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October 27, 2003

F&C/CLAYMORE PREFERRED SECURITIES INCOME FUND INCORPORATED

Dear Shareholder:

The F&C/Claymore Preferred Securities Income Fund came through its third fiscal quarter in good shape despite an extremely difficult market for fixed income securities. The return on net asset value ("NAV") for the period was -0.3%. Since the inception of the Fund on January 29, 2003 through the end of the fiscal quarter, the return on NAV was a very respectable 9.7%.

The extraordinary jump in intermediate and long-term interest rates during the quarter provided a textbook case for why we hedge against a substantial rise in interest rates. The yields on 10-year and 30-year U.S. Treasuries rose 1.10% and 0.86%, respectively, during the period. An investor in these securities would have suffered total return LOSSES of 7.8% on the 10-year and 10.9% on the 30-year.

Given the magnitude of the weakness in the fixed-income markets, the performance of the Fund's market price was even more impressive. For the quarter, the return on market was +1.7%. Since the Fund's inception through August 31st, the market return was +4.2%.

This was clearly one of the worst three months the bond market has ever experienced, and, without the Fund's hedging strategy, the results would have been much worse. In some ways, hedging is a lot like buying an insurance policy - you pay a premium, but don't expect to collect very often. When you need it, however, you are awfully glad you have it! During the past quarter we certainly needed the hedge; WITHOUT IT, THE RETURN ON NAV WOULD HAVE BEEN 6.4 PERCENTAGE POINTS LOWER.

Interest in preferred securities remains high, but on balance there has not been a lot of new supply. As you would expect, these conditions have resulted in the yields on preferreds narrowing versus the yields on Treasury notes and bonds. Despite this, when compared to historical relationships, preferred securities still appear attractively priced at present.

The Fund's investment portfolio is in good shape. The portion of the portfolio in preferred securities is slightly below our 80% target, but only because the recent gains from the hedge means there is money to invest.

Low short-term interest rates have kept the rates paid by the Fund on its Auction Market Preferred Stock close to 1%. Of course, low short-term rates are a double-edged sword in that the cost of our hedging strategy is higher due to the current steepness of the yield curve.

We encourage you to read the enclosed letter. In it, we discuss a very important subject - reinvesting distributions of capital gains. Keep in mind that this is different from the decision to reinvest monthly income dividends. In fact, the best way to maximize your monthly distribution over time is to reinvest any capital gain distribution.

Sincerely,

/S/ Donald F. Crumrine

/S/ Robert M. Ettinger

Donald F. Crumrine  
Chairman of the Board  
September 30, 2003

Robert M. Ettinger  
President

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 F&C/Claymore Preferred Securities Income Fund Incorporated  
 SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS  
 AUGUST 31, 2003 (UNAUDITED)  
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|  | VALUE<br>(000'S)<br>----- |
|--|---------------------------|
| PREFERRED SECURITIES   |                           |
| Utilities .....  | \$ 170,95                 |
| Banking .....  | 513,39                    |
| Financial Services .....                                       | 263,84                    |
| Insurance .....  | 196,88                    |
| Oil and Gas .....  | 25,19                     |
| Miscellaneous Industries .....                                 | 11,65                     |
|  | -----                     |
| TOTAL PREFERRED SECURITIES .....                               | 1,181,9                   |
| CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES                                      |                           |
| Utilities .....  | 147,36                    |
| Financial Services .....                                       | 38,00                     |
| Insurance .....  | 47,04                     |
| Other .....  | 33,78                     |
|  | -----                     |
| TOTAL CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES .....                          | 266,19                    |
| COMMON STOCKS AND CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES                       |                           |
| Utilities .....  | 55,22                     |
| Other .....  | 4,83                      |
|  | -----                     |
| TOTAL COMMON STOCKS AND CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES .....           | 60,05                     |
| U.S. GOVERNMENT AND AGENCY DEBT SECURITIES .....               | 34,43                     |
| PURCHASED PUT OPTIONS .....                                    | 25,39                     |
| MONEY MARKET FUNDS .....                                       | 82                        |
|  | -----                     |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS .....  | 1,568,83                  |
| OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (NET) .....                       | 8,97                      |
|  | -----                     |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCK ..... | \$1,577,8<br>=====        |

FINANCIAL DATA  
 PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK (UNAUDITED)  
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|  | MONTH END<br>-----          | MONTHLY<br>-----                       |
|--|-----------------------------|--|
|  | NET ASSET<br>VALUE<br>----- | NYSE<br>CLOSING PRICE<br>-----         |
|  |                             | TOTAL<br>DIVIDEND<br>PAID (1)<br>----- |

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|                      |         |         |        |
|----------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| January, 2003 .....  | \$23.82 | \$25.00 | \$ --  |
| February, 2003 ..... | 23.96   | 25.03   | --     |
| March, 2003 .....    | 23.93   | 24.96   | --     |
| April, 2003 .....    | 24.39   | 24.75   | 0.1725 |
| May, 2003 .....      | 25.85   | 25.25   | 0.1725 |
| June, 2003 .....     | 25.64   | 25.48   | 0.1725 |
| July, 2003 .....     | 25.03   | 24.89   | 0.1725 |
| August, 2003 .....   | 25.24   | 25.17   | 0.1725 |

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK  
FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 31, 2003\* THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2003 (UNAUDITED)  
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OPERATIONS:

Net investment income .....

Net realized gain on investments sold during the period .....

Change in net unrealized depreciation of investments held during the period .....

Distributions to Auction Money Market Preferred Stock (AMPS\*\*) Shareholders from net investment income, including changes in accumulated undeclared distributions .....

Net increase in net assets from operations .....

DISTRIBUTIONS:

Dividends paid from net investment income to Common Stock Shareholders .....

Distributions paid from net realized capital gains to Common Stock Shareholders .....

Total Distributions .....

FUND SHARES TRANSACTIONS:

Increase from Common Stock Transactions .....

Decrease due to Cost of Common Stock offering .....

Decrease due to Cost of AMPS\*\* issuance .....

Net increase in net assets available to Common Stock resulting from Fund share transactions .....

NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK FOR THE PERIOD .....

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK:

Beginning of period .....

End of period .....

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS  
FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 31, 2003\* THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2003 (UNAUDITED)  
FOR A COMMON SHARE OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD.  
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## PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:

Net asset value, beginning of period .....

## INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:

Net investment income .....

Net realized gain and unrealized appreciation on investments .....

## DISTRIBUTIONS TO AMPS\*\* SHAREHOLDERS:

From net investment income .....

From net realized capital gains .....

Total from investment operations .....

COST OF ISSUANCE OF AMPS\*\* .....

## DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:

From net investment income .....

From net realized capital gains .....

Total distributions to Common Stock Shareholders .....

Net asset value, end of period .....

Market value, end of period .....

Common shares outstanding, end of period .....

## RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:

Net investment income \*\*\* .....

Operating expenses .....

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## SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:+

Portfolio turnover rate fiscal year to date .....

Total net assets available to Common and Preferred Stock, end of period (in 000's) .....

Ratio of operating expenses to total average net assets available to Common and Preferred St

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## DIRECTORS

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Peter C. Stimes, CFA

Chief Financial and Accounting

Officer, Vice President and

Treasurer

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QUESTIONS CONCERNING YOUR SHARES OF F&C/  
CLAYMORE PREFERRED SECURITIES INCOME FUND?

- o If your shares are held in a Brokerage Account, contact your Broker.
- o If you have physical possession of your shares in certificate form, contact the Fund's Transfer Agent & Shareholder Servicing Agent --  
PFPC Inc.  
P.O. Box 43027  
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