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Gentlemen:

Enclosed for filing is the above-referenced Registrant's current definitive Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information. There have been no changes from the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 103 under the Securities Act of 1933 and Amendment No. 23 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 filed electronically on December 30, 1997. This material is filed pursuant to the requirements of Reg.230.497 under the Securities Act of 1933.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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