

FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE TOTAL RETURN FUND INC
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FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE TOTAL RETURN FUND INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Date of fiscal year end: NOVEMBER 30

Date of reporting period: MAY 31, 2007

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ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The Report to Shareholders is attached herewith.

FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE TOTAL RETURN FUND

To the Shareholders of the Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund ("FLC"):

The following table summarizes the Fund's performance in its most recent fiscal quarter and over longer time periods compared with the average return of investment-grade, fixed-income closed-end funds:

TOTAL RETURN ON NET ASSET VALUE(1) FOR PERIODS ENDED MAY 31, 2007					
	ACTUAL RETURNS			AVERAGE ANNUALIZED RETURNS	
	THREE MONTHS	SIX MONTHS	ONE YEAR	THREE YEARS	LIFE OF FUND (2)
Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund	-2.0%	0.0%	8.8%	6.3%	5.9%
Lipper Domestic Investment Grade Funds(3)	0.3%	1.9%	8.4%	6.0%	6.0%

- (1) Based on monthly data provided by Lipper Inc. in each calendar month during the relevant period. Distributions are assumed to be reinvested at NAV in accordance with Lipper's practice, which differs from the methodology used elsewhere in this report.
- (2) Since inception on August 26, 2003.
- (3) Includes all closed-end funds in Lipper's U.S. Government, U.S. Mortgage and Corporate Debt BBB Rated categories in each month during the period. Although the investment strategies used by the Fund differ significantly from the strategies used by these other fixed-income funds, the Fund seeks to achieve a similar income goal.

While the Fund did not perform as well as the Lipper group of funds during recent periods, it has performed similarly to this group over longer time periods. The Fund's performance was impacted by a number of factors, and we've discussed in greater detail the total return for the most recent six-month period in the Questions and Answers section that follows. Stated in short, primarily due to rising long-term interest rates over the six-month period, the Fund's securities portfolio only had a modest positive return, which was reduced by its use of leverage and the overall expenses of operating the Fund. Over longer time periods, the Fund's use of leverage has benefited its common shareholders, not only by offsetting the Fund's expenses, but by increasing the total return.

These days we spend a lot of time assessing the likelihood of a company being purchased in a leveraged buyout (LBO). Billions of dollars are in the hands of LBO firms, fueled by their ability to borrow at historically low rates. As discussed in greater detail in the Questions and Answers section that follows, the economics of these buyouts have changed over the years, and many more companies - including issuers of preferred securities - are now potential targets.

Another type of risk receiving a lot of attention these days is fallout from weakness in the housing sector. We've discussed this in previous letters, but recently the market has refocused on subprime loans. Suffice it to say, the Fund continues to have no direct exposure to subprime lenders. While some of the

bank and financial companies we invest in will certainly be impacted by weakness in the housing sector, in each case the impact still appears to be manageable.

Our investment process relies heavily on in-depth credit research - understanding as much as we can about the companies we invest in, from the financial statements to the philosophy of management to more current risks like LBOs and subprime exposure. That being said, we don't mind taking risk in our portfolio as long as we understand it and feel we are being adequately compensated.

The universe of preferred stock eligible for the dividends received deduction (DRD) remains in relatively tight supply. We do see new issues from time to time, but the general trend continues to be shrinkage in this market segment. Of course, this makes the DRD issues owned by the Fund a bit more precious. We don't expect this segment to disappear, but relative to the broader preferred market, it should continue to contract. DRD issues continue to be among the best performers in the fixed-income markets.

In contrast to the DRD market, the market for fully-taxable preferreds is in full bloom. There are often two or three new issues a week, and they tend to be pretty sizable. The lion's share of these new issues has been the "enhanced" variety we've discussed in the past (and described more fully on the Fund's website). In the two years since this structure was developed, close to one hundred new issues, with a market value of roughly \$75 billion, have been created. It's harder to generalize about performance of the taxable preferred sector because of the wide variety of issuers and issue types, but it has mostly been a mixed bag. The Fund's portfolio has generally mirrored the overall market, but we think it should outperform over time.

Since preferred securities are connected at the hip to the U.S. Treasury market, a quick recap of that market is useful. Over the three months ended May 31st, the Treasury "curve" (the plot of yields versus maturity) twisted, as shorter-term rates fell modestly and intermediate and long-term rates increased. With intermediate and long-term rates continuing to increase since May 31st, the curve now has a more "normal" shape, with rates on longer maturity issues above those of shorter issues. Since March, intermediate and long-term rates have risen as a result of a combination of factors, including: a resurging domestic economy following a weak first quarter, increasing interest rates internationally and subsequent reduced investment flows from overseas, and the market's declining expectation of the Federal Reserve lowering short-term interest rates.

Sometimes the ride can be a little bumpy when the yield curve goes through a transition like this, but in the long run, the Fund should benefit. In the short run, we anticipate that the Fund's "safety net" hedging strategy should make the Fund's investment portfolio progressively less sensitive to further increases in long-term interest rates. In addition, higher interest rates also reduce the exposure of the Fund's holdings to early redemption, as the issuer's cost of funding these calls increases. In turn, this reduced exposure to early redemption enhances the Fund's ability to pay its current dividend.

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The Questions and Answers section that follows and the Fund's website at www.fcclaymore.com have more complete discussions of a number of topics that may interest you. The topics on the website include our overall assessment of the state of the economy and interest rates (in our Second Quarter Economic Update) and an archive of frequently-asked questions which remain relevant today -

including an in-depth discussion of the risks of subprime mortgages, our interest-rate hedging strategy and our use of leverage. We believe an informed shareholder can be one of the strongest assets of any company, and we encourage you to explore the website for a wide range of additional information about your Fund.

Sincerely,

/S/DONALD F. CRUMRINE	/S/ROBERT M. ETTINGER
Donald F. Crumrine	Robert M. Ettinger
Chairman of the Board	President

July 17, 2007

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

WHAT WERE THE COMPONENTS OF THE FUND'S TOTAL RETURN ON NET ASSET VALUE?

FLC's investment objective is to produce high current income. While shareholder returns are more directly tied to the market price of the Fund's shares, we believe that shareholders can assess whether the Fund's investment objective is being met by better understanding the Fund's total return on net asset value (NAV).

As a closed-end fund, FLC utilizes a variety of investment tools to meet its objective, namely: (a) investing in a portfolio of securities; (b) hedging that portfolio of securities against significant increases in long-term interest rates; and (c) issuing an auction-rate preferred stock to leverage and enhance returns to Common Stock shareholders. The table below reviews the performance of each of those tools over the Fund's fiscal year-to-date and then adjusts for the impact of the Fund's expenses to arrive at a total return on NAV (which factors in all of these items).

COMPONENTS OF FLC'S TOTAL RETURN ON NAV
FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 2007

Total Return on Securities Portfolio (including principal and income) ...	1.4%
Return from Interest Rate Hedging Strategy	0.0%
Impact of Leverage	(0.6)%
Expenses	(0.8)%

TOTAL RETURN ON NAV	0.0%

Intermediate and long-term U.S. Treasury bond yields increased - and consequently, their market value decreased - during the first half of the Fund's fiscal year. Like all fixed-income securities, the value of preferred stocks typically moves in relation to U.S. Treasury bonds and this is what happened during the past six months, with the Fund's securities portfolio losing some principal value. Nonetheless, the portfolio did have a positive total return through the income produced by its securities portfolio. Since interest rates did not increase significantly until the very end of this period, the Fund's interest-rate hedging strategy had a minimal positive effect on the portfolio's results.

While leverage had a modest negative impact on the Fund's returns during this six-month period, over longer time periods leverage has made a significant positive contribution to the Fund's Common Stock shareholders. The Fund continues to have approximately the same expense ratio as it has had

historically, which results in the Fund's total return on NAV of zero for this six-month period.

HOW DOES THE FUND MANAGE THE RISK OF LEVERAGED BUYOUTS?

Leveraged buyouts (LBOs) and management buyouts (MBOs) have long presented risks to investment-grade fixed-income investors. However, buyouts had been relatively rare among the largest preferred issuers, namely financial institutions (because they are already inherently leveraged) and utilities (because they are heavily regulated with only modest returns on equity). Recently, the risk of higher leverage resulting from an LBO or MBO has expanded into these industries. For example, among utilities, Duquesne Light Holdings was acquired by a buyout fund and Texas Utilities has agreed to be purchased by a consortium of private-equity firms. Among financial companies, SLM Corporation, or Sallie Mae, also has agreed to a buyout. These transactions have heightened the LBO risks for preferred and debt investors in industries that previously had been considered largely "immune" to LBOs.

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There are many reasons why the reach of leveraged buyouts has expanded in recent years. First, LBO funds are much larger now than in the past. They can buy larger companies and more of them. Second, as they have grown in size, the marginal return required by the funds appears to have declined. This has put "in play" companies that previously would have been rejected as offering inadequate equity returns. Third, the regulatory environment has turned decidedly more "laissez-faire" over the past decade. Buyouts that most likely would have been rejected by regulators ten years ago now stand a good chance of approval as long as buyers can demonstrate that consumers (rather than holders of preferred or debt securities) will not be harmed.

In a typical LBO, the new owner - often a private entity such as a private-equity fund - buys out existing common shareholders at a premium to the company's pre-deal market value. The purchase price is financed by a combination of equity contributed by the buyer and new debt issued to investors. As indicated by the name "leveraged buyout," debt comprises the majority of the buyout financing. In most cases, existing debt and preferreds at the target company are assumed by the new, now much more highly leveraged entity. This is clearly bad news for existing preferred holders. Most or all of the newly issued debt will be senior to preferreds in the company's capital structure. The same thing may be true for existing senior debt as well, if the LBO sponsor decides to issue senior secured debt ahead of the senior unsecured debt. No matter how the deal is structured, the combination of higher leverage and potentially greater subordination typically leaves existing debt and preferred holders with riskier securities. Issues that might have been rated BBB+ could easily drop to BB or even B. Naturally, investors require higher yields for the additional credit risk in the lower-rated securities, so existing debt and preferred issues must fall in price - to the detriment of owners of those securities.

We take these risks very seriously, and there are several ways we address them in the Fund's portfolios. Some preferred and debt issues contain "change of control" provisions that require the company either to redeem the security at a predetermined price or to pay a significantly higher coupon if the company is acquired and its ratings fall below a certain level (typically investment grade). Given the heightened LBO risk in recent months, more new issues contain this provision than in the past, although they are still very much in the minority. As much as we like these provisions, few older issues contain them, especially among the bank, finance, and utility securities that make up the majority of the Fund's holdings. As a result, it would be impossible to assemble a diversified - not to mention attractively priced - portfolio of securities

comprised solely of such issues.

The most important ways we manage LBO risk are the same ways we manage credit risk in general: We do rigorous credit analysis on the companies whose securities we own or would consider owning, and we diversify our holdings by industry, business line, and company. As the reach of buyout firms has extended into the sectors in which we are preferred investors, we are undertaking a thorough review of the credits in the Fund's portfolio, with a particular eye to LBO risk.

We ask ourselves, "Can this company be leveraged to produce higher returns to equity holders?" The answer to this question requires an analysis of a company's assets, earnings and cash flow, capital structure, regulatory environment and market valuation. Our judgments about these matters guide us to an assessment of LBO risk for a particular issuer. Combining that with the terms of a particular security leads us to an assessment of that security's LBO risk. If we conclude that an issuer is an attractive LBO candidate and that its preferred securities would be unprotected in the event of an LBO, we would seek to sell (or avoid buying) the preferred securities of that issuer or utilize other measures to mitigate the LBO risk in owning that particular security. Indeed, we have sold preferred securities positions where we think LBO risk is

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uncomfortably high. Of course, if the Fund had a common stock investment strategy, we might make the opposite decision given that common stock investors are typically rewarded in the event of an LBO.

Fund shareholders should be aware that this sort of analysis is not a science. We cannot plug variables into an equation and arrive at a conclusive measurement of LBO risk; we cannot say with certainty that an issue that we judge to be at low risk of LBO will not be subject to a leveraged buyout in the future. There are too many variables - many of which are unobservable - to construct such an analysis. Nonetheless, we believe this credit-driven approach will help us to reduce the risk of LBOs to the Fund's holdings, and it has become an important element of our portfolio management process.

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 Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated
 PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW
 MAY 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

FUND STATISTICS ON 5/31/07

Net Asset Value	\$	22.53
Market Price	\$	20.81
Discount		7.63%
Yield on Market Price		7.35%
Common Stock Shares Outstanding		9,776,333

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INDUSTRY CATEGORIES % OF PORTFOLIO

[GRAPHIC OMITTED]

EDGAR REPRESENTATION OF DATA POINTS USED IN PRINTED GRAPHIC AS FOLLOWS:

Banks	30%
Utilities	28%
Insurance	19%
Energy	7%
REITs	6%
Other	5%
Financial Services	5%

MOODY'S RATINGS % OF PORTFOLIO

AAA	0.0%
AA	7.0%
A	18.8%
BBB	54.2%
BB	12.4%
Not Rated	4.7%

Below Investment Grade* 14.3%

* BELOW INVESTMENT GRADE BY BOTH MOODY'S AND S&P.

TOP 10 HOLDINGS BY ISSUER % OF PORTFOLIO

Midamerican Energy	4.8%
Banco Santander	4.2%
Liberty Mutual Group	3.8%
Entergy Louisiana	3.5%
Wachovia Corp	3.4%
Dominion Resources	2.8%
AON Corporation	2.8%
Wisconsin Energy Corp	2.7%
Nexen Inc	2.6%
Interstate Power & Light	2.1%

% OF PORTFOLIO**

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Holdings Generating Qualified Dividend Income (QDI) for Individuals 26%
 Holdings Generating Income Eligible for the Corporate Dividend Received Deduction (DRD) 16%

 ** THIS DOES NOT REFLECT YEAR-END RESULTS OR ACTUAL TAX CATEGORIZATION OF FUND DISTRIBUTIONS. THESE PERCENTAGES CAN, AND DO, CHANGE, PERHAPS SIGNIFICANTLY, DEPENDING ON MARKET CONDITIONS. INVESTORS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISOR REGARDING THEIR PERSONAL SITUATION.

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 Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated
 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS
 MAY 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- 80.6%
 BANKING -- 30.2%

\$	5,750,000	Astoria Capital Trust I, 9.75% 11/01/29, Series B	\$
	10,900	BAC Capital Trust II, 7.00% Pfd. 02/01/32	
	17,000	BAC Capital Trust XII, 6.875% Pfd. 08/02/55	
		Banco Santander:	
	381,000	6.50% Pfd., 144A****	
	214,920	6.80% Pfd., 144A****	
	50,900	Bank One Capital Trust VI, 7.20% Pfd.	
	68,750	Capital One Capital II, 7.50% Pfd. 06/15/66	
\$	3,800,000	Capital One Capital III, 7.686% 08/15/36	
\$	6,000,000	CBG Florida REIT Corporation, 7.114%, 144A****	
	20,000	Citigroup Capital VIII, 6.95% Pfd. 09/15/31	
	40,000	Citizens Funding Trust I, 7.50% Pfd. 09/15/66	
	40,000	Cobank, ACB, 7.00% Pfd., 144A****	
	20,000	Colonial Capital Trust IV, 7.875% Pfd.	
\$	2,250,000	Comerica Capital Trust II, 6.576% 02/20/37	
	7,000	FBOP Corporation, Adj. Rate Pfd., 144A****	
\$	400,000	First Empire Capital Trust I, 8.234% 02/01/27	
\$	1,900,000	First Hawaiian Capital I, 8.343% 07/01/27, Series B	
		First Republic Bank:	
	160,000	6.25% Pfd.	
	23,898	7.25% Pfd.	
	1,500	First Republic Preferred Capital Corporation, 10.50% Pfd., 144A****	
	2	FT Real Estate Securities Company, 9.50% Pfd., 144A****	
\$	2,000,000	HBOS PLC, 6.657% 144A****	
\$	855,000	HSEC USA Capital Trust II, 8.38% 05/15/27, 144A****	
		ING Groep NV:	
	36,000	7.05% Pfd.	
	20,500	7.20% Pfd.	
\$	900,000	JPMorgan Chase Capital XVIII, 6.95% 08/17/36 , Series R	
\$	1,100,000	JPMorgan Chase Capital XXIII, 6.36% 05/15/47	
	82,000	Keycorp Capital IX, 6.75% Pfd. 12/15/66	
\$	1,000,000	Lloyds TSB Group PLC, 6.267% 144A****	
	10	Marshall & Ilsley Investment II, 8.875% Pfd., 144A****	

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18,570	National City Capital Trust II, 6.625% Pfd. 11/15/36
810,000	North Fork Capital Trust II, 8.00% 12/15/27
141,059	PFGI Capital Corporation, 7.75% Pfd.
\$ 1,500,000	RBS Capital Trust B, 6.80%

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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)
 BANKING -- (CONTINUED)

\$ 4,000,000	Regions Financing Trust II, 6.625% 05/15/47	\$
	Roslyn Real Estate:	
25	8.95% Pfd., Series C, 144A****	
10	Adj. Rate Pfd., Series D, 144A****	
33,100	Sovereign Bancorp, 7.30% Pfd., Series C	
191,525	Sovereign Capital Trust V, 7.75% Pfd. 05/22/36	
\$ 500,000	Sovereign Capital Trust VI, 7.908% 06/13/36	
	U.S. Bancorp, Auction Pass-Through Trust, Cl. B:	
15	Series 2006-5, Variable Rate Pfd., 144A****	
15	Series 2006-6, Variable Rate Pfd., 144A****	
14,320	USB Capital X, 6.50% Pfd. 04/12/66	
3,180	USB Capital XI, 6.60% Pfd. 09/15/66	
\$ 5,000,000	Wachovia Capital Trust I, 7.64% 01/15/27, 144A****	
\$ 670,000	Wachovia Capital Trust V, 7.965% 06/01/27, 144A****	
217,200	Wachovia Preferred Funding, 7.25% Pfd., Series A	
43,200	Wells Fargo Capital Trust IV, 7.00% Pfd. 09/01/31	

 FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 3.8%

36,000	Cabco Trust For Goldman Sachs Capital I, Adj. Rate Pfd. 02/15/34
\$ 1,800,000	CIT Group Inc., 6.10%
40,000	Deutsche Bank Contingent Capital Trust II , 6.55% Pfd.
1,500	Goldman Sachs, STRIPES Custodial Receipts, Pvt.
\$ 3,000,000	Gulf Stream-Compass 2005 Composite Notes, 144A****
4,500	Merrill Lynch Capital Trust III, 7.00% Pfd.
20,000	Merrill Lynch, Fixed Income Pass-through 2007-A Cl. B, Adj. Rate Pfd., 144A****
3,000	Merrill Lynch, Series II STRIPES Custodial Receipts, Pvt.
9,200	Morgan Stanley Capital Trust VI, 6.60% Pfd.
11,000	SLM Corporation, Adj. Rate Pfd, Series B

 INSURANCE -- 13.9%

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	177,380	ACE Ltd., 7.80% Pfd., Series C
\$	8,920,000	AON Capital Trust A, 8.205% 01/01/27
		Arch Capital Group Ltd.:
	28,650	7.875% Pfd., Series B
	47,100	8.00% Pfd.

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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)
 INSURANCE -- (CONTINUED)

\$	500,000	AXA SA, 6.463% 144A****	\$
		Axis Capital Holdings:	
	58,350	7.25% Pfd., Series A	
	44,300	7.50% Pfd., Series B	
	70,400	Berkley W.R. Capital Trust II, 6.75% Pfd. 07/26/45	
	80,000	Delphi Financial Group, 7.376% Pfd.	
	60,700	Everest Re Capital Trust II, 6.20% Pfd., Series B	
\$	3,500,000	Everest Reinsurance Holdings, 6.60% 05/15/37	
\$	6,000,000	Liberty Mutual Group, 7.80% 03/15/37, 144A****	
	109,000	Scottish Re Group Ltd., 7.25% Pfd.	
	31,600	Torchmark Capital Trust III, 7.10% Pfd.	
\$	3,615,000	USF&G Capital, 8.312% 07/01/46, 144A****	
		XL Capital Ltd.:	
\$	1,750,000	6.50% Series E	
	10,067	7.625% Pfd., Series B	
\$	1,500,000	ZFS Finance USA Trust V, 6.50% 05/09/37, 144A****	

 UTILITIES -- 23.0%

\$	362,000	AGL Capital Trust, 8.17% 06/01/37
	45,700	Baltimore Gas & Electric Company, 6.70% Pfd., Series 1993
	347,000	Calenergy Capital Trust III, 6.50% Pfd. 09/01/27
\$	500,000	COMED Financing II, 8.50% 01/15/27, Series B
\$	2,375,000	COMED Financing III, 6.35% 03/15/33
	50,000	Dominion CNG Capital Trust I, 7.80% Pfd.
\$	4,500,000	Dominion Resources Capital Trust I, 7.83% 12/01/27
\$	4,450,000	Dominion Resources Capital Trust III, 8.40% 01/15/31
	145,000	Entergy Arkansas, Inc., 6.45% Pfd.
	50,000	Entergy Louisiana, Inc., 6.95% Pfd.
	133,500	FPC Capital I, 7.10% Pfd., Series A
	78,800	FPL Group Capital, Inc., 6.60% Pfd. 10/01/66, Series A
	98,700	Georgia Power Capital Trust V, 7.125% Pfd. 03/31/42
	30,445	Indianapolis Power & Light Company, 5.65% Pfd.

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	Interstate Power & Light Company:	
90,000	7.10% Pfd., Series C	
38,600	8.375% Pfd., Series B	
\$ 5,000,000	PECO Energy Capital Trust IV, 5.75% 06/15/33	

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 UTILITIES -- (CONTINUED)

\$ 1,800,000	Puget Sound Energy Capital Trust, 8.231% 06/01/27, Series B	\$
22,500	Southern California Edison, 6.00% Pfd.	
130,550	Southern Union Company, 7.55% Pfd.	
10,000	Southwest Gas Capital II, 7.70% Pfd.	
5,000	Union Electric Company, \$7.64 Pfd.	
5,000	Virginia Electric & Power Company, \$6.98 Pfd.	
60,000	Virginia Power Capital Trust, 7.375% Pfd. 07/30/42	
\$ 5,200,000	Wisconsin Energy Corporation, 6.25% 05/15/67	
85,137	Wisconsin Power & Light Company, 6.50% Pfd.	

ENERGY -- 2.5%

	Enterprise Products Partners:	
\$ 3,800,000	7.034% 01/15/68	
\$ 2,000,000	8.375% 08/01/66	
2,750	EOG Resources, Inc., 7.195% Pfd., Series B	

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT) -- 5.8%

50,000	BRE Properties, Inc., 8.08% Pfd., Series B
85,000	Equity Residential Properties, 8.29% Pfd., Series K
	PS Business Parks, Inc.:
124,620	7.20% Pfd., Series M
23,538	7.375% Pfd., Series O
44,500	7.60% Pfd., Series L
45,000	7.95% Pfd., Series K
	Public Storage, Inc.:
21,650	6.45% Pfd., Series F
76,300	6.625% Pfd., Series M
30,000	6.85% Pfd., Series Y
120,000	7.25% Pfd., Series K
60,000	Realty Income Corp., 6.75% Pfd., Series E

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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIES -- 1.4%

	1,395	Centaur Funding Corporation, 9.08% Pfd. 04/21/20, 144A****	\$
	40,000	Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., 6.25% Pfd., 144A****	

TOTAL PREFERRED SECURITIES

(Cost \$278,182,281)

CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES -- 18.4%

FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 1.2%

\$	4,824,559	Lehman Brothers, Guaranteed Note, Variable Rate, 12/16/16, 144A****	
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INSURANCE -- 5.1%

	15,000	AAG Holding Company, Inc., 7.25% Pfd.	
	20,000	American Financial Group, Inc., 7.125% 02/03/34, Senior Note	
\$	2,000,000	Farmers Exchange Capital, 7.20% 07/15/48, 144A****	
\$	7,577,000	Liberty Mutual Insurance, 7.697% 10/15/97, 144A****	
\$	7,000,000	UnumProvident Corporation, 7.25% 03/15/28, Senior Notes	

UTILITIES -- 5.3%

	27,200	Corp-Backed Trust Certificates, 7.875% 02/15/32, Series Duke Capital	
\$	1,000,000	Duke Capital Corporation, 8.00% 10/01/19, Senior Notes	
\$	7,562,000	Entergy Louisiana LLC, 6.30% 09/01/35, 1st Mortgage	
	5,000	Entergy Mississippi, Inc., 7.25%, 1st Mortgage	
\$	4,000,000	Interstate Power & Light Company, 6.45% 10/15/33, Senior Notes	
\$	1,015,000	Westar Energy Inc., 5.95% 01/01/35	
\$	4,000,000	Wisconsin Electric Power Company, 6.875% 12/01/95	

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ENERGY -- 4.4%

\$	2,500,000	KN Energy, Inc., 7.45% 03/01/98	
	356,200	Nexen, Inc., 7.35% Subordinated Notes	
\$	4,000,000	Noble Energy Inc, 7.25%, 08/01/97	

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Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated
 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
 MAY 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

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CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)
 MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIES -- 2.4%

	10,000	CBS Corporation, 6.75% 03/27/56	\$
	20,000	Corp-Backed Trust Certificates, 7.00% 11/15/28, Series Sprint	
	19,625	Ford Motor Company, 7.50% 06/10/43, Senior Notes	
\$	4,265,000	General Motors Corporation, 8.80% 03/01/21	
		Pulte Homes, Inc.:	
	25,844	7.375% 06/01/46	
\$	2,160,000	7.875% 06/15/32	

TOTAL CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES
 (Cost \$65,153,993)

COMMON STOCK -- 0.1%
 BANKING -- 0.1%

	20,000	New York Community Bancorp, Inc	
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TOTAL COMMON STOCK
 (Cost \$65,153,993)

OPTION CONTRACTS -- 0.3%

	170	September Call Options on September U.S. Treasury Bond Futures, Expiring 08/24/07	
	2,360	September Put Options on September U.S. Treasury Bond Futures, Expiring 08/24/07	

TOTAL OPTION CONTRACTS
 (Cost \$707,632)

MONEY MARKET FUND -- 0.0%

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168,785	BlackRock Provident Institutional, TempFund

	TOTAL MONEY MARKET FUND
	(Cost \$168,785)

	SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL -- 0.2%
	BANKING -- 0.2%

671,944	Institutional Money Market Trust

	TOTAL SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL
	(Cost \$671,944)

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Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated
PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
MAY 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

TOTAL INVESTMENTS (Cost \$345,213,179***)	99.6%	\$
OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (Net)	0.4%	

TOTAL NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK AND PREFERRED STOCK	100.0%++	\$

AUCTION MARKET PREFERRED STOCK (AMPS) REDEMPTION VALUE		

TOTAL NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK		\$
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ABBREVIATIONS:
PFD. -- Preferred Securities
PVT. -- Private Placement Securities

OPEN OPTION CONTRACTS WRITTEN

CONTRACTS	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	
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170	September Call Options on September U.S. Treasury Bond Futures Expiring 08/24/07, Strike Price 110	\$

TOTAL OPEN OPTION CONTRACTS WRITTEN (premiums received: \$155,911)

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 Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated
 STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
 MAY 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

ASSETS:

Investments, at value (Cost \$345,213,179)		\$347,446,86
Dividends and interest receivable		3,595,91
Receivable for Investments sold		895,62
Prepaid expenses		159,44
Securities lending income receivable		3,61

Total Assets		352,101,46

LIABILITIES:

Payable for securities lending collateral	\$ 671,944	
Payable for Investments purchased	1,954,891	
Dividends payable to Common Stock Shareholders	76,928	
Investment advisory fee payable	162,588	
Administration, Transfer Agent and Custodian fees payable	48,978	
Servicing agent fees payable	17,230	
Professional fees payable	64,855	
Directors' fees payable	10,158	
Accrued expenses and other payables	24,470	
Accumulated undeclared distributions to Auction Market		
Preferred Stock Shareholders	157,413	
Outstanding options written, at value (premiums received \$155,911)	143,437	

Total Liabilities		3,332,89

AUCTION MARKET PREFERRED STOCK (5,140 SHARES OUTSTANDING)

REDEMPTION VALUE		128,500,00
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK \$220,268,57
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK consist of:

Distributions in excess of net investment income	\$ (380,26
Accumulated net realized loss on investments sold	(12,782,81
Unrealized appreciation of investments	2,246,16
Par value of Common Stock	97,76
Paid-in capital in excess of par value of Common Stock	231,087,72

Total Net Assets Available to Common Stock	\$220,268,57
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NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK:

Common Stock (9,776,333 shares outstanding)	\$ 22.5
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 Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated
 STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
 FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

INVESTMENT INCOME:

Dividends+		\$ 6,811,62
Interest		5,959,16

Total Investment Income		12,770,78

EXPENSES:

Investment advisory fee	\$ 956,914	
Servicing agent fee	101,629	
Administrator's fee	132,225	
Auction Market Preferred broker commissions and auction agent fees	162,410	
Professional fees	62,042	
Insurance expense	80,000	
Transfer agent fees	38,198	
Directors' fees	39,130	
Custodian fees	21,413	
Compliance fees	19,694	
Other	74,187	
Total Expenses		1,687,84

NET INVESTMENT INCOME		11,082,94
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REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS

Net realized gain/(loss) on investments sold during the period ..		1,645,68
Net realized gain/(loss) from written options during the period ...		(750,72)
Change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments held during the period		(8,556,83)

NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED LOSS ON INVESTMENTS		(7,661,88)
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DISTRIBUTIONS TO AUCTION MARKET PREFERRED STOCK

SHAREHOLDERS:

From net investment income (including changes in accumulated undeclared distributions)		(3,351,41)
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NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS TO COMMON STOCK RESULTING

FROM OPERATIONS		\$ 69,64
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Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated
 STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK(1)

	SIX MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED)	YE NOVEM
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OPERATIONS:		
Net investment income	\$ 11,082,946	\$ 1
Net realized gain/(loss) on investments sold during the period ...	894,957	
Change in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments held during the period	(8,556,837)	
Distributions to AMPS* Shareholders from net investment income, including changes in accumulated undeclared distributions	(3,351,419)	(
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NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS ..	69,647	2
DISTRIBUTIONS:		
Dividends paid from net investment income to Common Stock Shareholders(1)	(7,478,895)	(1
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TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS	(7,478,895)	(1
FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS:		
Increase from shares issued under the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan	--	
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NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK RESULTING FROM FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS	--	
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK FOR THE PERIOD	\$ (7,409,248)	\$
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK:		
Beginning of period	227,677,821	21
Net increase/(decrease) in net assets during the period	(7,409,248)	
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End of period (including distributions in excess of net investment income of (\$380,265) and (\$632,897), respectively)	\$ 220,268,573	\$ 22
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 Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated
 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
 FOR A COMMON STOCK SHARE OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT EACH PERIOD.

Contained below is per share operating performance data, total investment returns, ratios to average net assets and other supplemental data. This

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information has been derived from information provided in the financial statements and market price data for the Fund's shares.

	SIX MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED)	YEAR ENDED NOV 2006	NOV 2005
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:			
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 23.29	\$ 22.40	\$ 23.29
INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:			
Net investment income	1.13	2.04	1.13
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments	(0.78)	1.06	(0.78)
DISTRIBUTIONS TO AMPS* SHAREHOLDERS:			
From net investment income	(0.34)	(0.64)	(0.34)
From net realized capital gains	--	--	--
Total from investment operations	0.01	2.46	0.01
COST OF ISSUANCE OF AMPS*			
DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:			
From net investment income	(0.77)	(1.57)	(0.77)
Total distributions to Common Stock Shareholders	(0.77)	(1.57)	(0.77)
Net asset value, end of period	\$ 22.53	\$ 23.29	\$ 22.53
Market value, end of period	\$ 20.81	\$ 22.08	\$ 19.50
Total investment return based on net asset value**	0.20%****	12.30%	3.10%
Total investment return based on market value**	(2.38%)****	21.06%	(11.00%)
RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:			
Total net assets, end of period (in 000's)	\$ 220,269	\$ 227,678	\$ 219,000
Operating expenses	1.50%***	1.50%	1.50%
Net investment income +	6.87%***	6.28%	6.87%
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:++			
Portfolio turnover rate	38%****	68%	38%
Total net assets available to Common and Preferred Stock, end of period (in 000's)	\$ 348,769	\$ 356,178	\$ 347,000
Ratio of operating expenses to total average net assets available to Common and Preferred Stock	0.95%***	0.94%	0.95%

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	TOTAL DIVIDENDS PAID	NET ASSET VALUE	NYSE CLOSING PRICE	DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PRICE (1)
December 31, 2006	\$0.1275	\$22.99	\$21.48	\$21.68
January 31, 2007	0.1275	23.01	21.70	21.78
February 28, 2007	0.1275	23.37	21.62	21.84
March 31, 2007	0.1275	22.87	22.35	22.24
April 30, 2007	0.1275	22.98	21.63	21.66
May 31, 2007	0.1275	22.53	20.81	20.96

(1) Whenever the net asset value per share of the Fund's Common Stock is less than or equal to the market price per share on the payment date, new shares issued will be valued at the higher of net asset value or 95% of the then current market price. Otherwise, the reinvestment shares of Common Stock will be purchased in the open market.

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Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

The table below sets out information with respect to Auction Market Preferred Stock (AMPS) currently outstanding.

DATE	TOTAL SHARES OUTSTANDING (1)	ASSET COVERAGE PER SHARE (2)	INVOLUNTARY LIQUIDATING PREFERENCE PER SHARE	AVERAGE MARKET VALUE PER SHARE (1) (3)
05/31/07*	5,140	\$67,884	\$25,000	\$25,000
11/30/06	5,140	69,301	25,000	25,000
11/30/05	5,140	67,650	25,000	25,000
11/30/04	5,140	69,732	25,000	25,000
11/30/03	5,140	70,831	25,000	25,000

(1) See note 6.

(2) Calculated by subtracting the Fund's total liabilities (excluding the AMPS) from the Fund's total assets and dividing that amount by the number of AMPS shares outstanding.

(3) Excludes accumulated undeclared dividends.

* Unaudited.

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Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

1. ORGANIZATION

Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated (the "Fund") was incorporated as a Maryland corporation on July 18, 2003, and commenced operations on August 29, 2003 as a diversified, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The Fund's primary investment objective is to provide its common shareholders with high current income. The Fund's secondary investment objective is capital appreciation.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements. The preparation of the financial statements is in conformity with the U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("US GAAP") and requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets from operations during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

PORTFOLIO VALUATION: The net asset value of the Fund's Common Stock is determined by the Fund's Administrator no less frequently than on the last business day of each week and month. It is determined by dividing the value of the Fund's net assets available to Common Stock by the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding. The value of the Fund's net assets attributable to Common Stock is deemed to equal the value of the Fund's total assets less (i) the Fund's liabilities and (ii) the aggregate liquidation value of its Auction Market Preferred Stock ("AMPS").

The Fund's preferred and debt securities are valued on the basis of current market quotations provided by independent pricing services or dealers approved by the Board of Directors of the Fund. Each quotation is based on the mean of the bid and asked prices of a security. In determining the value of a particular preferred or debt security, a pricing service or dealer may use information with respect to transactions in such investments, quotations, market transactions in comparable investments, various relationships observed in the market between investments, and/or calculated yield measures based on valuation technology commonly employed in the market for such investments. Common stocks that are traded on stock exchanges are valued at the last sale price or official close price on the exchange, as of the close of business on the day the securities are being valued or, lacking any sales, at the last available mean price. Futures contracts and option contracts on futures contracts are valued on the basis of the settlement price for such contracts on the primary exchange on which they trade. Investments in over-the-counter derivative instruments, such as interest rate swaps and options thereon ("swaptions"), are valued using prices supplied by a pricing service, or if such prices are unavailable, prices provided by a single broker or dealer that is not the counterparty or, if no such prices are available, at a price at which the counterparty to the contract would repurchase the instrument or terminate the contract. Investments for which market quotations are not readily available or for which management determines that the prices are not reflective of current market conditions are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Fund, including reference to valuations of other securities which are comparable in quality, maturity and type.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

Investments in money market instruments and all debt and preferred securities which mature in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost. Investments in money market funds are valued at the net asset value of such funds.

SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS AND INVESTMENT INCOME: Securities transactions are recorded as of the trade date. Realized gains and losses from securities sold are recorded on the identified cost basis. Dividend income is recorded on ex-dividend dates. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. The Fund also amortizes premiums and accretes discounts on fixed income securities.

OPTIONS: Purchases of options are recorded as an investment, the value of which is marked-to-market at each valuation date. When the Fund enters into a closing sale transaction, the Fund will record a gain or loss depending on the difference between the purchase and sale price. The risks associated with purchasing options and the maximum loss the Fund would incur are limited to the purchase price originally paid.

When the Fund writes an option, an amount equal to the premium received by the Fund is recorded as a liability, the value of which is marked-to-market at each valuation date. When a written option expires, the Fund realizes a gain equal to the amount of the premium originally received. When the Fund enters into a closing purchase transaction, the Fund realizes a gain (or loss if the cost of the closing purchase transaction exceeds the premium received when the option was written) without regard to any unrealized gain or loss on the underlying security, and the liability related to such option is eliminated. When a call option is exercised, the Fund realizes a gain or loss from the sale of the underlying security and the proceeds from such sale are increased by the amount of the premium originally received. When a put option is exercised, the amount of the premium originally received will reduce the cost of the security which the Fund purchased upon exercise.

The risk in writing a call option is that the Fund may forego the opportunity for profit if the market price of the underlying security increases and the option is exercised. The risk in writing a put option is that the Fund may incur a loss if the market price of the underlying security decreases and the option is exercised.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS: The Fund may engage in repurchase agreement transactions. The Fund's investment adviser reviews and approves the eligibility of the banks and dealers with which the Fund may enter into repurchase agreement transactions. The value of the collateral underlying such transactions is at least equal at all times to the total amount of the repurchase obligations, including interest. The Fund maintains possession of the collateral through its custodian and, in the event of counterparty default, the Fund has the right to use the collateral to offset losses incurred. There is the possibility of loss to the Fund in the event the Fund is delayed or prevented from exercising its rights to dispose of the collateral securities.

FEDERAL INCOME TAXES: The Fund intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company by complying with the requirements under subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, applicable to regulated investment companies and intends to distribute substantially all of its

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

taxable net investment income to its shareholders. Therefore, no federal income tax provision will be required.

DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS: The Fund expects to declare dividends on a monthly basis to shareholders of Common Stock ("Shareholders"). Distributions to Shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Any net realized short-term capital gains will be distributed to Shareholders at least annually. Any net realized long-term capital gains may be distributed to Shareholders at least annually or may be retained by the Fund as determined by the Fund's Board of Directors. Capital gains retained by the Fund are subject to tax at the capital gains corporate tax rate. Subject to the Fund qualifying as a regulated investment company, any taxes paid by the Fund on such net realized long-term capital gains may be used by the Fund's Shareholders as a credit against their own tax liabilities.

Income and capital gain distributions are determined and characterized in accordance with income tax regulations which may differ from US GAAP. These differences are primarily due to (1) differing treatments of income and gains on various investment securities held by the Fund, including timing differences, (2) the attribution of expenses against certain components of taxable investment income, and (3) federal regulations requiring proportionate allocation of income and gains to all classes of shareholders.

Distributions from net realized gains for book purposes may include short-term capital gains, which are included as ordinary income for tax purposes, and may exclude amortization of premium on certain fixed income securities, which are not reflected in ordinary income for tax purposes. The tax character of distributions paid, including changes in accumulated undeclared distributions to AMPS Shareholders, during 2007 and 2006 was as follows:

	DISTRIBUTIONS PAID IN FISCAL YEAR 2007		DISTRIBUTIONS PAID IN FISCAL YEAR 2006	
	ORDINARY INCOME	LONG-TERM CAPITAL GAINS	ORDINARY INCOME	LONG-TERM CAPITAL GAINS
Common	N/A	N/A	\$15,324,402	\$0
Preferred	N/A	N/A	\$ 6,219,883	\$0

As of November 30, 2006, the components of distributable earnings (i.e., ordinary income and capital gain/loss) available to Common and Preferred Stock shareholders, on a tax basis were as follows:

CAPITAL (LOSS) CARRYFORWARD	UNDISTRIBUTED ORDINARY INCOME	UNDISTRIBUTED LONG-TERM GAIN	NET UNREALIZED APPRECIATION/(DEPRECIATION)
(\$11,694,962)	\$554,071	\$0	\$9,105,657

At November 30, 2006, the composition of the Fund's \$11,694,962 accumulated realized capital losses was \$573,838, \$8,529,240, \$943,555 and \$1,648,329 in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively. These losses may be carried forward and offset against any future capital gains through 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014, respectively. The Fund also had a Post October Capital loss deferral of \$76,325.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

EXCISE TAX: The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, imposes a 4% nondeductible excise tax on the Fund to the extent the Fund does not distribute by the end of any calendar year at least (1) 98% of the sum of its net investment income for that year and its capital gains (both long-term and short-term) for its fiscal year and (2) certain undistributed amounts from previous years. The Fund paid \$17,154 of Federal excise taxes attributable to calendar year 2006 in March 2007.

ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS: In June 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued FASB Interpretation 48 ("FIN 48"), "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes." This standard defines the threshold for recognizing the benefits of tax-return positions in the financial statements as "more-likely-than-not" to be sustained by the taxing authority and requires measurement of a tax position meeting the more-likely-than-not criterion, based on the largest benefit that is more than 50 percent likely to be realized. FIN 48 is effective as of the beginning of the first fiscal year beginning after December 15, 2006, with early application permitted if no interim financial statements have been issued. At adoption, companies must adjust their financial statements to reflect only those tax positions that are more-likely-than-not to be sustained as of the adoption date.

In addition, in September 2006, Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS ("SFAS 157") was issued and is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements.

Management is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of FIN 48 and SFAS 157 will have on the Fund's financial statements.

3. INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEE, SERVICING AGENT FEE, ADMINISTRATION FEE, TRANSFER AGENT FEE, CUSTODIAN FEE, DIRECTORS' FEES AND CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER FEE

Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated (the "Adviser") serves as the Fund's investment adviser. The Fund pays the Adviser a monthly fee at an annual rate of 0.575% of the first \$200 million of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets, 0.50% of the next \$300 million of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets, and 0.45% of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets above \$500 million.

For purposes of calculating the fees payable to the Adviser, Servicing Agent, Administrator and Custodian, the Fund's average weekly total managed assets means the total assets of the Fund minus the sum of accrued liabilities. For purposes of determining total managed assets, the liquidation preference of any preferred shares issued by the Fund is not treated as a liability.

Claymore Securities, Inc. (the "Servicing Agent") serves as the Fund's shareholder servicing agent. As compensation for its services, the Fund pays the Servicing Agent a fee computed and paid monthly at the annual rate of 0.025% of the first \$200 million of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets, 0.10% of the next \$300 million of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets and 0.15% of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets above \$500 million.

Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

PFPC Inc., a member of the PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. ("PNC Financial Services"), serves as the Fund's Administrator. As Administrator, PFPC Inc. calculates the net asset value of the Fund's shares attributable to Common Stock and generally assists in all aspects of the Fund's administration and operation. As compensation for PFPC Inc.'s services as Administrator, the Fund pays PFPC Inc. a monthly fee at an annual rate of 0.10% of the first \$200 million of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets, 0.04% of the next \$300 million of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets, 0.03% of the next \$500 million of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets and 0.02% of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets above \$1 billion.

PFPC Inc. also serves as the Fund's Common Stock dividend-paying agent and registrar (Transfer Agent). As compensation for PFPC Inc.'s services, the Fund pays PFPC Inc. a fee at an annual rate of 0.02% of the first \$150 million of the Fund's average weekly net assets attributable to Common Stock, 0.0075% of the next \$350 million of the Fund's average weekly net assets attributable to Common Stock, and 0.0025% of the Fund's average weekly net assets attributable to Common Stock above \$500 million, plus certain out-of-pocket expenses. For purpose of calculating such fee, the Fund's average weekly net assets attributable to the Common Stock are deemed to be the average weekly value of the Fund's total assets minus the sum of the Fund's liabilities. For this calculation, the Fund's liabilities are deemed to include the aggregate liquidation preference of any outstanding Fund preferred shares.

PFPC Trust Company ("PFPC Trust") serves as the Fund's Custodian. PFPC Trust is an indirect subsidiary of PNC Financial Services. As compensation for PFPC Trust's services as custodian, the Fund pays PFPC Trust a monthly fee at the annual rate of 0.010% of the first \$200 million of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets, 0.008% of the next \$300 million of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets, 0.006% of the next \$500 million of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets, and 0.005% of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets above \$1 billion.

The Fund currently pays each Director who is not a director, officer or employee of the Adviser or the Servicing Agent a fee of \$9,000 per annum, plus \$500 for each in-person meeting of the Board of Directors or any committee and \$150 for each telephone meeting. The Audit Committee Chairman receives an additional annual fee of \$2,500. The Fund also reimburses all Directors for travel and out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with such meetings.

The Fund currently pays the Adviser a fee of \$37,500 per annum for Chief Compliance Officer services and reimburses out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with providing services in this role.

4. PURCHASES AND SALES OF SECURITIES

For the six months ended May 31, 2007, the cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of securities excluding short-term investments, aggregated \$135,192,905 and \$135,175,338, respectively.

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At May 31, 2007, the aggregate cost of securities for federal income tax purposes was \$347,192,019, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there is an excess of value over tax cost was \$5,075,001 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there is an excess of tax cost over value was \$4,820,153.

Written option transactions during the six months ended May 31, 2007 are summarized as follows:

	CONTRACT AMOUNTS	PREMIUMS RECEIVED
Written options outstanding at beginning of year	300	\$ 566,935
Options Opened	170	155,911
Options Exercised	0	0
Options Expired	(300)	(566,935)
Options Closed	0	0
Written options outstanding at end of period	170	\$ 155,911

5. COMMON STOCK

At May 31, 2007, 240,000,000 shares of \$0.01 par value Common Stock were authorized.

Common Stock Transactions were as follows:

	SIX MONTHS ENDED 5/31/07		YEAR ENDED 11/30/06	
	SHARES	AMOUNT	SHARES	AMOUNT
Shares issued under the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan	--	\$ --	--	\$ --

6. AUCTION MARKET PREFERRED STOCK (AMPS)

The Fund's Articles of Incorporation authorize the issuance of up to 10,000,000 shares of \$0.01 par value preferred stock. The AMPS, which consists of Series T7 and W28, are senior to the Common Stock and results in the financial leveraging of the Common Stock. Such leveraging tends to magnify both the risks and opportunities to Common Stock Shareholders. Dividends on shares of AMPS are cumulative.

The Fund is required to meet certain asset coverage tests with respect to the AMPS. If the Fund fails to meet these requirements and does not correct such failure, the Fund may be required to redeem, in part or in full, AMPS at a redemption price of \$25,000 per share plus an amount equal to the accumulated and unpaid dividends on such shares in order to meet these requirements. Additionally, failure to meet the foregoing asset requirements could restrict the Fund's ability to pay dividends to Common Stock Shareholders and could lead

to sales of portfolio securities at inopportune times.

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An auction of the AMPS is generally held every 7 days for Series T7 and every 28 days for Series W28. Existing AMPS Shareholders may submit an order to hold, bid or sell such shares at par value on each auction date. AMPS Shareholders may also trade shares in the secondary market, if any, between auction dates.

At May 31, 2007, 2,570 shares for each of Series T7 and W28 of Auction Market Preferred Shares were outstanding at the annualized rate of 5.10% and 5.20% for each of Series T7 and W28, respectively. The dividend rate, as set by the auction process, is generally expected to vary with short-term interest rates. These rates may vary in a manner unrelated to the income received on the Fund's assets, which could have either a beneficial or detrimental impact on net investment income and gains available to Common Stock Shareholders. While the Fund expects to structure its portfolio holdings and hedging transactions to lessen such risks to Common Stock Shareholders, there can be no assurance that such results will be attained.

7. PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS, CONCENTRATION AND INVESTMENT QUALITY

The Fund invests primarily in a diversified portfolio of preferred and debt securities. This includes fully taxable preferred securities and traditional preferred stocks eligible for the inter-corporate dividends received deduction ("DRD"). Under normal market conditions, at least 50% of the value of the Fund's total assets will be invested in preferred securities. Also, under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 25% of its total assets in securities issued by companies in the utility industry and at least 25% of its total assets issued by companies in the banking industry. The Fund's portfolio may therefore be subject to greater risk and market fluctuation than a portfolio of securities representing a broader range of investment alternatives.

The Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in securities rated below investment grade. These securities must be rated at least either "Ba3" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or "BB-" by Standard & Poor's or, if unrated, judged to be comparable in quality by the Adviser, in any case, at the time of purchase. However, these securities must be issued by an issuer having a class of senior debt rated investment grade outstanding.

The Fund may invest up to 15% of its total assets in common stocks, which total includes those convertible securities that trade in close relationship to the underlying common stock of an issuer. Certain of its investments in hybrid, i.e., fully taxable, preferred securities will be considered debt securities to the extent that, in the opinion of the Adviser, such investments are deemed to be debt-like in key characteristics. Typically, a security will not be considered debt-like (a) if an issuer can defer payment of income for eighteen months or more without triggering an event of default and (b) if such issue is a junior and fully subordinated liability of an issuer or its ultimate guarantor.

In addition to foreign money market securities, the Fund may invest up to 30% of its total assets in the securities of companies organized or having their principal place of business outside the United States. All foreign securities held by the Fund will be denominated in U.S. dollars.

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8. SPECIAL INVESTMENT TECHNIQUES

The Fund may employ certain investment techniques in accordance with its fundamental investment policies. These may include the use of when-issued and delayed delivery transactions. Securities purchased or sold on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis may be settled within 45 days after the date of the transaction. Such transactions may expose the Fund to credit and market valuation risk greater than that associated with regular trade settlement procedures. The Fund may also enter into transactions, in accordance with its investment policies, involving any or all of the following: short sales of securities, futures contracts, interest rate swaps, swap futures, options on futures contracts, options on securities, swaptions, and certain credit derivative transactions, including, but not limited to, the purchase and sale of credit protection. As in the case of when-issued securities, the use of over-the-counter derivatives, such as interest rate swaps, swaptions, and credit default swaps may expose the Fund to greater credit, operations, liquidity, and valuation risk than is the case with regulated, exchange traded futures and options. These transactions are used for hedging or other appropriate risk-management purposes, or, under certain other circumstances, to increase return. No assurance can be given that such transactions will achieve their desired purposes or will result in an overall reduction of risk to the Fund.

9. SECURITIES LENDING

The Fund may lend up to 15% of its total assets (including the value of the loan collateral) to certain qualified brokers in order to earn additional income. The Fund receives compensation in the form of fees or interest earned on the investment of any cash collateral received. The Fund also continues to receive interest and dividends on the securities loaned. The Fund receives collateral in the form of cash or securities with a market value at least equal to the market value of the securities on loan, including accrued interest. In the event of default or bankruptcy by the borrower, the Fund could experience delays and costs in recovering the loaned securities or in gaining access to the collateral. The Fund has the right under the lending agreement to recover the securities from the borrower on demand. As of May 31, 2007, the market value of securities loaned by the fund was \$656,179. The loans were secured with collateral of \$671,944. Income from securities lending for six months ended May 31, 2007 was \$14,062.

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DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND CASH PURCHASE PLAN

Under the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan (the "Plan"), a shareholder whose Common Stock is registered in their own name will have all

distributions reinvested automatically by PFPC Inc. as agent under the Plan, unless the shareholder elects to receive cash. Distributions with respect to shares registered in the name of a broker-dealer or other nominee (that is, in "street name") may be reinvested by the broker or nominee in additional shares under the Plan, but only if the service is provided by the broker or nominee, unless the shareholder elects to receive distributions in cash. A shareholder who holds Common Stock registered in the name of a broker or other nominee may not be able to transfer the Common Stock to another broker or nominee and continue to participate in the Plan. Investors who own Common Stock registered in street name should consult their broker or nominee for details regarding reinvestment.

The number of shares of Common Stock distributed to participants in the Plan in lieu of a cash dividend is determined in the following manner. Whenever the market price per share of the Fund's Common Stock is equal to or exceeds the net asset value per share on the valuation date, participants in the Plan will be issued new shares valued at the higher of net asset value or 95% of the then current market value. Otherwise, PFPC Inc. will buy shares of the Fund's Common Stock in the open market, on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") or elsewhere, on or shortly after the payment date of the dividend or distribution and continuing until the ex-dividend date of the Fund's next distribution to holders of the Common Stock or until it has expended for such purchases all of the cash that would otherwise be payable to the participants. The number of purchased shares that will then be credited to the participants' accounts will be based on the average per share purchase price of the shares so purchased, including brokerage commissions. If PFPC Inc. commences purchases in the open market and the then current market price of the shares (plus any estimated brokerage commissions) subsequently exceeds their net asset value most recently determined before the completion of the purchases, PFPC Inc. will attempt to terminate purchases in the open market and cause the Fund to issue the remaining dividend or distribution in shares. In this case, the number of shares received by the participant will be based on the weighted average of prices paid for shares purchased in the open market and the price at which the Fund issues the remaining shares. These remaining shares will be issued by the Fund at the higher of net asset value or 95% of the then current market value.

Plan participants are not subject to any charge for reinvesting dividends or capital gains distributions. Each Plan participant will, however, bear a proportionate share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to PFPC Inc.'s open market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of dividends or capital gains distributions. For the six months ended May 31, 2007, \$661 in brokerage commissions were incurred.

The automatic reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions will not relieve Plan participants of any income tax that may be payable on the dividends or capital gains distributions. A participant in the Plan will be treated for Federal income tax purposes as having received, on the dividend payment date, a dividend or distribution in an amount equal to the cash that the participant could have received instead of shares.

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In addition to acquiring shares of Common Stock through the reinvestment of cash dividends and distributions, a shareholder may invest any further amounts from \$100 to \$3,000 semi-annually at the then current market price in shares

purchased through the Plan. Such semi-annual investments are subject to any brokerage commission charges incurred.

A shareholder whose Common Stock is registered in his or her own name may terminate participation in the Plan at any time by notifying PFPC Inc. in writing, by completing the form on the back of the Plan account statement and forwarding it to PFPC Inc. or by calling PFPC Inc., directly. A termination will be effective immediately if notice is received by PFPC Inc. not less than 10 days before any dividend or distribution record date. Otherwise, the termination will be effective, and only with respect to any subsequent dividends or distributions, on the first day after the dividend or distribution has been credited to the participant's account in additional shares of the Fund. Upon termination and according to a participant's instructions, PFPC Inc. will either (a) issue certificates for the whole shares credited to the shareholder's Plan account and a check representing any fractional shares or (b) sell the shares in the market. Shareholders who hold Common Stock registered in the name of a broker or other nominee should consult their broker or nominee to terminate participation.

The Plan is described in more detail in the Fund's Plan brochure. Information concerning the Plan may be obtained from PFPC Inc. at 1-800-331-1710.

ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT

The Adviser has agreed to compensate Merrill Lynch from its own resources at an annualized rate of 0.15% of the Fund's total managed assets for certain services, including after-market support services designed to maintain the visibility of the Fund.

PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROXY VOTING RECORD ON FORM N-PX

The Fund files Form N-PX with its complete proxy voting record for the 12 months ended June 30th no later than August 31st of each year. The Fund filed its latest Form N-PX with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on August 16, 2006. This filing, as well as the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, are available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling the Fund's transfer agent at 1-800-331-1710 and (ii) on the SEC's website at WWW.SEC.GOV. In addition, the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures are available on the Fund's website at WWW.FCCLAYMORE.COM.

PORTFOLIO SCHEDULE ON FORM N-Q

The Fund files a complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third fiscal quarters on Form N-Q, the latest of which was filed for the quarter ended February 28, 2007. The Fund's Form N-Q is available on the SEC's website at WWW.SEC.GOV or may be viewed and obtained from the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington D.C. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Section may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330.

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PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TEAM

In managing the day-to-day operations of the Fund, the Adviser relies on

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the expertise of its team of money management professionals, consisting of Messrs. Crumrine, Ettinger, Stone and Chadwick. The professional backgrounds of each member of the management team are included in the "Information about Fund Directors and Officers" section of this report.

CERTIFICATIONS

Included in the Annual Written Affirmation submitted to the NYSE, Donald F. Crumrine, as the Fund's Chief Executive Officer, has certified that, as of May 16, 2007, he was not aware of any violation by the Fund of applicable NYSE corporate governance listing standards. The Fund's reports to the SEC on Forms N-CSR and N-Q contain certifications by the Fund's principal executive officer and principal financial officer that relate to the Fund's disclosure in such reports and that are required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act.

MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

On April 20, 2007, the Fund held its Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Meeting") for the following purpose: election of Directors of the Fund ("Proposal 1"). The proposal was approved by the shareholders and the results of the voting are as follows:

PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

NAME	FOR	WITHHELD
COMMON STOCK		
Robert F. Wulf	8,236,002	127,800
PREFERRED STOCK		
Donald F. Crumrine	3,397	20

David Gale, Morgan Gust and Karen H. Hogan continue to serve in their capacities as Directors of the Fund.

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INFORMATION ABOUT FUND DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The business and affairs of the Fund are managed under the direction of the Fund's Board of Directors. Information pertaining to the Directors and officers of the Fund is set forth below.

NAME, ADDRESS, AND AGE	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED*	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST FIVE YEARS	NUMBER OF IN FUND C OVERSE BY DIRE
NON-INTERESTED DIRECTORS:				
DAVID GALE	Director	Class I Director	President & CEO of	4

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Delta Dividend Group, Inc.
 220 Montgomery Street
 Suite 426
 San Francisco, CA 94104
 Age: 58

since
 August 2003

Delta Dividend
 Group, Inc. (investments)

MORGAN GUST
 301 E. Colorado Boulevard
 Suite 720
 Pasadena, CA 91101
 Age: 60

Director

Class II Director
 since
 August 2003

Retired; Former
 President of Giant
 Industries, Inc. (petroleum
 refining and marketing) since
 March 2002

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NAME, ADDRESS, AND AGE	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED*	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST FIVE YEARS	NUMBER OF IN FUND C OVERSE BY DIRE
NON-INTERESTED DIRECTORS:				
KAREN H. HOGAN+ 301 E. Colorado Boulevard Suite 720 Pasadena, CA 91101 Age: 46	Director	Class II Director since July 2005	Retired; Community Volunteer; from September 1985 to January 1997, Senior Vice President of Preferred Stock Origination at Lehman Brothers and previously, Vice President of New Product Development	4
ROBERT F. WULF P.O. Box 753 Neskowin, OR 97149 Age: 70	Director	Class III Director since August 2003	Financial Consultant; Trustee, University of Oregon Foundation; Trustee, San Francisco Theological Seminary	4

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INTERESTED
DIRECTOR:

DONALD F. CRUMRINE+,++ 301 E. Colorado Boulevard Suite 720 Pasadena, CA 91101 Age: 59	Director, Chairman of the Board	Class III Director since August 2003 and Chief Executive Officer	Chairman of the Board and Director of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated	4
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NAME, ADDRESS, AND AGE	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED*	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST FIVE YEARS
OFFICERS:			
ROBERT M. ETTINGER 301 E. Colorado Boulevard Suite 720 Pasadena, CA 91101 Age: 48	President	Since August 2003	President and Director of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated
R. ERIC CHADWICK 301 E. Colorado Boulevard Suite 720 Pasadena, CA 91101 Age: 32	Chief Financial Officer, Vice President and Treasurer	Since August 2003	Director of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated since June 2006; President of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated since August 2001
CHAD C. CONWELL 301 E. Colorado Boulevard Suite 720 Pasadena, CA 91101 Age: 34	Chief Compliance Officer, Vice President and Secretary	Since July 2005	Chief Compliance Officer of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated since September 2005; since July 2005, Vice President of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated; Attorney with Paul, Hastings, & Walker LLP from September 1999 through June 2005
BRADFORD S. STONE 392 Springfield Avenue Mezzanine Suite Summit, NJ 07901 Age: 47	Vice President and Assistant Treasurer	Since August 2003	Director of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated since June 2006; President of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated since May 2003; Director of US Market Strategy at Barclays Capital from June 2000 to April 2003
NICHOLAS DALMASO 2455 Corporate West Drive	Vice President and Assistant	Since August 2003	Director of Claymore Group, LLC since January 2002. Senior Manager

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Lisle, IL 60532
Age: 42

Secretary

Director and General Counsel of
Claymore Securities, Inc. since
November 2001 and Claymore Adv
LLC since October 2003

LAURIE C. LODOLO
301 E. Colorado Boulevard
Suite 720
Pasadena, CA 91101
Age: 43

Assistant
Compliance
Officer, Assistant
Treasurer and
Assistant Secretary

Since
July 2004

Assistant Compliance Officer of
& Crumrine Incorporated since
2004; Secretary of Flaherty &
Incorporated since February 20
Account Administrator of Flahe
Incorporated since January 198

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BOARD CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTINUANCE OF INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT

During the six month period ended May 31, 2007, the Board of Directors of the Fund approved the continuation of the investment advisory agreement with the Adviser (the "Agreement"). The following paragraphs summarize the material information and factors considered by the Board, including the Independent Directors, as well as their conclusions relative to such factors.

In considering whether to approve the Fund's Agreement, the Board members considered and discussed a substantial amount of information and analysis provided, at the Board's request, by the Adviser. The Board members also considered detailed information regarding performance and expenses of other investment companies thought to be generally comparable to the Fund. The Board members discussed with management this and other information relating to the Agreements during the Special Meeting held on January 12, 2007 for that specific purpose and requested additional information about comparative expenses. In reaching their determinations relating to continuance of the Agreement, the Board members considered these discussions and all other factors they believed relevant, including the factors discussed below. In their deliberations, the Board members did not identify any particular information that was all-important or controlling, and Board members may have attributed different weights to the various factors. The Board members evaluated this information, and all other information available to them, for the Fund, and their determinations were made separately in respect of each other fund advised by the Adviser. In particular, as they had in past years, the Board members focused on the following with respect to the Fund.

NATURE, EXTENT AND QUALITY OF SERVICES

The Board members reviewed in detail the nature and extent of the services provided by the Adviser and the quality of those services over the past year and since inception. The Board members noted that these services included managing the Fund's investment program, as well as providing significant administrative services beyond what the Agreement required. The Board members noted that the Adviser also provided, generally at its expense: office facilities for use by the Fund; personnel responsible for supervising the performance of administrative, accounting and related services; and investment compliance monitoring. The Board members also considered the Adviser's sound financial

condition and the Adviser's commitment to its business, as evidenced by its hiring additional personnel as the business has grown. The Board members evaluated the Adviser's services based on their direct experience serving as Directors for many years, focusing on (i) the Adviser's knowledge of the preferred securities market generally and the sophisticated hedging strategies the Fund employs and (ii) the Adviser's culture of compliance. The Board members reviewed the personnel responsible for providing services to the Fund and observed that, based on their experience and interaction with the Adviser: (1) the Adviser's personnel exhibited a high level of personal integrity, diligence and attention to detail in carrying out their responsibilities under the Agreement; (2) the Adviser was responsive to requests of the Board and its personnel were available between Board meetings to answer questions from Board members; and (3) the Adviser had kept the Board apprised of developments relating to the Fund. The Board members also considered the continued efforts undertaken by the Adviser to maintain an effective compliance program. The Board members concluded that the nature and extent of the services provided were reasonable and appropriate in relation to the Fund's investment goals and

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strategies, the corporate and regulatory environment in which the Fund operates, and the level of services provided by the Adviser, and that the quality of the Adviser's service continues to be high.

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

The Board members considered the Fund's performance since inception, including its performance in recent fiscal periods, to determine whether the Fund had met its investment objective. The Board members determined that the Fund had done so, especially in light of existing extraordinary market conditions, which include rising short-term rates and a relatively flat yield curve, conditions that reduce hedging benefits. In reaching this conclusion, the Board members reviewed the Fund's performance compared to relevant indices and funds thought to be generally comparable to the Fund, considered the costs and benefits of the Fund's hedging strategy in the relevant market environment and examined the differences between the Fund and certain funds in the comparison group, including the significant positions in common equities of a number of preferred stock funds. The Board members noted the Fund's adherence to its respective investment mandate. The Board members also considered that recent relative underperformance was attributable largely to the Fund's stated hedging strategies, which have been a central aspect of the Fund's investment program since inception.

PROFITABILITY

The Board members considered the Adviser's methodology for determining its profitability with respect to the Fund, and the Adviser's profit margin on an after-tax basis attributable to managing the Fund. The Board members concluded that the profitability to the Adviser was not excessive based on the considerable services it provides to the Fund, the Fund's relative performance over time, its success in meeting the Fund's investment objective and the Fund's relatively low expense ratio compared to funds with similar investment objectives and strategies. The Board members also considered that the Adviser provided, at a lower cost, services to separate account clients and determined that the difference was justified in light of the additional services and costs

associated with managing registered investment companies, such as the Fund. The Board members accepted the Adviser's statement that it did not realize material indirect benefits from its relationship with the Fund and did not obtain soft dollar credits from securities trading.

ECONOMIES OF SCALE

The Board members noted that the Fund, as a closed-end investment company, was not expected to increase materially in size; thus, the Adviser would not benefit from economies of scale. The Board members considered whether economies of scale could be realized because the Adviser advises other similar funds. Based on their experience, the Board members accepted the Adviser's explanation that significant economies of scale would not be realized because of the complexity of managing preferred securities for separate funds and other portfolios. Nonetheless, the Board members noted that the Fund's advisory fee schedule declines as assets increase beyond a certain level (commonly known as a "breakpoint"), and that breakpoints provide for a sharing with shareholders of benefits derived as a result of economies of scale arising from increased assets. Accordingly, the Board members determined that the existing advisory fee levels reflect possible economies of scale.

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In light of their discussions and considerations as described above, the Board members made the following determinations as to the Fund:

- o the nature and extent and quality of the services provided by the Adviser are reasonable and appropriate and the quality of the services is high;
- o the Fund's overall performance was satisfactory, given market conditions;
- o the fee paid to the Adviser was reasonable in light of (i) comparative performance and expense and advisory fee information, (ii) the cost of the services provided and profits to be realized, and (iii) the benefits derived or to be derived by the Adviser from the relationship with the Fund; and
- o there were not at this time significant economies of scale to be realized by the Adviser in managing the Fund's assets, and the fee was structured to provide for a sharing of the benefits of economies of scale.

Based on these conclusions, the Board members determined that approval of the Agreement was in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders.

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DIRECTORS

Donald F. Crumrine, CFA
Chairman of the Board
David Gale
Morgan Gust
Karen H. Hogan
Robert F. Wulf, CFA

OFFICERS

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Chief Executive Officer
Robert M. Ettinger, CFA
President
R. Eric Chadwick, CFA
Chief Financial Officer,
Vice President and Treasurer
Chad C. Conwell
Chief Compliance Officer,
Vice President and Secretary
Bradford S. Stone
Vice President and
Assistant Treasurer
Nicholas Dalmaso
Vice President and Assistant Secretary
Laurie C. Lodolo
Assistant Compliance Officer,
Assistant Treasurer and
Assistant Secretary

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QUESTIONS CONCERNING YOUR SHARES OF FLAHERTY &
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- 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 --

PFPC Inc. 1-800-331-1710

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ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

Not applicable.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

Not applicable.

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

Not applicable.

ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

Schedule of Investments in securities of unaffiliated issuers as of the close of the reporting period is included as part of the report to shareholders filed under Item 1 of this form.

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

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. PORTFOLIO MANAGERS OF CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

There has been no change, as of the date of this filing, in any of the portfolio managers identified in response to paragraph (a)(1) of this Item in the registrant's most recently filed annual report on Form N-CSR.

ITEM 9. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS.

Not applicable.

ITEM 10. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

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There have been no material changes to the procedures by which the shareholders may recommend nominees to the registrant's board of directors, where those changes were implemented after the registrant last provided disclosure in response to the requirements of Item 407(c)(2)(iv) of Regulation S-K (17 CFR 229.407) (as required by Item 22(b)(15) of Schedule 14A (17 CFR 240.14a-101)), or this Item.

ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

(a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).

(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the registrant's second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

- (a) (1) Not applicable.
- (a) (2) Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.
- (a) (3) Not applicable.
- (b) Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(b) under the 1940 Act and Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are 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) FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE TOTAL RETURN FUND INCORPORATED

By (Signature and Title)* /S/ DONALD F. CRUMRINE

Donald F. Crumrine, Director, Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer
(principal executive officer)

Date JULY 23, 2007

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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)* /S/ DONALD F. CRUMRINE

Donald F. Crumrine, Director, Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer
(principal executive officer)

Date JULY 23, 2007

By (Signature and Title)* /S/ R. ERIC CHADWICK

R. Eric Chadwick, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer
and Vice President
(principal financial officer)

Date JULY 23, 2007

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