (the Plan) independent Trustees may elect to defer receipt of all or a portion of their annual compensation. Deferred amounts are treated as though equivalent dollar amounts had been invested in shares of the trust or other MFS funds selected by the Trustee. Deferred amounts represent an unsecured obligation of the trust until distributed in accordance with the Plan. Included in other assets, and accrued expenses and other liabilities, is \$12,739 of Deferred Trustees' Compensation.

FUTURES CONTRACTS - The trust may enter into futures contracts for the delayed delivery of securities or currency, or contracts based on financial indices at a fixed price on a future date. In entering such contracts, the trust is required to deposit with the broker either in cash or securities an amount equal to a certain percentage of the contract amount. Subsequent payments are made or received by the trust each day, depending on the daily fluctuations in the value of the contract, and are recorded for financial statement purposes as unrealized gains or losses by the trust. The trust's investment in futures contracts is designed to hedge against anticipated future changes in interest or exchange rates or securities prices. Investments in interest rate futures for purposes other than hedging may be made to modify the duration of the portfolio without incurring the additional transaction costs involved in buying and selling the underlying securities. Investments in currency futures for purposes other than hedging may be made to change the trust relative position in one or more currencies without buying and selling portfolio assets. Investments in index contracts or contracts on related options for purposes other than hedging, may be made when the trust has cash on hand and wishes to participate in anticipated market appreciation while the cash is being invested. Should interest or exchange rates or securities prices move unexpectedly, the trust may not achieve the anticipated benefits of the futures contracts and may realize a loss.

SECURITY LOANS - State Street Bank and Trust Company ("State Street"), as lending agent, may loan the securities of the trust to certain qualified institutions (the "Borrowers") approved by the trust. The loans are collateralized at all times by cash and/or U.S. Treasury securities in an amount at least equal to the market value of the securities loaned. State Street provides the trust with indemnification against Borrower default. The trust bears the risk of loss with respect to the investment of cash collateral. On loans collateralized by cash, the cash collateral is invested in a money market fund or short-term securities. A portion of the income generated upon investment of the collateral is remitted to the Borrowers, and the remainder is allocated between the trust and the lending agent. On loans collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, a fee is received from the Borrower, and is allocated between the trust and the lending agent. Income from securities lending is included in interest income on the Statement of Operations. The dividend and interest income earned on the securities loaned is accounted for in the same manner as other dividend and interest income.

FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE CONTRACTS - The trust may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts for the purchase or sale of a specific foreign currency at a fixed price on a future date. Risks may arise upon entering into these contracts from the potential inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts and from unanticipated movements in the value of a foreign currency relative to the U.S. dollar. The trust may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts for hedging purposes as well as for non-hedging purposes. For hedging purposes, the trust may enter into contracts to deliver or receive foreign currency it will receive from or require for its normal investment activities. The trust may also use contracts in a manner intended to protect foreign currency-denominated securities from declines in value due to unfavorable exchange rate movements. For non-hedging

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purposes, the trust may enter into contracts with the intent of changing the relative exposure of the trust's portfolio of securities to different currencies to take advantage of anticipated changes. The forward foreign currency exchange contracts are adjusted by the daily exchange rate of the underlying currency and any gains or losses are recorded as unrealized until the contract settlement date. On contract settlement date, the gains or losses are recorded as realized gains or losses on foreign currency transactions.

DOLLAR ROLL TRANSACTIONS - The trust enters into dollar roll transactions, with respect to mortgage backed securities issued by GNMA, FNMA, and FHLMC, in which the trust sells mortgage backed securities to financial institutions and simultaneously agrees to accept substantially similar (same type, coupon, and maturity) securities at a later date at an agreed-upon price. The trust's total return is enhanced through either a reduced purchase price on the buy, or receipt of an income fee from the broker.

INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS AND INCOME - Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. All premium and discount is amortized or accreted for financial statement purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. All discount is accreted for tax reporting purposes as required by federal income tax regulations. Dividends received in cash are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividend and interest payments received in additional securities are recorded on the ex-dividend or ex-interest date in an amount equal to the value of the security on such date. Some securities may be purchased on a "when-issued" or "forward delivery" basis, which means that the securities will be delivered to the trust at a future date, usually beyond customary settlement time.

FEES PAID INDIRECTLY - The trust's custody fee is reduced according to an arrangement that measures the value of cash deposited with the custodian by the trust. This amount, for the six months ended May 31, 2004, is shown as a reduction of total expenses on the Statement of Operations.

TAX MATTERS AND DISTRIBUTIONS - The trust's policy is to comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute to shareholders all of its net taxable income, including any net realized gain on investments. Accordingly, no provision for federal income or excise tax is provided.

Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The trust distinguishes between distributions on a tax basis and a financial reporting basis and only distributions in excess of tax basis earnings and profits are reported in the financial statements as distributions from paid-in capital. Differences in the recognition or classification of income between the financial statements and tax earnings and profits, which result in temporary over-distributions for financial statement purposes, are classified as distributions in excess of net investment income or net realized gains. Common types of book and tax differences that could occur include differences in accounting for currency transactions, mortgage-backed securities, derivatives, real estate investment trusts, defaulted bonds, capital losses, and amortization and accretion on debt securities.

The tax character of distributions declared for the years ended November 30, 2003 and November 30, 2002 was as follows:

	11/30/03	11/03/02
Distributions declared from:		
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Ordinary income	\$31,796,703	\$29,555,338
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Tax return of capital	--	5,548,996
Total distributions declared	\$31,796,703	\$35,104,334

As of November 30, 2003, the components of distributable earnings (accumulated losses) on a tax basis were as follows:

Capital loss carryforward	\$ (55,912,985)
Unrealized appreciation	17,852,838
Other temporary differences	(13,621,644)

For federal income tax purposes, the capital loss carryforward may be applied against any net taxable realized gains of each succeeding year until the earlier of its utilization or expiration on:

EXPIRATION DATE	
November 30, 2008	\$ (10,216,164)
November 30, 2009	(21,791,609)
November 30, 2010	(23,905,212)
Total	\$ (55,912,985)

(3) TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

INVESTMENT ADVISER - The trust has an investment advisory agreement with Massachusetts Financial Services Company (MFS) to provide overall investment advisory and administrative services, and general office facilities.

The management fee is computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate of 0.32% of the trust's average daily net assets and 4.57% of investment income.

The trust pays compensation to its Independent Trustees in the form of a retainer, attendance fees, and additional compensation to Board and Committee chairpersons, and pays no compensation directly to its Trustees who are officers of the investment adviser, or to officers of the trust, all of whom receive remuneration for their services to the trust from MFS. Certain officers and Trustees of the trust are officers or directors of MFS and MFS Service Center, Inc. (MFSC). The trust has an unfunded, defined benefit plan for retired Independent Trustees and an unfunded retirement benefit deferral plan for certain current Independent Trustees. Included in Trustees' compensation is \$3,091 as a result of the change in the trust's unfunded retirement benefit deferral plan for certain current Independent Trustees and a pension expense of \$4,016 for retired Independent Trustees for the six months ended May 31, 2004.

ADMINISTRATOR - MFS provides certain financial, legal, shareholder communications, compliance, and other administrative services to certain funds for which MFS acts as investment adviser. Under an administrative services agreement between the funds and MFS, MFS is entitled to partial reimbursement of the costs MFS incurs to provide these services, subject to review and approval by the Board of Trustees. Each fund is allocated a portion of these administrative costs based on its size and relative average net assets. Prior to April 1, 2004, the trust paid MFS an administrative fee up to the following annual percentage rates of the trust's average daily net assets:

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First \$2 billion	0.0175%
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Next \$2.5 billion	0.0130%
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Next \$2.5 billion	0.0005%
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In excess of \$7 billion	0.0000%
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Effective April 1, 2004, the trust paid MFS an administrative fee up to the following annual percentage rates of the trust's average daily net assets:

First \$2 billion	0.01120%
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Next \$2.5 billion	0.00832%
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Next \$2.5 billion	0.00032%
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In excess of \$7 billion	0.00000%
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For the six months ended May 31, 2004, the trust paid MFS \$34,948, equivalent to 0.0124% of average daily net assets, to partially reimburse MFS for the costs of providing administrative services.

TRANSFER AGENT - Included in transfer agent and dividend disbursing costs is a fee paid to MFSC, a wholly owned subsidiary of MFS, for its services as registrar and dividend disbursing agent for the trust. The agreement provides that the trust will pay MFSC an account maintenance fee of no more than \$9.00 and a dividend services fee of \$0.75 per reinvestment. These fees amounted to \$42,358 for the six months ended May 31, 2004. Also included in transfer agent and dividend disbursing costs are out-of-pocket expenses, paid to MFSC, which amounted to \$1,635 for the six months ended May 31, 2004, as well as other expenses paid to unaffiliated vendors.

(4) PORTFOLIO SECURITIES

Purchases and sales of investments, other than purchased option transactions and short-term obligations, were as follows:

	PURCHASES	SALES
U.S. government securities	\$28,813,452	\$18,124,434
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Investments (non-U.S. government securities)	\$111,347,516	\$137,582,924
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The cost and unrealized appreciation and depreciation in the value of the investments owned by the trust, as computed on a federal income tax basis, are as follows:

Aggregate cost	\$606,963,399
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Gross unrealized appreciation	\$16,475,397
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Gross unrealized depreciation	(14,554,489)
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Net unrealized appreciation	\$1,920,908
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(5) SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

The trust's Declaration of Trust permits the Trustees to issue an unlimited number of full and fractional shares of beneficial interest. The Trustees have authorized the repurchases by the trust of up to 10% annually of its own shares of beneficial interest. The trust repurchased and retired 513,900 shares of beneficial interest during the six months ended May 31, 2004 at an average price per share of \$8.59 and a weighted average discount of 9.96% per share. The trust repurchased and retired 1,445,000 shares of beneficial interest during the year ended November 30, 2003 at an average price per share of \$8.56 and a weighted average discount of 9.10% per share. Transactions in trust shares were as follows:

	Six months ended 5/31/04		Year ended 11/30/03	
	SHARES	AMOUNT	SHARES	AMOUNT
Treasury shares reacquired	(513,900)	\$ (4,414,412)	(1,445,000)	\$ (12,145,000)

(6) LINE OF CREDIT

The trust and other affiliated funds participate in an \$800 million unsecured line of credit provided by a syndication of banks under a line of credit agreement. Borrowings may be made for temporary financing needs. Interest is charged to each fund, based on its borrowings, at a rate equal to the bank's base rate plus 0.50%. In addition, a commitment fee, based on the average daily, unused portion of the line of credit, is allocated among the participating funds at the end of each calendar quarter. The commitment fee allocated to the trust for the six months ended May 31, 2004, was \$2,645, and is included in miscellaneous expense. The trust had no significant borrowings during the period.

(7) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The trust trades financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk in the normal course of its investing activities in order to manage exposure to market risks such as interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates. These financial instruments include written options, forward foreign currency exchange contracts, swap agreements, and futures contracts. The notional or contractual amounts of these instruments represent the investment the trust has in particular classes of financial instruments and does not necessarily represent the amounts potentially subject to risk. The measurement of the risks associated with these instruments is meaningful only when all related and offsetting transactions are considered.

Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts

SALES

SETTLEMENT DATE	CONTRACTS TO DELIVER/RECEIVE	IN EXCHANGE FOR	CONTRACTS AT VALUE	AMOUNT
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6/16/04	AUD	3,293,367	\$2,386,790	\$2,347,113
6/16/04	DKK	36,019,642	5,745,467	5,912,708
6/16/04	EUR	71,982,831	87,788,846	87,893,434
6/17/04	GBP	630,586	1,114,245	1,153,686
6/15/04-6/16/04	NZD	9,374,728	6,115,644	5,882,439
6/16/04	SEK	15,508,519	2,044,918	2,080,649
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			\$105,195,910	\$105,270,029
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PURCHASES

6/16/04	AUD	244,190	\$185,584	\$174,029
6/16/04	EUR	10,173,705	12,333,534	12,422,434
6/15/04	JPY	301,747,498	2,730,747	2,739,557
6/04/04	KRW	834,427,500	710,320	716,131
6/16/04	NZD	203,102	128,044	127,429
6/16/04	SEK	8,839,994	1,163,315	1,185,989
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			\$17,251,544	\$17,365,569
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At May 31, 2004, forward foreign currency purchases and sales under master netting agreements excluded above amounted to a net receivable of \$184,411 with Merrill Lynch International.

At May 31, 2004, the trust had sufficient cash and/or securities to cover any commitments under these contracts.

Futures Contracts

DESCRIPTION	EXPIRATION	CONTRACTS	POSITION	D
U.S. Treasury Notes 10 Year Futures	September 2004	160	Short	

At May 31, 2004, the trust had sufficient cash and/or securities to cover any margin requirements under these contracts.

(8) RESTRICTED SECURITIES

The trust may invest not more than 20% of its total assets in securities which are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale. At May 31, 2004, the trust owned the following restricted securities, excluding securities issued under Rule 144A, constituting 0.59% of net assets which may not be publicly sold without registration under the Securities Act of 1933. The trust does not have the right to demand that such securities be registered. The value of these securities is determined by valuations furnished by dealers or by a pricing service, or if not available, in good faith at the direction of the Trustees.

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DESCRIPTION	DATE OF ACQUISITION	SHARE/PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	COST
Kazkommerts International B.V.	4/14/03	128,000	\$139,853
State of Qatar	4/10/03	2,292,000	3,213,870

(9) LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

On March 31, 2004, MFS settled an administrative proceeding with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") regarding disclosure of brokerage allocation practices in connection with fund sales. Under the terms of the settlement, in which MFS neither admitted nor denied any wrongdoing, MFS agreed to pay (one dollar) \$1.00 in disgorgement and \$50 million in penalty to certain MFS funds, pursuant to a plan administered by an independent distribution consultant. The agreement with the SEC is reflected in an order of the SEC. The settlement order states that MFS failed to adequately disclose to the Boards and Trustees and to shareholders of the MFS funds the specifics of its preferred arrangements with certain brokerage firms selling MFS fund shares. The settlement order states that MFS had in place policies designed to obtain best execution of all fund trades. As part of the settlement, MFS has retained an independent compliance consultant to review the completeness of its disclosure to fund trustees and to fund shareholders of strategic alliances between MFS or its affiliates and broker-dealers and other financial advisers who support the sale of fund shares. The brokerage allocation practices which were the subject of this proceeding were discontinued by MFS in November 2003.

In addition, in February, 2004, MFS reached agreement with the SEC, the New York Attorney General ("NYAG") and the Bureau of Securities Regulation of the State of New Hampshire ("NH") to settle administrative proceedings alleging false and misleading information in certain MFS fund prospectuses regarding market timing and related matters (the "February Settlements"). These regulators alleged that prospectus language for certain MFS funds was false and misleading because, although the prospectuses for those funds in the regulators' view indicated that the funds prohibited market timing, MFS did not limit trading activity in 11 domestic large cap stock, high grade bond and money market funds. MFS' former Chief Executive Officer, John W. Ballen, and former President, Kevin R. Parke, also reached agreement with the SEC in which they agreed to, among other terms, monetary fines and temporary suspensions from association with any investment adviser or registered investment company. Messrs. Ballen and Parke have resigned their positions with, and will not be returning to, MFS and the MFS funds. Under the terms of the February Settlements, MFS and the executives neither admit nor deny wrongdoing.

Under the terms of the February Settlements, a \$225 million pool has been established for distribution to shareholders in certain of the MFS funds offered to retail investors ("Retail Funds"), which has been funded by MFS and of which \$50 million is characterized as a penalty. This pool will be distributed in accordance with a methodology developed by an independent distribution consultant in consultation with MFS and the Board of Trustees of the Retail Funds, and acceptable to the SEC. MFS has further agreed with NYAG to reduce its management fees in the aggregate amount of approximately \$25 million annually over the next five years, and not to increase certain management fees during this period. MFS has also paid an administrative fine to NH in the amount of \$1 million, which will be used for investor education purposes (NH retained \$250,000 and \$750,000 was contributed to the North

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American Securities Administrators Association's Investor Protection Trust). In addition, under the terms of the February Settlements, MFS is in the process of adopting certain governance changes and reviewing its policies and procedures.

Since December 2003, MFS, Sun Life Financial Inc., various MFS funds, the Trustees of these MFS funds, and certain officers of MFS have been named as defendants in multiple lawsuits filed in federal and state courts. The lawsuits variously have been commenced as class actions or individual actions on behalf of investors who purchased, held or redeemed shares of the funds during specified periods, as class actions on behalf of participants in certain retirement plan accounts, or as derivative actions on behalf of the MFS funds. The lawsuits generally allege that some or all of the defendants (i) permitted or acquiesced in market timing and/or late trading in some of the MFS funds, inadequately disclosed MFS' internal policies concerning market timing and such matters, and received excessive compensation as fiduciaries to the MFS funds, or (ii) permitted or acquiesced in the improper use of fund assets by MFS to support the distribution of fund shares and inadequately disclosed MFS' use of fund assets in this manner. The actions assert that some or all of the defendants violated the federal securities laws, including the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Company Act of 1940 and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as well as fiduciary duties and other violations of common law. The lawsuits seek unspecified compensatory damages. Insofar as any of the actions is appropriately brought derivatively on behalf of any of the MFS funds, any recovery will inure to the benefit of the funds. The defendants are reviewing the allegations of the multiple complaints and will respond appropriately. Additional lawsuits based on similar allegations may be filed in the future.

Any potential resolution of these matters may include, but not be limited to, judgments or settlements for damages against MFS, the MFS funds, or any other named defendant. As noted above, as part of the regulatory settlements, MFS has established a restitution pool in the amount of \$225 million to compensate certain shareholders of the Retail Funds for damages that they allegedly sustained as a result of market timing or late trading in certain of the funds, and will pay \$50 million to compensate certain MFS funds based upon the amount of brokerage commissions allocated in recognition of fund sales. It is not clear whether these amounts will be sufficient to compensate shareholders for all of the damage they allegedly sustained, whether certain shareholders or putative class members may have additional claims to compensation, or whether the damages that may be awarded in any of the actions will exceed these amounts. In the event the MFS funds incur any losses, costs or expenses in connection with such lawsuits, the Boards of Trustees of the affected funds may pursue claims on behalf of such funds against any party that may have liability to the funds in respect thereof.

While these developments primarily relate to MFS' open-end funds, there can be no assurance that these developments, or the adverse publicity associated with these developments, will not result in an increase to the market discount of the Trust's shares or other adverse consequences.

TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS -- IDENTIFICATION AND BACKGROUND

The Trustees and officers of the Trust are listed below, together with their principal occupation during the past five years. (Their titles may have varied during that period.) The address of each Trustee and officer is 500 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116.

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NAME, DATE OF BIRTH -----	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND -----	TRUSTEE/OFFICER SINCE (1) -----	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATIONS & O DIRECTORSHIPS (2) DURIN THE PAST FIVE YEARS -----
INTERESTED TRUSTEES			
John W. Ballen(3) (born 09/12/59)	Trustee and President	August 2001 until February 2004	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Chief Executive Officer and Director (until February 2004)
Robert J. Manning(3) (born 10/20/63)	Trustee and President	February 2004	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Chief Executive Officer, Presid Chief Investment Officer Director
Kevin J. Parke(3) (born 12/14/59)	Trustee	January 2002 until February 2004	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Preside Chief Investment Officer Director (until February 2004)
Robert C. Pozen(3) (born 08/08/46)	Trustee	February 2004	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Chairma (since February 2004); Harvard Law School (education), John Olin Visiting Professor (since July 2002); Secretary of Economic Affairs, The Commonwealth of Massachus (January 2002 to December 2002); Fidelity Investmen Vice Chairman (June 2000 December 2001); Fidelity Management & Research Com (investment adviser), President (March 1997 to 2001); The Bank of New Yo (financial services), Director; Bell Canada Enterprises (telecom- munications), Director; Telesat (satellite communications), Director
Jeffrey L. Shames(3) (born 06/02/55)	Trustee	October 1993 until February 2004	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Chairma (until February 2004)
INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES			
J. Atwood Ives (born 05/01/36)	Chairman	February 1992	Private investor; KeySpan Corporation (energy relat services), Director; East Enterprises (diversified services company), Chairm Trustee and Chief Executi Officer (until November 2
Lawrence H. Cohn, M.D.	Trustee	August 1993	Brigham and Women's Hospi

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(born 03/11/37)			Chief of Cardiac Surgery; Harvard Medical School, Professor of Surgery
David H. Gunning (born 05/30/42)	Trustee	January 2004	Cleveland-Cliffs Inc. (mi products and service provider), Vice Chairman/ Director (since April 200 Encinitos Ventures (priva investment company), Principal (1997 to April 2001); Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (welding equipment manufacturer), Director; Southwest Gas Corporation (natural gas distribution company), Director
William R. Gutow (born 09/27/41)	Trustee	December 1993	Private investor and real estate consultant; Capito Entertainment Management Company (video franchise) Vice Chairman
Amy B. Lane (born 02/08/53)	Trustee	January 2004	Retired; Merrill Lynch & Inc., Managing Director, Investment Banking Group (1997 to February 2001); Borders Group, Inc. (book music retailer), Director Federal Realty Investment Trust (real estate invest trust), Trustee
Lawrence T. Perera (born 06/23/35)	Trustee	July 1981	Hemenway & Barnes (attorneys), Partner
William J. Poorvu (born 04/10/35)	Trustee	August 1982	Private investor; Harvard University Graduate Schoo Business Administration, Class of 1961 Adjunct Professor in Entrepreneur Emeritus; CBL & Associate Properties, Inc. (real es investment trust), Direct
J. Dale Sherratt (born 09/23/38)	Trustee	August 1993	Insight Resources, Inc. (acquisition planning specialists), President; Wellfleet Investments (investor in health care companies), Managing Gene Partner (since 1993); Cambridge Nutraceuticals (professional nutritional products), Chief Execu Officer (until May 2001)
Elaine R. Smith (born 04/25/46)	Trustee	February 1992	Independent health care industry consultant

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Ward Smith (born 09/13/30)	Trustee	October 1992	Private investor
OFFICERS			
Robert J. Manning(3) (born 10/20/63)	President and Trustee	February 2004	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Chief Executive Officer, President Chief Investment Officer Director
John W. Ballen(3) (born 09/12/59)	President and Trustee	August 2001 until February 2004	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Chief Executive Officer and Director (until February 2004)
James R. Bordewick, Jr.(3) (born 03/06/59)	Assistant Secretary and Assistant Clerk	September 1990	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Senior President and Associate General Counsel
Stephen E. Cavan(3) (born 11/06/53)	Secretary and Clerk	December 1989 until March 2004	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Senior President, General Counsel and Secretary (until March 2004)
Stephanie A. DeSisto(3) (born 10/01/53)	Assistant Treasurer	May 2003	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Vice President (since April 2003); Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., Senior Vice President (November 2002 to April 2003); ING Groep N.V./Aelion Investment Management, Senior Vice President (prior to November 2002)
Robert R. Flaherty(3) (born 09/18/63)	Assistant Treasurer	August 2000	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Vice President (since August 2000); UAM Fund Services, Senior Vice President (prior to August 2000)
Richard M. Hisey(3) (born 08/29/58)	Treasurer	August 2002	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Senior President (since July 2002); The Bank of New York, Senior Vice President (September 2000 to July 2002); Lexipol Global Asset Managers, Inc., Executive Vice President Chief Financial Officer (prior to September 2000); Lexington Funds, Chief Financial Officer (prior to September 2000)
Ellen Moynihan(3) (born 11/13/57)	Assistant Treasurer	April 1997	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Vice President

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Frank L. Tarantino
(born 03/07/44)

Independent Chief Compliance Officer June 2004

CRA Business Strategies G
(consulting services),
Executive Vice President
(April 2003 to
June 2004); David L. Babs
Co. (investment adviser),
Managing Director, Chief
Administrative Officer and
Director (February 1997 to
March 2003)

James O. Yost (3)
(born 06/12/60)

Assistant Treasurer September 1990

Massachusetts Financial
Services Company, Senior
President

- (1) Date first appointed to serve as Trustee/Officer of an MFS fund. Each Trustee has served continuously since appointment unless indicated otherwise.
- (2) Directorships or trusteeships of companies required to report to the Securities and Exchange Commission (i.e., "public companies").
- (3) "Interested person" of MFS within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (referred as the 1940 Act) which is the principal federal law governing investment companies like the series/the fund. The address of MFS is 500 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116.

The Trust holds annual shareholder meetings for the purpose of electing Trustees, and Trustees are elected for fixed terms. The Board of Trustees is currently divided into three classes, each having a term of three years. Each year the term of one class expires. Each Trustee's term of office expires on the date of the third annual meeting following the election to office of the Trustee's class. Each Trustee will serve until next elected or his or her earlier death, resignation, retirement or removal.

Each of the Trust's Trustees and officers holds comparable positions with certain other funds of MFS or a subsidiary is the investment adviser or distributor, and, in the case of the officers, with certain affiliates of MFS. Each Trustee serves as a board member of 109 funds within the MFS Family of Funds.

INVESTMENT ADVISER
Massachusetts Financial Services Company
500 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116-3741

CUSTODIAN
State Street Bank and Trust Company
225 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110

PORTFOLIO MANAGER
Joseph C. Flaherty, Jr.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND NUMBER OF SHAREHOLDERS

INVESTOR INFORMATION

Transfer Agent, Registrar and Dividend Disbursing Agent

Call 1-800-637-2304 any business day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern time

Write to: State Street Bank and Trust Company
c/o MFS Service Center, Inc.
P.O. Box 55024
Boston, MA 02205-5024

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A general description of the MFS funds' proxy voting policies is available without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-225-2606, by visiting the About MFS section of mfs.com or by visiting the SEC's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

NUMBER OF SHAREHOLDERS

As of May 31, 2004, our records indicate that there are 4,607 registered shareholders and approximately 37,115 shareholders owning trust shares in "street" name, such as through brokers, banks, and other financial intermediaries.

If you are a "street" name shareholder and wish to directly receive our reports, which contain important information about the trust, please write or call:

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c/o MFS Service Center, Inc.
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ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

Applicable for semi-annual reports if the registrant has amended the code of ethics during the period covered by the report or has granted a waiver, including an implicit waiver, from a provision of the code of ethics.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

Not Applicable for semi-annual reports.

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

Not Applicable for semi-annual reports.

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

Not Applicable for semi-annual reports.

ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

Not applicable at this time. [Applicable for periods ending on or after July 9, 2004 (beginning with Form N-CSRs filed at the end of September, 2004 for July 31, 2004 reporting period.)]

ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

Not Applicable for semi-annual reports.

ITEM 8. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS.

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Not applicable at this time. [Required for closed-end funds for periods ending on or after June 15, 2004 (beginning with N-CSR's filed at the end of August, 2004 for June 30, 2004 reporting period.)]

ITEM 9. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

The Board of Trustees of the Registrant has adopted procedures by which shareholders may send communications, including recommendations for nominees to the Registrant's Board, to the Board. Shareholders may mail written communications to the Board to the attention of the Board of Trustees, [name of series of the Registrant], Massachusetts Financial Services Company, 500 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116, c/o Frank Tarantino, Independent Chief Compliance Officer of the Fund. Shareholder communications must (i) be in writing and be signed by the shareholder, (ii) identify the series of the Registrant to which it relates, and (iii) identify the class and number of shares held by the shareholder.

ITEM 10. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) Based upon their evaluation of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as conducted within 90 days of the filing date of this Form N-CSR, the registrant's principal financial officer and principal executive officer have concluded that those disclosure controls and procedures provide reasonable assurance that the material information required to be disclosed by the registrant on this report is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Act) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal half-year (the registrant's second fiscal half-year in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 11. EXHIBITS.

- (a) File the exhibits listed below as part of this Form. Letter or number the exhibits in the sequence indicated.
 - (1) **[**An amendment to the code of ethics, that is the subject of the disclosure required by Item 2, to the extent that the registrant intends to satisfy the Item 2 requirements through filing of an exhibit: The amendment is attached hereto.**][**APPLICABLE IF THE REGISTRANT HAS AMENDED ITS CODE OF ETHICS DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY REPORT**]**
 - (2) A separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2 under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2): Attached hereto.
 - (3) Any written solicitation to purchase securities under 23c-1 under the Act (17 C.F.R. 270.23c-1) sent or given during the period covered by the report by or on behalf of the registrant to 10 or more persons. Not applicable at this time. [For closed-end funds for periods ending on or after June 15, 2004 (beginning with N-CSR's filed at the end of August 2004 for June 30, 2004 reporting period.)]
- (b) If the report is filed under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, provide the certifications required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(b)), Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) under the Exchange Act (17

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CFR 240.13a-14(b) or 240.15d-14(b)) and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code (18 U.S.C. 1350) as an exhibit. A certification furnished pursuant to this paragraph will not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78r), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. Such certification will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that the registrant specifically incorporates it by reference: Attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Registrant MFS CHARTER INCOME TRUST

By (Signature and Title)*

ROBERT J. MANNING

Robert J. Manning, President

Date: July 23, 2004

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)*

ROBERT J. MANNING

Robert J. Manning, President (Principal Executive Officer)

Date: July 23, 2004

By (Signature and Title)*

RICHARD M. HISEY

Richard M. Hisey, Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer and Accounting Officer)

Date: July 23, 2004

* Print name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.