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DEAN WITTER NEW YORK TAX-FREE INCOME FUND Two World Trade Center, New York, New
LETTER TO THE SHAREHOLDERS June 30, 1996 York 10048

DEAR SHAREHOLDER:

During the first half of 1996, the fixed income market outlook shifted from bullishness associated with a weak economy and low inflation to bearishness caused by stronger economic growth and the potential threat of renewed inflation. This change in market psychology began in earnest after a surprisingly large increase in payroll employment was reported in early March. Other measures of economic activity and rising commodity prices added to the concern. In addition, the market began to speculate that the Federal Reserve Board would reverse its series of interest rate reductions with a move toward higher interest rates. The bond market reacted to these expectations by pushing long-term yields sharply higher.

MUNICIPAL MARKET CONDITIONS

Municipal bond yields as measured by 30-year insured revenue bonds began the year at 5.50 percent. Interest rates subsequently began to rise in mid-February on signs of stronger economic growth and reached a high of 6.15 percent in April and again in mid-June before finishing the first half of 1996 at 5.90 percent. Yields on one-year municipal notes increased from 3.60 percent to 3.90 percent over the first six months of the year. In June, the yield curve pickup for extending maturities from 1 to 30 years was 200 basis points.

Tax-exempt bonds outperformed U.S. Treasury securities during the first half of 1996 as the risk faded that flat tax proposals would cause a radical change in the tax code. The ratio of insured revenue bond yields to 30-year U.S. Treasury yields, which began the year at 92 percent, declined to 85 percent by the end of June. A declining ratio means that municipal bond prices were relatively stronger than U.S. Treasury prices.

The municipal market also benefited from steady demand. In addition to regular maturities and calls for redemption this year, it has been estimated that investors also face the retirement of \$66 billion of previously refunded debt. On the supply side, new issues increased

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30 percent to \$90 billion during the first six months of 1996. However, as interest rates rose, underwritings were frequently postponed and the pace of activity slowed.

New York new issue volume increased 63 percent to \$9 billion in the first six months. This represents 11 percent of total underwriting and retained New York's position as the second largest state source of new issues. New York issues became more attractive as they more closely matched the yields available in the general municipal market.

PERFORMANCE

Dean Witter New York Tax-Free Income Fund's total return for the first half of 1996 was -1.75 percent. The Fund's net asset value declined from \$11.96 to \$11.46 per share. Tax-free dividends of \$0.27 per share and taxable long-term capital gains distributions of \$0.04 per share were paid during the period. Since its inception on April 25, 1985, the Fund has provided shareholders with an average annual total return of 7.91 percent. The trailing 30-day SEC and distribution yields on June 30, 1996 were 4.49 percent and 4.66 percent, respectively.

PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE

The Fund's net assets of \$201 million were diversified among 14 long-term sectors and 35 credits. In response to the changing interest rate environment, the Fund increased its cash and short-term investment position from 2 percent to 7 percent of net assets during the first half of the year. Portfolio sales shifted to more market sensitive issues. Discount and current-coupon sales exceeded sales of defensive, higher coupon bonds with shorter calls. The average maturity and call protection of the long-term portfolio were 19 years and

New York Tax-Free

FIVE LARGEST SECTORS AS OF JUNE 30, 1996

(% OF NET ASSETS)

IDR/PCR*	15%
EDUCATION	13%
GENERAL OBLIGATION	10%
TRANSPORTATION	10%
WATER & SEWER	9%
OTHER	43%

* INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/POLLUTION CONTROL
 PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

CREDIT RATINGS AS OF JUNE 30, 1996
 (% OF TOTAL LONG-TERM PORTFOLIO)

Aaa OR AAA	30%
Aa OR AA	11%
A OR A	36%
Baa OR BBB	20%
NOT RATED	3%

AS MEASURED BY STANDARD & POOR'S CORP. OR MOODY'S INVESTORS
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7 years, respectively. The portfolio has consistently maintained investment-grade quality with 77 percent of its long-term holdings rated single "A" or better.

LOOKING AHEAD

Future tax reduction proposals may renew investor concern. However, the balance between the supply of new issues and demand created by maturities should remain positive for the municipal market. Long-term insured municipal securities currently yield 85 percent to the yield on U.S. Treasury securities and may be expected to move in tandem with the Treasury market.

We appreciate your ongoing support of Dean Witter New York Tax-Free Income Fund and look forward to continuing to serve your investment needs.

Very truly yours,

/s/ CHARLES A. FIUMEFREDDO

CHARLES A. FIUMEFREDDO
 Chairman of the Board

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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS June 30, 1996 (unaudited)

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 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT IN THOUSANDS

		COUPON RATE	MATURITY DATE	VALUE
<C>	<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>
	NEW YORK TAX-EXEMPT MUNICIPAL BONDS (92.5%)			
	General Obligation (9.6%)			
	New York City,			
\$ 3,500	Various Purpose 1973.....	3.50 %	05/01/01	\$ 3,172,470
2,500	Various Purpose 1973.....	3.50	05/01/03	2,121,850
4,000	1990 Ser D.....	6.00	08/01/06	3,940,360
3,000	New York State, Refg Ser 1995 B.....	5.70	08/15/13	2,970,660
8,800	Puerto Rico, Public Improvement Refg Ser 1987 A.....	3.00	07/01/06	7,159,592
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21,800				19,364,932
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	Educational Facilities Revenue (13.2%)			
	New York State Dormitory Authority,			
5,000	Canisius College Ser 1995 (CAPMAC).....	5.60	07/01/23	4,715,100
2,150	City University Ser U.....	6.375	07/01/08	2,200,654
3,000	City University Ser 1993 A.....	5.75	07/01/09	2,948,820
3,000	State University Ser 1989 B.....	0.00	05/15/05	1,776,210
10,000	State University Ser 1993 C.....	5.375	05/15/13	9,055,900
2,000	State University Ser 1993 A.....	5.25	05/15/15	1,802,500
4,000	University of Rochester Ser 1987.....	6.50	07/01/09	4,138,000

29,150				26,637,184
Electric Revenue (5.8%)				
5,000	New York State Power Authority, Ser CC.....	5.00	01/01/14	4,512,850
8,000	Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, Power Ser O.....	5.00	07/01/12	7,116,160
13,000				11,629,010
Hospital Revenue (4.5%)				
9,635	New York State Medical Care Facilities Finance Agency, Insured Hospital & Nursing Home-FHA Ins Mtge 1993 Ser B.....	5.50	02/15/22	9,019,709
Industrial Development/Pollution Control Revenue (14.7%)				
4,500	New York City Industrial Development Agency, 1990 American Airlines Inc (AMT).....	8.00	07/01/20	4,759,695
3,000	New York State Energy Research & Development Authority, Brooklyn Union Gas Co 1993 Ser B.....	6.368	04/01/20	3,031,950
11,000	Brooklyn Union Gas Co 1991 Ser A (AMT).....	6.952	07/01/26	11,691,790
4,000	Consolidated Edison Co of New York Inc Ser 1986 A (AMT).....	7.50	11/15/21	4,114,560
1,000	Long Island Lighting Co 1990 Ser A (AMT).....	7.15	06/01/20	983,730
5,000	New York State Electric & Gas Corp 1987 Ser A (AMT) (MBIA).....	6.15	07/01/26	5,019,800
28,500				29,601,525
Mortgage Revenue - Multi-Family (2.9%)				
2,369	New York City Housing Development Corporation, East Midtown Proj-FHA Ins Sec 223.....	6.50	11/15/18	2,411,329
945	Gen Hsg Ser A (AMBAC).....	6.50	05/01/06	967,784
2,377	Ruppert Proj-FHA Ins Sec 223.....	6.50	11/15/18	2,391,234
5,691				5,770,347

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PRINCIPAL				
AMOUNT IN				
THOUSANDS				
<C>	<S>	COUPON RATE	MATURITY DATE	VALUE
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Mortgage Revenue - Single Family (3.1%)				
	New York State Mortgage Agency,			
\$ 4,500	Homeowner Ser 27.....	6.90 %	04/01/15	\$ 4,733,505
1,400	Homeowner Ser MM-1 (AMT).....	7.95	10/01/21	1,485,414
5,900				6,218,919
Nursing & Health Related Facilities Revenue (1.3%)				
2,500	New York State Medical Care Facilities Finance Authority, Long Term Health Care 1992 Ser D (FSA).....	6.50	11/01/15	2,617,575
Resource Recovery Revenue (4.1%)				
3,000	Hempstead Industrial Development Agency, 1985 American REF-FUEL Co of Hempstead.....	7.40	12/01/10	3,085,800
3,000	New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, Huntington 1989 Ser A (AMT).....	7.50	10/01/12	3,161,760
2,000	Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Management Authority, Ser 1992.....	6.75	04/01/14	2,002,600
8,000				8,250,160
Transportation Facilities Revenue (10.3%)				
2,500	Buffalo & Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority, Ser 1995 (MBIA).....	5.75	01/01/25	2,462,100
5,000	Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Commuter/Sub Grand Central Terminal Redev Ser 1995-1 (FSA).....	5.70	07/01/24	4,890,550
3,500	New York State Thruway Authority, Ser A.....	5.75	01/01/12	3,478,685
2,000	Ser C (FGIC).....	6.00	01/01/25	2,015,480
5,000	Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, Cons 100th Ser.....	5.75	12/15/20	4,909,750
3,000	Puerto Rico Highway & Transportation Authority, Refg Ser X.....	5.50	07/01/15	2,900,490
21,000				20,657,055
Water & Sewer Revenue (8.7%)				
4,000	New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority, 1994 Ser B.....	5.375	06/15/07	3,952,680
4,000	1990 Ser A.....	6.00	06/15/19	3,990,000

5,000	Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency,	6.00	02/01/07	5,305,600
4,000	Southwest Sewer Ser 1994 (FGIC).....	6.00	02/01/08	4,225,760
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17,000				17,474,040
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	Other Revenue (7.5%)			
5,000	Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York, Ser E.....	6.00	07/01/06	5,301,000
5,000	New York Local Government Assistance Corporation, Ser 1994 A.....	5.50	04/01/17	4,825,650
5,000	United Nations Development Corporation, 1992 Refg Ser A Sr Lien.....	6.00	07/01/26	4,924,750
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15,000				15,051,400
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PRINCIPAL				
AMOUNT IN THOUSANDS		COUPON RATE	MATURITY DATE	VALUE
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	Refunded (6.8%)			
\$ 5,000	New York Local Government Assistance Corporation, Ser 1991 B.....	7.50 %	04/01/01++	\$ 5,681,850
3,000	New York State Dormitory Authority, Suffolk County Judicial Ser 1986 (ETM).....	7.375	07/01/16	3,474,120
4,000	New York State Medical Care Facilities Finance Agency, St Lukes-Roosevelt Hospital Center-FHA Ins Mtge 1989 Ser B.....	7.40	02/15/00++	4,440,640
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12,000				13,596,610
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189,176	TOTAL NEW YORK TAX-EXEMPT MUNICIPAL BONDS (Identified Cost \$177,837,270).....			185,888,466
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	SHORT-TERM NEW YORK TAX-EXEMPT MUNICIPAL OBLIGATIONS (5.8%)			
1,100	Nassau County Industrial Development Agency, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Ser 1993 (Demand 07/01/96).....	3.45*	07/01/23	1,100,000
1,400	New York City Industrial Development Agency, National Audubon Society Inc Ser 1989 (Demand 07/01/96).....	3.45*	12/01/14	1,400,000
5,500	New York State Dormitory Authority, Oxford University Press Inc Ser 1993 (Demand 07/01/96).....	3.80*	07/01/23	5,500,000
3,700	Syracuse Industrial Development Agency, Syracuse University Eggers Hall Ser 1993 (Demand 07/01/96).....	3.45*	03/01/23	3,700,000
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11,700	TOTAL SHORT-TERM NEW YORK TAX-EXEMPT MUNICIPAL OBLIGATIONS (Identified Cost \$11,700,000).....			11,700,000
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\$200,876	TOTAL INVESTMENTS (Identified Cost \$189,537,270) (a).....		98.3%	197,588,466
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	CASH AND OTHER ASSETS IN EXCESS OF LIABILITIES.....		1.7	3,486,427
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	NET ASSETS.....		100.0%	\$201,074,893
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AMT Alternative Minimum Tax.
 ETM Escrowed to Maturity.
 ++ Prerefunded to call date shown.
 * Current coupon of variable rate security.
 (a) The aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes approximates identified cost. The aggregate gross unrealized appreciation was \$10,473,972 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation was \$2,422,776, resulting in net unrealized appreciation of \$8,051,196.

Bond Insurance:

AMBAC AMBAC Indemnity Corporation.
 CAPMAC Capital Markets Assurance Corporation.
 FGIC Financial Guaranty Insurance Company.
 FSA Financial Security Assurance Inc.
 MBIA Municipal Bond Investors Assurance Corporation.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	
June 30, 1996 (unaudited)	
ASSETS:	
Investments in securities, at value (identified cost \$189,537,270).....	\$197,588,466
Cash.....	321,335
Receivable for:	
Interest.....	3,438,928
Shares of beneficial interest sold.....	152,188
Prepaid expenses.....	37,197

TOTAL ASSETS.....	201,538,114

LIABILITIES:	
Payable for:	
Plan of distribution fee.....	122,677
Shares of beneficial interest repurchased.....	109,586
Investment management fee.....	89,963
Dividends to shareholders.....	49,976
Accrued expenses.....	91,019

TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	463,221

NET ASSETS:	
Paid-in-capital.....	193,970,606
Net unrealized appreciation.....	8,051,196
Accumulated undistributed net investment income.....	42,652
Accumulated net realized loss.....	(989,561)

NET ASSETS.....	\$201,074,893
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NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE	
17,550,412 shares outstanding	
(unlimited shares authorized of \$.01 par value).....	\$11.46
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS	
For the six months ended June 30, 1996 (unaudited)	
NET INVESTMENT INCOME:	
INTEREST INCOME.....	\$ 6,201,066

EXPENSES	
Plan of distribution fee.....	774,574
Investment management fee.....	568,021
Transfer agent fees and expenses.....	38,984
Professional fees.....	26,274
Shareholder reports and notices.....	25,501
Trustees' fees and expenses.....	10,912
Custodian fees.....	6,008
Registration fees.....	1,720
Other.....	6,871

TOTAL EXPENSES BEFORE EXPENSE OFFSET.....	1,458,865
LESS: EXPENSE OFFSET.....	(5,997)

TOTAL EXPENSES AFTER EXPENSE OFFSET.....	1,452,868

NET INVESTMENT INCOME.....	4,748,198

NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED LOSS:	
Net realized loss.....	(989,594)
Net change in unrealized appreciation.....	(7,377,642)

NET LOSS.....	(8,367,236)

NET DECREASE.....	\$ (3,619,038)
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	(unaudited)	
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS:		
OPERATIONS:		
Net investment income.....	\$ 4,748,198	\$ 10,093,730
Net realized gain (loss).....	(989,594)	2,568,550
Net change in unrealized appreciation.....	(7,377,642)	20,081,778
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NET INCREASE (DECREASE).....	(3,619,038)	32,744,058
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DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:		
Net investment income.....	(4,758,417)	(10,054,862)
Net realized gain.....	(656,506)	(1,424,236)
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TOTAL.....	(5,414,923)	(11,479,098)
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Net decrease from transactions in shares of beneficial interest.....	(6,509,188)	(11,693,907)
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TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE).....	(15,543,149)	9,571,053
NET ASSETS:		
Beginning of period.....	216,618,042	207,046,989
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END OF PERIOD (Including undistributed net investment income of \$42,652 and \$52,897, respectively).....	\$201,074,893 =====	\$ 216,618,042 =====

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DEAN WITTER NEW YORK TAX-FREE INCOME FUND
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 1996 (unaudited)

1. ORGANIZATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Dean Witter New York Tax-Free Income Fund (the "Fund") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Act"), as a diversified, open-end management investment company. The Fund's investment objective is to provide a high level of current income which is exempt from federal, New York State and New York City income tax, consistent with the preservation of capital. The Fund was organized as a Massachusetts business trust on January 17, 1985 and commenced operations on April 25, 1985.

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies:

A. VALUATION OF INVESTMENTS -- Portfolio securities are valued for the Fund by an outside independent pricing service approved by the Trustees. The pricing service has informed the Fund that in valuing the Fund's portfolio securities, it uses both a computerized matrix of tax-exempt securities and evaluations by its staff, in each case based on information concerning market transactions and quotations from dealers which reflect the bid side of the market each day. The Fund's portfolio securities are thus valued by reference to a combination of transactions and quotations for the same or other securities believed to be comparable in quality, coupon, maturity, type of issue, call provisions, trading characteristics and other features deemed to be relevant. Short-term debt securities having a maturity date of more than sixty days at time of purchase are valued on a mark-to-market basis until sixty days prior to maturity and thereafter at amortized cost based on their value on the 61st day. Short-term debt securities having a maturity date of sixty days or less at the time of purchase are valued at amortized cost.

B. ACCOUNTING FOR INVESTMENTS -- Security transactions are accounted for on the trade date (date the order to buy or sell is executed). Realized gains and losses on security transactions are determined by the identified cost method. The Fund amortizes premiums and accretes discounts over the life of the respective securities. Interest income is accrued daily.

C. FEDERAL INCOME TAX STATUS -- It is the Fund's policy to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute all of its taxable and nontaxable income to its shareholders. Accordingly, no federal income tax provision is required.

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D. DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS -- The Fund records dividends and distributions to its shareholders on the record date. The amount of dividends and distributions from net investment income and net realized capital gains are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations which may differ from generally accepted accounting principles. These "book/tax" differences are either considered temporary or permanent in nature. To the extent these differences are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts based on their federal tax-basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Dividends and distributions which exceed net investment income and net realized capital gains for financial reporting purposes but not for tax purposes are reported as dividends in excess of net investment income or distributions in excess of net realized capital gains. To the extent they exceed net investment income and net realized capital gains for tax purposes, they are reported as distributions of paid-in-capital.

2. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Pursuant to an Investment Management Agreement with Dean Witter InterCapital Inc. (the "Investment Manager"), the Fund pays the Investment Manager a management fee, accrued daily and payable monthly, by applying the following annual rates to the Fund's net assets determined as of the close of each business day: 0.55% to the portion of daily net assets not exceeding \$500 million and 0.525% to the portion of daily net assets exceeding \$500 million.

Under the terms of the Agreement, in addition to managing the Fund's investments, the Investment Manager maintains certain of the Fund's books and records and furnishes, at its own expense, office space, facilities, equipment, clerical, bookkeeping and certain legal services and pays the salaries of all personnel, including officers of the Fund who are employees of the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager also bears the cost of telephone services, heat, light, power and other utilities provided to the Fund.

3. PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Shares of the Fund are distributed by Dean Witter Distributors Inc. (the "Distributor"), an affiliate of the Investment Manager. The Fund has adopted a Plan of Distribution (the "Plan") pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Act pursuant to which the Fund pays the Distributor compensation, accrued daily and payable monthly, at an annual rate of 0.75% of the lesser of: (a) the average daily aggregate gross sales of the Fund's shares since the Fund's inception (not including reinvestment of dividend or capital gain distributions) less the average daily aggregate net asset value of the Fund's shares redeemed since the Fund's inception upon which a contingent deferred sales charge has been imposed or upon which such charge has been waived; or (b) the Fund's average daily net assets. Amounts paid under the Plan

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are paid to the Distributor to compensate it for the services provided and the expenses borne by it and others in the distribution of the Fund's shares, including the payment of commissions for sales of the Fund's shares and incentive compensation to, and expenses of, account executives of Dean Witter Reynolds Inc., an affiliate of the Investment Manager and Distributor, and other employees and selected broker-dealers, who engage in or support distribution of the Fund's shares or who service shareholder accounts, including overhead and telephone expenses, printing and distribution of prospectuses and reports used in connection with the offering of the Fund's shares to other than current shareholders and preparation, printing and distribution of sales literature and advertising materials. In addition, the Distributor may be compensated under the Plan for its opportunity costs in advancing such amounts, which compensation would be in the form of a carrying charge on any unreimbursed expenses by the Distributor.

Provided that the Plan continues in effect, any cumulative expenses incurred but not yet recovered may be recovered through future distribution fees from the Fund and contingent deferred sales charges from the Fund's shareholders.

The Distributor has informed the Fund that for the six months ended June 30, 1996, it received approximately \$99,000 in contingent deferred sales charges from certain redemptions of the Fund's shares. The Fund's shareholders pay such charges which are not an expense of the Fund.

4. SECURITY TRANSACTIONS AND TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

The cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of portfolio securities, excluding short-term investments, for the six months ended June 30, 1996 aggregated \$5,352,700 and \$21,381,013, respectively.

Dean Witter Trust Company, an affiliate of the Investment Manager and Distributor, is the Fund's transfer agent. At June 30, 1996, the Fund had transfer agent fees and expenses payable of approximately \$8,000.

The Fund has an unfunded noncontributory defined benefit pension plan covering all independent Trustees of the Fund who will have served as independent Trustees for at least five years at the time of retirement. Benefits under this plan are based on years of service and compensation during the last five years of service. Aggregate pension costs for the six months ended June 30, 1996 included in Trustees' fees and expenses in the Statement of Operations amounted to \$2,300. At June 30, 1996, the Fund had an accrued pension liability of \$49,078 which is included in accrued expenses in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

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5. SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

Transactions in shares of beneficial interest were as follows:

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	FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1996		FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995	
	(unaudited)			
	SHARES	AMOUNT	SHARES	AMOUNT
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Sold.....	589,505	\$ 6,915,355	1,646,704	\$ 18,911,488
Reinvestment of dividends and distributions.....	271,279	3,144,239	580,096	6,745,389
	860,784	10,059,594	2,226,800	25,656,877
Repurchased.....	(1,423,942)	(16,568,782)	(3,239,090)	(37,350,784)
Net decrease.....	(563,158)	\$ (6,509,188)	(1,012,290)	\$ (11,693,907)

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6. FEDERAL INCOME TAX STATUS

During the year ended December 31, 1995, the Fund utilized its net capital loss carryover of approximately \$488,000.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Selected ratios and per share data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each period:

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	FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1996	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31		
	(unaudited)	1995	1994	1993
	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:				
Net asset value, beginning of period.....	\$11.96	\$10.83	\$12.50	\$11.98
Net investment income.....	0.27	0.55	0.57	0.65
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss).....	(0.46)	1.20	(1.51)	0.72
Total from investment operations.....	(0.19)	1.75	(0.94)	1.37
Less dividends and distributions from:				
Net investment income.....	(0.27)	(0.54)	(0.57)	(0.65)
Net realized gain.....	(0.04)	(0.08)	(0.16)	(0.20)
Total dividends and distributions.....	(0.31)	(0.62)	(0.73)	(0.85)

Net asset value, end of period.....	\$11.46	\$11.96	\$10.83	\$12.50
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TOTAL INVESTMENT RETURN+.....	(1.75)%(1)	16.59%	(7.74)%	11.72%
RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS:				
Expenses.....	1.41%(2) (3)	1.42%(3)	1.40%	1.27%
Net investment income.....	4.60%(2)	4.70%	4.96%	5.20%
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:				
Net assets, end of period, in millions.....	\$201	\$217	\$207	\$246
Portfolio turnover rate.....	3%(1)	17%	10%	25%

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	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31	
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PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:		
Net asset value, beginning of period.....	\$11.68	\$11.00
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Net investment income.....	0.65	0.68
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss).....	0.34	0.70
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Total from investment operations.....	0.99	1.38
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Less dividends and distributions from:		
Net investment income.....	(0.65)	(0.68)
Net realized gain.....	(0.04)	(0.02)
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Total dividends and distributions.....	(0.69)	(0.70)
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Net asset value, end of period.....	\$11.98	\$11.68
	=====	=====
TOTAL INVESTMENT RETURN+.....	8.70%	12.94%
RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS:		
Expenses.....	1.40%	1.32%
Net investment income.....	5.48%	6.00%
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:		
Net assets, end of period, in millions.....	\$209	\$182
Portfolio turnover rate.....	16%	17%

</TABLE>

+ Does not reflect the deduction of sales charge. Calculated based on the net asset value as of the last business day of the period.

- (1) Not annualized.
(2) Annualized.
(3) The above annualized expense ratio would have been 1.41% after expense offset.

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