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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF
REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-5822

MFS CHARTER INCOME TRUST

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

500 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Susan S. Newton
Massachusetts Financial Services Company
500 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

(Name and address of agents for service)

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

Date of fiscal year end: November 30

Date of reporting period: May 31, 2005

ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.

MFS(R) Mutual Funds

SEMIANNUAL REPORT 5/31/05

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name the single most important factor in investment success. My answer is always the same: diversification. At MFS we talk about applying a disciplined diversification(SM) strategy to a portfolio as a three step process: allocate among the major asset classes; diversify within each asset class; and rebalance regularly to avoid unnecessary risk.

Individual investors sometimes assume that the amount they're putting away is too small to allow for diversification. My response would be that a good investment plan, developed with the help of an investment professional, should provide a way to properly diversify your contributions.

Remember that the purpose of diversification is to own investments that historically have not moved in sync with each other - in the hope that, in any given period, underperforming holdings will be somewhat counteracted by other outperforming holdings. If none of your asset classes did badly in the past year or so, you're probably not properly diversified.

Americans today have more of their wealth tied up in the markets than in any previous period of our history, but we are not yet making the most of our opportunities. While neither asset allocation nor diversification can guarantee a profit or protect against a loss, I would voice the opinion that, to a large extent, a failure to have a plan, diversify contributions, and rebalance a portfolio annually has been behind many U.S. investors' failure to reach their long-term financial goals.

For more information on how to apply a disciplined diversification(SM) strategy to your portfolio, I would urge you to contact your own investment professional. You may also want to refer to information on the subject on our Website, MFS.COM.

Respectfully,

/s/ Robert J. Manning

Robert J. Manning
Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer
MFS Investment Management (R)

July 15, 2005

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

MFS ORIGINAL RESEARCH (R)

A DISCIPLINED INVESTMENT PROCESS

Since 1932 we have built our firm on the philosophy that fundamental, bottom-up Original Research(SM) is the most effective process to take advantage of investment opportunities in capital markets across all asset classes around the world.

From start to finish, here is how the investment process at MFS(R) works:

- o ANALYZE: Our analysts uncover investments one opportunity at a time by developing in-depth, firsthand knowledge of companies.
- o COLLABORATE: Constant communication enables our analysts and portfolio managers to exchange opinions and challenge ideas in a spirit of collaboration.

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- o RECOMMEND: The analysts give "buy" ratings to the securities they believe offer the greatest long-term opportunities.
- o INVEST: Our portfolio managers construct diversified portfolios by taking the analysts' recommendations, drawing on their own experience, and using that combined knowledge to select securities that they believe match their portfolios' investment discipline.
- o ASSESS RISK: MFS' quantitative teams help the managers in their efforts to ensure that the risk levels they assume are appropriate for their portfolios' objectives.
- o MONITOR: The analysts and portfolio managers continue to review the fundamentals of every security in a portfolio in their efforts to ensure it remains a right fit for that particular portfolio.

FOCUSED ON YOUR GOALS

We believe that bottom-up research is the best way to uncover the factors that drive security prices over the long term and the best way to help investors pursue their long-term financial goals.

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE*

Bonds	89.0%
Cash & Other Net Assets	10.9%
Stocks	0.1%

MARKET SECTORS

International Bonds	21.5%
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High Yield Corporates	15.6%
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Mortgage-Backed Securities	15.3%
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High Grade Corporates	13.0%
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Cash & Other Net Assets	10.9%
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Emerging Market Bonds	10.7%
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Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities	6.6%
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U.S. Government Agencies	5.2%
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Asset-Backed Securities	1.1%
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Domestic Equities	0.1%
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CREDIT QUALITY OF BONDS**

AAA	55.4%
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AA	1.8%
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A	2.9%
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BBB	13.1%

BB	18.4%

B	6.4%

CCC	1.1%

CC	0.1%

Not Rated	0.8%

PORTFOLIO FACTS

Average Duration	4.2

Average Life	7.5 yrs.

Average Maturity***	13.1 yrs.

Average Credit Quality****	A+

Average Short-Term Credit Quality	A-1

COUNTRY WEIGHTINGS

United States	63.0%

Germany	5.0%

Great Britain	3.0%

Russia	2.7%

Spain	2.6%

Finland	2.5%

Ireland	2.5%

Netherlands	2.3%

New Zealand	2.0%

Other	14.4%

* For purposes of this graphical presentation, the bond component includes both accrued interest amounts and the equivalent exposure from any derivative holdings, if applicable.

** Each security is assigned a rating from Moody's Investors Service. If not rated by Moody's, the rating will be that assigned by Standard & Poor's. Likewise, if not assigned a rating by Standard & Poor's, it will be based on the rating assigned by Fitch, Inc. For those portfolios that hold a security which is not rated by any of the three agencies, the security is considered Not Rated. Holdings in U.S. Treasuries and government agency mortgage-backed securities, if any, are included in a "AAA"-rating category. Percentages are based on the total market value of investments as of 5/31/05.

*** The average maturity shown is calculated using the final stated maturity

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on the portfolio's holdings without taking into account any holdings which have been pre-refunded to an earlier date or which have a mandatory put date prior to the stated maturity. The average life shown takes into account these earlier dates.

**** The Portfolio Average Credit Quality rating is based upon a market weighted average of portfolio holdings.

Percentages are based on net assets as of 5/31/05, unless otherwise noted.

The portfolio is actively managed, and current holdings may be different.

MANAGEMENT REVIEW

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

To gauge performance of this portfolio, we use a variety of benchmarks reflecting the varying results of the different markets in which we invest. For the six months ended May 31, 2005, the MFS Charter Income Trust's performance at net asset value surpassed four of the six benchmarks, outperforming the Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond, Lehman Brothers High Yield, Lehman Brothers Government/Mortgage, and the Lehman Brothers Credit indices, while underperforming the J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index (EMBI) Global and the Citigroup World Government Bond Non-Dollar Hedged indices.

The trust's investment objective is to maximize current income through investments in fixed income securities. The investment policy is to allocate portfolio assets among various categories of fixed income securities and to reallocate assets in response to actual and anticipated market changes.

MARKET ENVIRONMENT

The U.S. fixed income market experienced a flattening of the yield curve during the six-month period. (A yield curve for bonds shows the relationship between yield and time to maturity.) The U.S. Federal Reserve Board raised its target federal funds rate four times, continuing its steady drumbeat of quarter-point rate hikes that had begun on June 30, 2004. But while the Fed seemed committed to a course of gradually raising short-term rates, several factors caused long-term rates to stagnate or retreat.

Job growth, which had shot up in the spring of 2004, ebbed and flowed during the period; uncertainty about the employment situation helped to push down yields on longer-dated bonds. Another factor that held long-term rates down was overseas demand for U.S. Treasuries, especially from foreign central banks. However, moderate GDP growth and inflation concerns kept shorter-term interest rates moving up. For the period as a whole, the net effect was a substantial flattening of the yield curve as short-term rates rose significantly while long-term rates were generally flat to down.

TRUST POSITIONING

MFS Charter Income Trust, a closed-end trust, maintains a portfolio consisting of various fixed income securities both domestic and global.

The portfolio was invested in U.S. government, corporate, and high yield securities. Additional allocations were made in global sovereign bonds and emerging market debt. Our foreign holdings were allocated across Europe and Asian nations. We emphasized government bonds in Europe where growth has been sluggish, while avoiding Japan, where interest rates have been extremely low and the economy has been improving. Alternatively, we invested in Australia, New Zealand and the U.K. where official rates have already been relatively high.

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CONTRIBUTORS TO PERFORMANCE

The trust's portfolio is allocated to U.S., European, and Pacific Rim securities. The trust's yield curve exposure aided relative results. At the sector level, the trust's positioning in longer-term agencies and mortgages and our security selection within the corporate bond sector, specifically industrial, banking, and financials, boosted results.

Our holdings of sovereign and emerging market debt also added to performance. Although our underweighting in the more speculative areas of the high-yield market overall benefited the trust as spreads widened over the period, the negative impact of overweighting the "BBB" and "BB" quality sectors offset some of those gains.

DETRACTORS FROM PERFORMANCE

Over the period, the dollar appreciated against the euro, British Pound, Yen, and other Pacific Rim currencies. Additionally, the trust's positioning in TIPS (treasury inflation protection securities) and supranational debt also held back results.

Respectfully,

/s/ Richard O. Hawkins

Richard O. Hawkins
Portfolio Manager

Note to Shareholders: Effective May 31, 2005, the Lehman Brothers Credit Index, and the Lehman Brothers Government/Mortgage Index were added as benchmarks for the MFS Charter Income Trust. Additionally, the Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond Index was removed as a benchmark, however, we will continue to provide comparative returns for that index in the next two shareholder reports, including this semiannual report.

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

The portfolio is actively managed, and current holdings may be different.

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 5/31/05

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

PRICE SUMMARY

	Date	Price

Based on net asset value	11/30/2004	\$9.71

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	5/31/2005	\$9.74

Based on New York Stock Exchange	11/30/2004	\$8.71

	2/01/2005 (high)*	\$9.01

	3/28/2005 (low)*	\$8.40

	5/31/2005	\$8.70

* For the period from December 1, 2004 through May 31, 2005.

TOTAL RETURNS VS BENCHMARKS

Based on New York Stock Exchange price**	2.84%

Based on net asset value**	3.28%

Citigroup World Government Bond Non-Dollar Hedged Index	4.03%

J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index (EMBI) Global	5.86%

Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond Index	2.90%

Lehman Brothers High Yield Index	0.64%

Lehman Brothers Credit Index	3.01%

Lehman Brothers Government/Mortgage Index	2.89%

** Includes reinvestment of dividends and capital distributions.

INDEX DEFINITIONS

Lehman Brothers Credit Index - measures publicly issued, SEC-registered, U.S. corporate and specified foreign debentures and secured notes that meet specified maturity, liquidity, and quality requirements.

Lehman Brothers Government/Mortgage Index - measures debt issued by the U.S. Government as well as mortgage-backed pass-through securities of Ginnie Mae (GNMA), Fannie Mae (FNMA), and Freddie Mac (FHLMC).

Citigroup World Government Bond Non-Dollar Hedged Index - is a market capitalization weighted index that tracks the currency-hedged performance of the major government bond markets, excluding the United States. Country eligibility is determined based upon market capitalization and investability criteria.

J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global (the EMBI Global) - tracks total returns for dollar-denominated Brady Bonds, Eurobonds, traded loans and local market debt instruments issued by sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities of emerging markets countries.

Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond Index - measures the U.S. investment grade, fixed rate bond market, with index components for government and corporate securities, mortgage pass-through securities, and asset-backed securities.

Lehman Brothers High Yield Index - measures the universe of non-investment grade, fixed rate debt. Eurobonds, and debt issues from countries designated as emerging markets (e.g., Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela, etc.) are excluded.

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It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

NOTES TO PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The trust's shares may trade at a discount to net asset value. Shareholders do not have the right to cause the trust to repurchase their shares at net asset value. The trust's shares also may trade at a premium to net asset value.

When trust shares trade at a premium, buyers pay more than the asset value underlying trust shares, and shares purchased at a premium would receive less than the amount paid for them in the event of the trust's liquidation. As a result, the total return that is calculated based on the net asset value and New York Stock Exchange price can be different.

The trust's monthly distributions may include a return of capital to shareholders. Distributions that are treated for federal income tax purposes as a return of capital will reduce each shareholder's basis in his or her shares and, to the extent the return of capital exceeds such basis, will be treated as gain to the shareholder from a sale of shares. Returns of shareholder capital have the effect of reducing the trust's assets and increasing the trust's expense ratio.

KEY RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Because the portfolio invests in interest bearing securities, its value will be affected by changes in interest rates.

The portfolio may invest in foreign and/or emerging markets securities, which are more susceptible to interest rates, currency exchange rates, economic, and political risks.

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

The portfolio invests in government-guaranteed securities. These guarantees apply to the underlying securities only and not to the prices and yields of the portfolio.

The portfolio invests in high yield or lower-rated securities, which may provide greater returns but are subject to greater-than-average risk.

The portfolio can invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in one or more issuers, thereby making it more susceptible to any single economic, political or regulatory occurrence.

These risks may increase share price volatility.

PORTFOLIO MANAGER'S PROFILE

Richard O. Hawkins, CFA, is Senior Vice President of MFS Investment Management (R) (MFS(R)); an investment grade fixed income research analyst; and a portfolio manager of MFS(R) Charter Income Trust.

Prior to joining the firm in 1988, he spent two years as an International Bond Analyst for Fidelity Management & Research Company; and five years as an International Lending Officer for Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company. He was named portfolio manager of MFS Charter Income Trust at MFS in 2004.

Richard earned a bachelor's degree from Brown University and a Master's of Business Administration from the University of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Association for Investment Management and Research (AIMR) and holds the

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Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation.

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

DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND CASH PURCHASE PLAN

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

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

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

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

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (unaudited) - 5/31/05

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

Bonds - 95.9%

ISSUER	PAR AMOUNT	\$ VAL

Advertising & Broadcasting - 1.3%		

Allbritton Communications Co., 7.75%, 2012	\$ 555,000	\$ 543,9
DIRECTV Holdings LLC, 8.375%, 2013	884,000	979,0
Echostar DBS Corp., 6.375%, 2011	1,945,000	1,964,4
Intelsat Ltd., 8.625%, 2015##	340,000	348,9
Lamar Media Corp., 7.25%, 2013	1,140,000	1,202,7
News America Holdings, 7.7%, 2025	1,140,000	1,354,4
News America, Inc., 6.2%, 2034	542,000	560,3

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Paxson Communications Corp., 0% to 2006, 12.25% to 2009	580,000	536,5

		\$ 7,490,3

Agency - Other - 1.0%		

Financing Corp., 10.35%, 2018	\$ 3,600,000	\$ 5,621,1

Airlines - 0.2%		

Continental Airlines, Inc., 7.566%, 2020	\$ 1,049,526	\$ 860,8

Asset Backed & Securitized - 7.6%		

Airplane Pass-Through Trust, 10.875%, 2019**	\$ 222,233	\$ 6
Amresco Commercial Mortgage Funding I, 7%, 2029	3,000,000	3,116,8
Asset Securitization Corp., 7.525%, 2029	1,586,134	1,453,7
Asset Securitization Corp., FRN, 8.006%, 2026	2,000,000	2,085,2
Bear Stearns Commercial Mortgage Securities, Inc., FRN, 5.116%, 2041	1,120,248	1,160,3
Commercial Mortgage Acceptance Corp., 5.44%, 2013##	3,165,000	3,244,7
Countrywide Asset-Backed Certificates, FRN, 5.147%, 2035	2,000,000	2,037,4
Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., 6.75%, 2030##	2,000,000	1,928,6
Crest Ltd., 7%, 2040##	2,000,000	1,913,4
DLJ Commercial Mortgage Corp., 6.04%, 2031	2,000,000	2,033,2
First Union-Lehman Brothers Bank of America, FRN, 0.5128%, 2028^^	75,612,627	1,581,2
First Union-Lehman Brothers Commercial Mortgage Trust, 7%, 2029##	850,000	962,9
First Union-Lehman Brothers Commercial Mortgage Trust, FRN, 7.5%, 2029	3,000,000	3,528,4
J.P. Morgan Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Corp., FRN, 5.038%, 2046	4,000,000	4,117,8
Morgan Stanley Capital I, 5.168%, 2042	1,532,020	1,589,8
Mortgage Capital Funding, Inc., FRN, 0.8352%, 2031^^	22,117,216	434,4
Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., 3.878%, 2035	1,340,523	1,333,6
Structured Asset Securities Corp., 4.67%, 2035	2,484,152	2,468,2
TIAA Retail Estate CDO Ltd., 7.17%, 2032##	3,118,133	3,253,9
Wachovia Bank Commercial Mortgage Trust, FRN, 5.083%, 2042	2,000,000	2,067,0
Wachovia Bank Commerical Mortgage Trust, 4.847%, 2041	2,000,000	2,031,8

		\$ 42,343,7

Automotive - 1.1%		

Affinia Group, Inc., 9%, 2014##	\$ 75,000	\$ 61,5
DaimlerChrysler N.A. Holdings Corp., 8.5%, 2031	400,000	490,4
Ford Motor Credit Co., 5.625%, 2008	185,000	174,6
Ford Motor Credit Co., 5.7%, 2010	1,400,000	1,273,6
General Motors Acceptance Corp., 6.125%, 2008	160,000	153,0
General Motors Acceptance Corp., 5.85%, 2009	285,000	260,0
General Motors Acceptance Corp., 6.75%, 2014	220,000	186,5
General Motors Acceptance Corp., 8%, 2031	500,000	418,2
General Motors Corp., 7.2%, 2011	1,200,000	1,031,7
General Motors Corp., 8.375%, 2033	750,000	574,5
Lear Corp., 8.11%, 2009	115,000	117,5
Navistar International Corp., 7.5%, 2011	505,000	513,8
TRW Automotive, Inc., 9.375%, 2013	781,000	843,4
TRW Automotive, Inc., 11%, 2013	84,000	91,9

		\$ 6,191,4

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Banks & Credit Companies - 3.3%

Abbey National Capital Trust I, 8.963% to 2030, FRN to 2049	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 2,162,7
Banco Mercantil del Norte S.A., FRN, 5.875%, 2014##	2,408,000	2,408,0
Bosphorus Financial Services Ltd., 5.0681%, 2012##	1,500,000	1,425,0
Chuo Mitsui Trust & Banking Co., 5.506% to 2015, FRN to 2049##	1,676,000	1,602,2
HBOS Capital Funding LP, 6.071% to 2014, FRN to 2049##	1,330,000	1,428,2
J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., 5.125%, 2014	2,100,000	2,138,9
Kazkommerts International B.V., 10.125%, 2007	128,000	138,5
Kazkommerts International B.V., 10.125%, 2007##	367,000	397,2
Mizuho Financial Group, Inc., 5.79%, 2014##	1,898,000	1,988,9
RBS Capital Trust II, 6.425% to 2034, FRN to 2049	829,000	913,6
Russian Standard Finance S.A., 8.125%, 2008##	1,363,000	1,369,8
Turanalem Finance B.V., 8%, 2014##	854,000	847,5
UFJ Finance Aruba AEC, 6.75%, 2013	1,300,000	1,445,5
		\$ 18,266,6

Broadcast & Cable TV - 1.6%

Charter Communications, Inc., 8.625%, 2009	\$ 580,000	\$ 430,6
Continental Cablevision, Inc., 9.5%, 2013	2,390,000	2,524,2
CSC Holdings, Inc., 8.125%, 2009	1,050,000	1,115,6
Lanfester Communications, Inc., 10.5%, 2006	1,900,000	2,013,6
Mediacom Broadband LLC, 9.5%, 2013	280,000	277,9
Rogers Cable, Inc., 5.5%, 2014	1,025,000	963,5
TCI Communications, Inc., 9.8%, 2012	1,169,000	1,491,7
		\$ 8,817,3

Brokerage & Asset Managers - 1.0%

Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., 5.7%, 2012	\$ 2,680,000	\$ 2,833,8
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, Inc., 6.6%, 2012	2,537,000	2,808,9
		\$ 5,642,7

Building - 0.1%

Building Materials Corp. of America, 7.75%, 2014	\$ 570,000	\$ 530,1
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Business Services - 0.2%

Iron Mountain, Inc., 7.75%, 2015	\$ 265,000	\$ 261,0
Xerox Corp., 7.625%, 2013	920,000	1,002,8
		\$ 1,263,8

Chemicals - 1.0%

BCP Crystal Holdings Corp., 9.625%, 2014	\$ 237,000	\$ 266,0
Hercules, Inc., 6.75%, 2029	860,000	838,5
Huntsman International LLC, 10.125%, 2009	331,000	343,4
Kronos International, Inc., 8.875%, 2009	EUR 100,000	128,6
Lyondell Chemical Co., 11.125%, 2012	\$ 615,000	697,2
Nalco Co., 7.75%, 2011	395,000	412,7
Nova Chemicals Corp., 6.5%, 2012	605,000	592,9
Rhodia S.A., 8.875%, 2011	325,000	312,0
Rockwood Specialties Group, Inc., 7.5%, 2014##	60,000	57,0
Yara International A.S.A., 5.25%, 2014##	2,000,000	2,016,9

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		\$ 5,665,4

Conglomerates - 0.2%		

Kennametal, Inc., 7.2%, 2012	\$ 1,140,000	\$ 1,272,4

Construction - 0.3%		

D.R. Horton, Inc., 8%, 2009	\$ 935,000	\$ 1,017,1
M/I Homes, Inc., 6.875%, 2012##	675,000	659,8

		\$ 1,676,9

Consumer Goods & Services - 0.2%		

Church & Dwight Co., Inc., 6%, 2012##	\$ 460,000	\$ 460,0
K2, Inc., 7.375%, 2014	560,000	582,4

		\$ 1,042,4

Containers - 0.3%		

Crown European Holdings S.A., 9.5%, 2011	\$ 530,000	\$ 580,3
Owens-Brockway Glass Container, Inc., 8.875%, 2009	660,000	701,2
Owens-Brockway Glass Container, Inc., 8.25%, 2013	85,000	91,8
Pliant Corp., 13%, 2010	190,000	152,0

		\$ 1,525,4

Defense Electronics - 0.1%		

L-3 Communications Corp., 5.875%, 2015	\$ 750,000	\$ 723,7

Electronics - 0.2%		

Flextronics International Ltd., 6.5%, 2013	\$ 895,000	\$ 910,6

Emerging Market Quasi-Sovereign - 1.4%		

Gazprom OAO, 9.625%, 2013##	\$ 1,510,000	\$ 1,806,3
Gazprom OAO, 9.625%, 2013	420,000	502,4
Pemex Project Funding Master Trust, 7.375%, 2014	1,213,000	1,359,1
Pemex Project Funding Master Trust, 8.625%, 2022	1,383,000	1,676,8
Petroliam Nasional Berhad, 7.75%, 2015	1,363,000	1,669,4
Petronas Capital Ltd., 7.875%, 2022##	464,000	580,2

		\$ 7,594,5

Emerging Market Sovereign - 6.9%		

Federal Republic of Brazil, 8%, 2014	\$ 9,442,414	\$ 9,643,0
Federal Republic of Brazil, 8.875%, 2019	59,000	61,4
Federal Republic of Brazil, 8.25%, 2034	122,000	116,9
Republic of Argentina, FRN, 3.01%, 2012	4,019,000	3,578,9
Republic of Colombia, 10.75%, 2013	685,000	813,4
Republic of Colombia, 11.75%, 2020	645,000	827,2
Republic of Panama, 9.375%, 2023	373,000	451,3
Republic of Panama, 9.375%, 2029	1,323,000	1,614,0
Republic of Peru, 9.875%, 2015	1,311,000	1,594,1
Republic of Peru, 8.75%, 2033	851,000	944,6
Republic of South Africa, 9.125%, 2009	469,000	544,6

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Republic of South Africa, 8.5%, 2017	790,000	1,010,2
Republic of Turkey, 7.25%, 2015	544,000	550,1
Russian Federation, 3%, 2008	2,955,000	2,767,0
Russian Federation, 3%, 2011	4,910,000	4,247,1
Russian Federation, 11%, 2018	686,000	1,007,3
Russian Federation, 5% to 2007, 7.5% to 2030	522,000	572,9
State of Qatar, 9.75%, 2030	2,645,000	4,053,4
United Mexican States, 8.125%, 2019	1,426,000	1,741,1
United Mexican States, 8.3%, 2031	1,526,000	1,884,6

		\$ 38,023,9

Energy - Independent - 0.7%		

Chesapeake Energy Corp., 7.5%, 2014	\$ 335,000	\$ 362,6
Chesapeake Energy Corp., 6.875%, 2016	680,000	710,6
Forest Oil Corp., 7.75%, 2014	550,000	591,2
Kerr-McGee Corp., 6.95%, 2024	800,000	808,6
Newfield Exploration Co., 6.625%, 2014	225,000	230,0
Plains Exploration & Production Co., 7.125%, 2014	625,000	667,1
Vintage Petroleum, Inc., 8.25%, 2012	550,000	596,7

		\$ 3,967,1

Energy - Integrated - 0.3%		

Amerada Hess Corp., 7.3%, 2031	\$ 725,000	\$ 843,2
Tyumen Oil Co., 11%, 2007	849,000	938,1

		\$ 1,781,4

Entertainment - 1.2%		

AMC Entertainment, Inc., 9.5%, 2011	\$ 349,000	\$ 343,7
Liberty Media Corp., 5.7%, 2013	1,865,000	1,731,2
Loews Cineplex Entertainment Corp., 9%, 2014##	430,000	417,1
Six Flags, Inc., 9.75%, 2013	315,000	280,3
Turner Broadcasting System, Inc., 8.375%, 2013	1,784,000	2,193,8
Walt Disney Co., 6.375%, 2012	1,700,000	1,866,9

		\$ 6,833,2

Financial Institutions - 0.1%		

International Lease Finance Corp., 5%, 2010	\$ 321,000	\$ 325,1

Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages - 0.2%		

Burns, Philp & Co. Ltd., 9.75%, 2012	\$ 340,000	\$ 368,9
Smithfield Foods, Inc., 7%, 2011	465,000	487,0

		\$ 855,9

Forest & Paper Products - 1.2%		

Abitibi-Consolidated, Inc., 7.75%, 2011	\$ 720,000	\$ 703,8
Buckeye Technologies, Inc., 8.5%, 2013	460,000	476,1
Donohue Forest Products, Inc., 7.625%, 2007	1,588,000	1,588,0
Georgia-Pacific Corp., 9.375%, 2013	1,695,000	1,919,5
Georgia-Pacific Corp., 7.75%, 2029	1,000,000	1,123,7
MDP Acquisitions PLC, 9.625%, 2012	310,000	303,0
Norske Skog Canada Ltd., 7.375%, 2014	695,000	649,8

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		\$ 6,764,0

Gaming & Lodging - 1.3%		

Aztar Corp., 7.875%, 2014	\$ 235,000	\$ 247,3
Boyd Gaming Corp., 6.75%, 2014	520,000	527,8
Caesars Entertainment, Inc., 8.125%, 2011	730,000	829,4
Harrahs Operation, Inc., 5.625%, 2015##	483,000	486,1
Host Marriott LP, 7.125%, 2013	465,000	478,9
Mandalay Resort Group, 9.375%, 2010	450,000	501,1
MGM Mirage, Inc., 8.375%, 2011	1,155,000	1,247,4
Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc., 8.75%, 2013	295,000	306,8
Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd., 8%, 2010	990,000	1,089,0
Scientific Games Corp., 6.25%, 2012##	80,000	78,4
Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc., 7.875%, 2012	895,000	1,001,2
Station Casinos, Inc., 6.5%, 2014	440,000	445,5
Wynn Las Vegas LLC, 6.625%, 2014##	155,000	148,8
		\$ 7,388,0

Industrial - 0.2%		

Amsted Industries, Inc., 10.25%, 2011##	\$ 335,000	\$ 358,4
Valmont Industries, Inc., 6.875%, 2014	730,000	730,0
Williams Scotsman, Inc., 10%, 2008	205,000	221,4
		\$ 1,309,8

Insurance - 0.7%		

American International Group, Inc., 4.25%, 2013	\$ 4,250,000	\$ 4,088,3

Insurance - Property & Casualty - 0.3%		

Fund American Cos., Inc., 5.875%, 2013	\$ 1,351,000	\$ 1,400,9

International Market Sovereign - 21.0%		

Canada Housing Trust, 4.65%, 2009	CAD 260,000	\$ 217,5
Commonwealth of Australia, 6%, 2017	AUD 2,244,000	1,816,0
Federal Republic of Germany, 3.5%, 2008	EUR 15,517,000	19,775,1
Federal Republic of Germany, 3.75%, 2015	EUR 2,125,000	2,728,5
Federal Republic of Germany, 6.25%, 2030	EUR 920,000	1,575,8
Government of Canada, 5.25%, 2012	CAD 4,156,000	3,618,4
Government of Canada, 4.5%, 2015	CAD 312,000	259,4
Government of New Zealand, 7%, 2009	NZD 1,773,000	1,303,8
Government of New Zealand, 6.5%, 2013	NZD 12,350,000	9,134,7
Government of New Zealand, 6%, 2015	NZD 1,068,000	770,3
Kingdom of Netherlands, 5.75%, 2007	EUR 3,764,000	4,914,7
Kingdom of Netherlands, 3.75%, 2009	EUR 5,670,000	7,301,8
Kingdom of Norway, 6.5%, 2013	NOK 6,149,000	1,152,7
Kingdom of Spain, 6%, 2008	EUR 3,784,000	5,102,5
Kingdom of Spain, 5.35%, 2011	EUR 6,524,000	9,181,2
Republic of Finland, 3%, 2008	EUR 5,529,000	\$6,936,9
Republic of Finland, 5.375%, 2013	EUR 4,656,000	6,668,9
Republic of France, 4.75%, 2007	EUR 7,166,000	9,284,6
Republic of France, 6%, 2025	EUR 309,000	503,0
Republic of Ireland, 4.25%, 2007	EUR 8,752,000	11,271,8
Republic of Ireland, 4.6%, 2016	EUR 1,059,000	1,455,9
United Kingdom Treasury, 5.75%, 2009	GBP 2,315,000	4,469,6
United Kingdom Treasury, 8%, 2015	GBP 2,785,000	6,634,8

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\$116,079,2

Machinery & Tools - 0.6%

AGCO Corp., 9.5%, 2008	\$ 940,000	\$ 987,0
Case New Holland, Inc., 6%, 2009##	1,415,000	1,344,2
Manitowoc Co., Inc., 10.5%, 2012	331,000	370,7
Terex Corp., 9.25%, 2011	325,000	351,0
United Rentals, Inc., 6.5%, 2012	340,000	334,4

		\$ 3,387,4

Medical & Health Technology & Services - 0.6%

AmerisourceBergen Corp., 7.25%, 2012	\$ 550,000	\$ 600,8
DaVita, Inc., 6.625%, 2013##	170,000	171,7
HCA, Inc., 8.75%, 2010	1,100,000	1,249,0
HCA, Inc., 6.375%, 2015	955,000	973,3
InSight Health Services Corp., 9.875%, 2011	270,000	230,8

		\$ 3,225,8

Metals & Mining - 0.6%

Foundation PA Coal Co., 7.25%, 2014	\$ 520,000	\$ 535,6
Ispat Inland ULC, 9.75%, 2014	1,200,000	1,398,0
Peabody Energy Corp., 6.875%, 2013	355,000	372,7
Peabody Energy Corp., 5.875%, 2016	425,000	418,6
U.S. Steel Corp., 9.75%, 2010	413,000	451,2

		\$ 3,176,1

Mortgage Backed - 15.3%

Fannie Mae, 4.845%, 2013	\$ 255,915	\$ 262,0
Fannie Mae, 4.1%, 2013	963,636	943,6
Fannie Mae, 4.19%, 2013	974,939	958,9
Fannie Mae, 3.81%, 2013	599,876	577,2
Fannie Mae, 4.6%, 2014	771,006	776,5
Fannie Mae, 4.56%, 2015	322,980	323,9
Fannie Mae, 4.665%, 2015	261,481	264,1
Fannie Mae, 4.7%, 2015	249,462	252,6
Fannie Mae, 4.89%, 2015	175,636	180,2
Fannie Mae, 4.74%, 2015	600,000	604,6
Fannie Mae, 4.925%, 2015	1,963,582	2,024,9
Fannie Mae, 6%, 2016 - 2034	8,448,213	8,730,0
Fannie Mae, 5.5%, 2019 - 2034	36,510,871	37,171,2
Fannie Mae, 4.88%, 2020	600,572	614,6
Fannie Mae, 5.9958%, 2020	3,446	3,4
Fannie Mae, 6.5%, 2032 - 2033	4,927,249	5,126,1
Fannie Mae TBA, 5%, 2035	13,860,000	13,846,9
Freddie Mac, 6%, 2034	2,832,045	2,910,8
Freddie Mac, 5.5%, 2034	8,783,199	8,924,9

		\$ 84,497,3

Natural Gas - Distribution - 0.1%

AmeriGas Partners LP, 7.25%, 2015##	\$ 470,000	\$ 472,3
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Natural Gas - Pipeline - 1.3%

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CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., 7.875%, 2013	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,896,3
Colorado Interstate Gas Co., 5.95%, 2015##	45,000	43,5
El Paso Energy Corp., 7.625%, 2010	570,000	601,4
Enterprise Products Operating LP, 6.375%, 2013	2,800,000	3,014,9
Magellan Midstream Partners LP, 5.65%, 2016	311,000	318,5
Southern Natural Gas Co., Inc., 8.875%, 2010	550,000	599,0
Williams Cos., Inc., 8.75%, 2032	800,000	938,0
		\$ 7,411,9
Oil Services - 0.2%		
Grant Prideco, Inc., 9%, 2009	\$ 550,000	\$ 605,0
GulfMark Offshore, Inc., 7.75%, 2014##	435,000	441,5
		\$ 1,046,5
Oils - 0.2%		
Citgo Petroleum Corp., 6%, 2011	\$ 550,000	\$ 539,0
Premcor Refining Group, Inc., 7.5%, 2015	550,000	596,7
		\$ 1,135,7
Pollution Control - 0.1%		
Allied Waste North America, Inc., 7.875%, 2013	\$ 480,000	\$ 487,2
Printing & Publishing - 0.5%		
Dex Media East LLC, 9.875%, 2009	\$ 565,000	\$ 625,7
Dex Media West LLC, 9.875%, 2013	1,527,000	1,744,5
MediaNews Group, Inc., 6.875%, 2013	515,000	499,5
		\$ 2,869,8
Railroad & Shipping - 0.2%		
TFM S.A. de C.V., 9.375%, 2012##	\$ 709,000	\$ 733,8
TFM S.A. de C.V., 12.5%, 2012	525,000	614,2
		\$ 1,348,0
Real Estate - 0.3%		
HRPT Properties Trust, 6.25%, 2016	\$ 1,324,000	\$ 1,421,6
Restaurants - 0.3%		
YUM! Brands, Inc., 8.875%, 2011	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,815,4
Retailers - 0.5%		
Couche-Tard, Inc., 7.5%, 2013	\$ 210,000	\$ 218,4
Gap, Inc., 10.05%, 2008	940,000	1,083,8
Limited Brands, Inc., 5.25%, 2014	1,100,000	1,060,3
Rite Aid Corp., 8.125%, 2010	365,000	360,4
		\$ 2,723,1
Supermarkets - 0.1%		

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Roundy's, Inc., 8.875%, 2012	\$ 475,000	\$ 489,2
Telecommunications - Wireless - 1.6%		
AT&T Wireless Services, Inc., 8.75%, 2031	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 2,083,2
Centennial Communications Corp., 10.125%, 2013	240,000	267,9
Cingular Wireless LLC, 6.5%, 2011	1,700,000	1,870,2
Crown Castle International Corp., 7.5%, 2013	365,000	413,3
Dolphin Telecom PLC, 11.5%, 2008**	1,600,000	
Dolphin Telecom PLC, 14%, 2009**	750,000	
Mobile TeleSystems OJSC, 9.75%, 2008##	1,552,000	1,664,5
Nextel Communications, Inc., 5.95%, 2014	1,070,000	1,094,0
Nextel Communications, Inc., 7.375%, 2015	245,000	264,9
Rogers Wireless, Inc., 6.375%, 2014	550,000	547,2
Rogers Wireless, Inc., 7.5%, 2015	450,000	480,3
		\$ 8,685,8
Telecommunications - Wireline - 2.1%		
AT&T Corp., 9.05%, 2011	\$ 260,000	\$ 298,6
AT&T Corp., 9.75%, 2031	785,000	996,9
Citizens Communications Co., 9.25%, 2011	815,000	902,6
Citizens Communications Co., 6.25%, 2013	645,000	622,4
Citizens Communications Co., 9%, 2031	650,000	663,0
Deutsche Telekom International Finance B.V., 8.75%, 2030	1,500,000	2,038,9
Eircom Funding PLC, 8.25%, 2013	515,000	540,7
Espirit Telecom Group PLC, 10.875%, 2008**	165,000	
Qwest Corp., 7.875%, 2011##	860,000	892,2
Qwest Corp., 9.125%, 2012##	450,000	488,2
Qwest Services Corp., 13.5%, 2010##	230,000	262,2
Telecom Italia Capital, 6%, 2034##	1,000,000	1,014,1
Verizon New York, Inc., 6.875%, 2012	2,542,000	2,805,9
		\$ 11,526,2
Tobacco - 0.1%		
R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Holdings, Inc., 7.25%, 2012	\$ 818,000	\$ 820,0
Transportation - Services - 0.1%		
Stena AB, 7%, 2016	\$ 330,000	\$ 301,9
Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corp., 6.875%, 2013	30,000	30,3
		\$ 332,3
U.S. Government Agencies - 4.1%		
Freddie Mac, 7%, 2005	\$ 6,100,000	\$ 6,126,3
Small Business Administration, 4.34%, 2024	7,836,324	7,740,0
Small Business Administration, 4.77%, 2024	6,094,037	6,158,7
Small Business Administration, 5.11%, 2025	2,700,000	2,770,6
		\$ 22,795,8
U.S. Treasury Obligations - 8.5%		
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 10.75%, 2005	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 8,128,4
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 12%, 2013	7,500,000	9,370,0
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 10.625%, 2015	3,350,000	5,173,7

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U.S. Treasury Bonds, 9.875%, 2015	5,025,000	7,480,1
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 5.375%, 2031	635,000	735,4
U.S. Treasury Notes, 2%, 2014###	10,624,049	10,993,8
U.S. Treasury Notes, 4.25%, 2014	1,263,000	1,285,7
U.S. Treasury Notes, 1.625%, 2015	3,649,560	3,652,4
		\$ 46,819,8

Utilities - Electric Power - 3.3%

Calpine Corp., 8.75%, 2013##	\$ 165,000	\$ 116,7
Calpine Corp., 9.625%, 2014##	45,000	44,4
CMS Energy Corp., 8.5%, 2011	320,000	348,0
DPL, Inc., 6.875%, 2011	1,073,000	1,148,1
Duke Capital Corp., 8%, 2019	1,350,000	1,684,4
Dynegy Holdings, Inc., 9.875%, 2010##	240,000	261,0
Empresa Nacional de Electricidad S.A., 8.35%, 2013	919,000	1,053,0
Energis S.A., 7.375%, 2014	1,233,000	1,306,8
FirstEnergy Corp., 6.45%, 2011	1,130,000	1,228,6
FirstEnergy Corp., 7.375%, 2031	1,547,000	1,875,1
MSW Energy Holdings LLC, 7.375%, 2010	545,000	547,7
Nevada Power Co., 5.875%, 2015##	900,000	886,5
NorthWestern Corp., 5.875%, 2014##	775,000	782,7
NRG Energy, Inc., 8%, 2013##	855,000	902,0
PSEG Energy Holdings LLC, 7.75%, 2007	265,000	272,9
Reliant Resources, Inc., 9.5%, 2013	235,000	256,1
System Energy Resources, Inc., 5.129%, 2014##	2,478,257	2,463,9
TECO Energy, Inc., 7.5%, 2010	450,000	480,3
Texas Genco LLC, 6.875%, 2014##	275,000	282,5
TXU Corp., 6.5%, 2024##	2,553,000	2,471,7
		\$ 18,413,2

Total Bonds (Identified Cost, \$521,348,436) \$531,158,6

Stocks - 0.1%

ISSUER	SHARES	\$ VAL
Apparel Manufacturers - 0.1%		
Sind Holdings, Inc.+*	5,720	\$ 600,6
Printing & Publishing - 0%		
Golden Books Family Entertainment, Inc.*	3,683	\$
Specialty Chemicals - 0%		
Sterling Chemicals, Inc.*	6	\$ 1
		\$ 600,7

Warrants - 0%

ISSUER	STRIKE PRICE	FIRST EXERCISE	SHARES	\$ VAL
Loral Space & Communications Ltd. (Business Services)*	\$0.14	1/28/97	1,625	\$
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Sterling Chemicals, Inc. (Specialty Chemicals)*	52.00	12/31/02	11
Thermadyne Holdings Corp. (Machinery & Tools)*	20.78	5/29/03	760

Total Warrants (Identified Cost, \$39,014)	\$ 1
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Repurchase Agreement - 4.4%

ISSUER	PAR AMOUNT	\$ VAL
Morgan Stanley, 3.05%, dated 5/31/05, due 6/01/05, total to be received \$24,111,043 (secured by various U.S. Treasury and Federal Agency obligations in a jointly traded account), at Cost	\$ 24,109,000	\$ 24,109,000

Total Investments (Identified Cost, \$547,624,117) (S)	\$555,868,489
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Other Assets, Less Liabilities - (0.4)%	(1,960,000)
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Net Assets - 100.0%	\$553,908,489
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* Non-income producing security.

** Non income producing security - in default.

^^ Interest only security for which the fund receives interest on notional principal (Par amount). Par amount shown is the notional principal and does not reflect the cost of the security.

+ Restricted security.

SEC Rule 144A restriction.

All or a portion of the security has been segregated as collateral for an open futures contract
(S) As of May 31, 2005, the fund had 6 securities representing \$1,215,224 and 0.2% of net assets that were fair valued in accordance with the policies adopted by the Board of Trustees.

FRN = Floating Rate Note

TBA = To Be Announced

Abbreviations have been used throughout this report to indicate amounts shown in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. All amounts are stated in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated. A list of abbreviations is shown below:

AUD = Australian Dollar

MXN = Mexican Peso

CAD = Canadian Dollar

NOK = Norwegian Krone

CNY = Chinese Yuan Renminbi

NZD = New Zealand Dollar

EUR = Euro

SEK = Swedish Krona

GBP = British Pound

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Statement of Assets and Liabilities (unaudited)

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

AT 5/31/05

ASSETS

Investments, at value (identified cost, \$547,624,117)	\$555,868,489
Cash	74

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Foreign currency, at value (identified cost, \$101)	95	
Receivable for forward foreign currency exchange contracts	6,067,122	
Receivable for forward foreign currency exchange contracts subject to master netting agreements	16,092	
Receivable for investments sold	94,894	
Interest receivable	8,378,546	
Other assets	17,473	
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Total assets		\$570,442,785
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LIABILITIES

Payable for investments purchased	\$15,061,634	
Payable to dividend disbursing agent	205,784	
Payable for forward foreign currency exchange contracts	716,793	
Payable for daily variation margin on open futures contracts	188,156	
Payable for treasury shares reacquired	32,105	
Payable to affiliates		
Management fee	23,562	
Transfer agent and dividend disbursing costs	15,865	
Administrative fee	959	
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	289,523	
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Total liabilities		\$16,534,381
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Net assets		\$553,908,404
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NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:

Paid-in capital	\$598,947,927	
Unrealized appreciation on investments and translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	13,449,538	
Accumulated net realized loss on investments and foreign currency transactions	(49,407,932)	
Accumulated distributions in excess of net investment income	(9,081,129)	
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Net assets		\$553,908,404
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Shares of beneficial interest outstanding (61,478,783 issued, less 4,601,344 treasury shares)		56,877,439
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Net asset value per share (net assets of \$553,908,404 / 56,877,439 shares of beneficial interest outstanding)		\$9.74
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Statement of Operations (unaudited)

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

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SIX MONTHS ENDED 5/31/05

NET INVESTMENT INCOME

Interest income		\$15,126,776
Foreign taxes withheld		(3,582)

Total investment income		\$15,123,194

Expenses		
Management fee	\$1,633,555	
Trustees' compensation	65,644	
Transfer agent and dividend disbursing costs	87,258	
Administrative fee	32,728	
Custodian fee	174,451	
Printing	6,070	
Postage	91,546	
Auditing fees	37,162	
Legal fees	1,534	
Miscellaneous	94,122	

Total expenses		\$2,224,070

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Fees paid indirectly	(17,214)	
Reduction of expenses by investment adviser	(1,242)	

Net expenses		\$2,205,614

Net investment income		\$12,917,580

REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS

Realized gain (loss) (identified cost basis)		
Investment transactions	\$7,544,890	
Futures contracts	864,321	
Foreign currency transactions	(1,387,587)	

Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions		\$7,021,624

Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)		
Investments	\$(12,594,850)	
Futures contracts	(103,899)	
Translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	8,522,950	

Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency translation		\$(4,175,799)

Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency		\$2,845,825

Change in net assets from operations		\$15,763,405

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets

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

	SIX MONTHS ENDED 5/31/05 (UNAUDITED)	YEAR 11/
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		

FROM OPERATIONS		

Net investment income	\$12,917,580	\$28,65
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions	7,021,624	13,94
Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency translation	(4,175,799)	(4,40

Change in net assets from operations	\$15,763,405	\$38,19

DISTRIBUTIONS DECLARED TO SHAREHOLDERS		

From net investment income	\$(14,772,196)	\$(31,83

TRUST SHARE (PRINCIPAL) TRANSACTIONS		

Cost of shares reacquired	\$(5,523,232)	\$(9,82

Total change in net assets	\$(4,532,023)	\$(3,45

NET ASSETS		

At beginning of period	\$558,440,427	\$561,89
At end of period (including accumulated distributions in excess of net investment income of \$9,081,129 and \$7,226,513, respectively)	\$553,908,404	\$558,44

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial Highlights

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

	SIX MONTHS ENDED 5/31/05 (UNAUDITED)	2004	2003	YEARS ENDED 11/30 2002
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Net asset value, beginning of period	\$9.71	\$9.58	\$9.09	\$9.17

INCOME FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS#(S) (S)				

Net investment income(S)	\$0.23	\$0.49	\$0.49	\$0.52
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency	0.06	0.19	0.53	(0.02)

Total from investment operations	\$0.29	\$0.68	\$1.02	\$0.50

LESS DISTRIBUTIONS DECLARED TO SHAREHOLDERS				

From net investment income	\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.55)	\$ (0.53)	\$ (0.49)
From paid-in capital	--	--	--	(0.09)

Total distributions declared to shareholders	\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.55)	\$ (0.53)	\$ (0.58)

Net asset value, end of period	\$9.74	\$9.71	\$9.58	\$9.09

Per share market value, end of period	\$8.70	\$8.71	\$8.78	\$8.26

Total return at market value (%)	2.84++	5.52	13.02	5.99

Financial Highlights - continued

	SIX MONTHS ENDED 5/31/05 (UNAUDITED)	YEARS ENDED 11/30		
		2004	2003	2002
RATIOS (%) TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA(S):				

Expenses##	0.80+	0.80	0.83	0.85
Net investment income(S) (S)	4.66+	5.11	5.21	5.80
Portfolio turnover	45	70	129	137
Net assets at end of period (000 Omitted)	\$553,908	\$558,440	\$561,900	\$546,281

(S) Effective June 7, 2004, the investment adviser has voluntarily agreed to reimburse the trust of substantially all of Independent Chief Compliance Officer service fees paid to Tarantino L incurred by the trust, the net investment income per share and the ratios would have been:

Net investment income	\$0.23^	\$0.49^	\$--	\$--

RATIOS (%) (TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS):				

Expenses##	0.80+^	0.80^	--	--

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Net investment income	4.66+^	5.11^	--	--
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(S) (S) As required, effective December 1, 2001, the trust has adopted the provisions of the AICPA for Investment Companies and began amortizing premium on debt securities. The effect of the November 30, 2002 was to decrease net investment income per share by \$0.02, increase net income and losses per share by \$0.02, and decrease the ratio of net investment income to average net investment per share, ratios, and supplemental data for periods prior to December 1, 2001 have not been restated. Change in presentation.

+ Annualized.

++ Not annualized.

Per share data are based on average shares outstanding.

Ratios do not reflect expense reductions from fees paid indirectly.

^ The reimbursement impact per share amount and the ratios were less than \$0.01 and 0.01%, respectively.

SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

(1) BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATION

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

(2) SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The trust can invest in foreign securities. Investments in foreign securities are vulnerable to the effects of changes in the relative values of the local currency and the U.S. dollar and to the effects of changes in each country's legal, political, and economic environment.

INVESTMENT VALUATIONS - Bonds and other fixed income securities (other than short-term obligations) in the trust's portfolio are valued at an evaluated bid price as reported by an independent pricing service, or to the extent a valuation is not reported by a pricing service, such securities are valued on the basis of quotes from brokers and dealers. Prices obtained from pricing services utilize both dealer-supplied valuations and electronic data processing techniques which take into account appropriate factors such as institutional-size trading in similar groups of securities, yield, quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics and other market data without exclusive reliance upon quoted prices or exchange or over-the-counter prices, since such valuations are believed to reflect more accurately the fair value of such securities. Equity securities in the trust's portfolio for which market quotations are available are valued at the last sale or official closing price as reported by an independent pricing service on the primary market or exchange on which they are primarily traded, or at the last quoted bid price for securities in which there were no sales during the day. Equity securities traded over the counter are valued at the last sales price traded each day as reported by an independent pricing service, or to the extent there are no sales reported, such securities are valued on the basis of quotations obtained from brokers and dealers. Futures contracts are valued at the settlement price as reported by an independent pricing service on the

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primary exchange on which they are traded. Forward foreign currency contracts are valued using spot rates and forward points as reported by an independent pricing source. Short-term obligations with a remaining maturity in excess of 60 days will be valued upon dealer-supplied valuations. All other short-term obligations in the trust's portfolio are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value as determined by the Board of Trustees. Investment valuations, other assets, and liabilities initially expressed in foreign currencies are converted each business day into U.S. dollars based upon current exchange rates. When pricing service information or market quotations are not readily available, securities are priced at fair value as determined under the direction of the Board of Trustees.

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

FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION - Purchases and sales of foreign investments, income, and expenses are converted into U.S. dollars based upon currency exchange rates prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. Gains and losses attributable to foreign currency exchange rates on sales of securities are recorded for financial statement purposes as net realized gains and losses on investments. Gains and losses attributable to foreign exchange rate movements on income and expenses are recorded for financial statement purposes as foreign currency transaction gains and losses. That portion of both realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments that results from fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates is not separately disclosed.

DEFERRED TRUSTEE COMPENSATION - Under a Deferred Compensation Plan (the Plan) independent Trustees may elect to defer receipt of all or a portion of their annual compensation. Deferred amounts are treated as though equivalent dollar amounts had been invested in shares of the trust or other MFS funds selected by the Trustee. Deferred amounts represent an unsecured obligation of the trust until distributed in accordance with the Plan. Included in other assets, and accrued expenses and other liabilities, is \$12,721 of Deferred Trustees' Compensation.

FUTURES CONTRACTS - The trust may enter into futures contracts for the delayed delivery of securities or currency, or contracts based on financial indices at a fixed price on a future date. In entering such contracts, the trust is required to deposit with the broker, either in cash or securities, an amount equal to a certain percentage of the contract amount. Subsequent payments are made or received by the trust each day, depending on the daily fluctuations in the value of the contract, and are recorded for financial statement purposes as unrealized gains or losses by the trust. The trust's investment in futures contracts is designed to hedge against anticipated future changes in interest or exchange rates or securities prices. Investments in interest rate futures for purposes other than hedging may be made to modify the duration of the portfolio without incurring the additional transaction costs involved in buying and selling the underlying securities. Investments in currency futures for purposes other than hedging may be made to change the trust's relative position in one or more currencies without buying and selling portfolio assets. Investments in index contracts or contracts on related options for purposes other than hedging, may be made when the trust has cash on hand and

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wishes to participate in anticipated market appreciation while the cash is being invested. Should interest or exchange rates or securities prices move unexpectedly, the trust may not achieve the anticipated benefits of the futures contracts and may realize a loss.

SECURITY LOANS - State Street Bank and Trust Company ("State Street"), as lending agent, may loan the securities of the trust to certain qualified institutions (the "Borrowers") approved by the trust. The loans are collateralized at all times by cash and/or U.S. Treasury securities in an amount at least equal to the market value of the securities loaned. State Street provides the trust with indemnification against Borrower default. The trust bears the risk of loss with respect to the investment of cash collateral. On loans collateralized by cash, the cash collateral is invested in a money market fund or short-term securities. A portion of the income generated upon investment of the collateral is remitted to the Borrowers, and the remainder is allocated between the trust and the lending agent. On loans collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, a fee is received from the Borrower, and is allocated between the trust and the lending agent. Income from securities lending is included in interest income on the Statement of Operations. The dividend and interest income earned on the securities loaned is accounted for in the same manner as other dividend and interest income. At May 31, 2005, there were no securities on loan.

FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE CONTRACTS - The trust may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts for the purchase or sale of a specific foreign currency at a fixed price on a future date. Risks may arise upon entering into these contracts from the potential inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts and from unanticipated movements in the value of a foreign currency relative to the U.S. dollar. The trust may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts for hedging purposes as well as for non-hedging purposes. For hedging purposes, the trust may enter into contracts to deliver or receive foreign currency it will receive from or require for its normal investment activities. The trust may also use contracts in a manner intended to protect foreign currency-denominated securities from declines in value due to unfavorable exchange rate movements. For non-hedging purposes, the trust may enter into contracts with the intent of changing the relative exposure of the trust's portfolio of securities to different currencies to take advantage of anticipated changes. The forward foreign currency exchange contracts are adjusted by the daily exchange rate of the underlying currency and any gains or losses are recorded as unrealized until the contract settlement date. On contract settlement date, the gains or losses are recorded as realized gains or losses on foreign currency transactions.

DOLLAR ROLL TRANSACTIONS - The trust enters into dollar roll transactions, with respect to mortgage backed securities issued by Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac, in which the trust sells mortgage backed securities to financial institutions and simultaneously agrees to accept substantially similar (same type, coupon, and maturity) securities at a later date at an agreed-upon price. During the period between the sale and repurchase in a dollar roll transaction the trust will not be entitled to receive interest and principal payments on the securities sold but is compensated by interest earned on the proceeds of the initial sale and by a lower purchase price on the securities to be repurchased which enhances the trust's total return. The trust accounts for dollar roll transactions as purchases and sales. If certain criteria are met these dollar roll transactions may be considered a financing transaction whereby the difference in the sales price and the future purchase price is recorded as an adjustment to interest income.

INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS AND INCOME - Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date. Some securities may be purchased on a "when-issued" or "forward delivery" basis, which means that the securities will be delivered to the trust at a future date, usually beyond customary settlement time. Interest

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income is recorded on the accrual basis. All premium and discount is amortized or accreted for financial statement purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. All discount is accreted for tax reporting purposes as required by federal income tax regulations. Dividends received in cash are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividend and interest payments received in additional securities are recorded on the ex-dividend or ex-interest date in an amount equal to the value of the security on such date.

The trust may receive proceeds from litigation settlements involving its portfolio holdings. Any proceeds received are reflected in realized gain/loss in the Statement of Operations, or in unrealized gain/loss if the security is still held by the trust.

The trust may enter into "TBA" (to be announced) purchase commitments to purchase securities for a fixed unit price at a future date. Although the unit price has been established, the principal value has not been finalized. However, the principal amount of the commitments will not fluctuate more than 0.01%. The trust holds, and maintains until settlement date, cash or high-grade debt obligations in an amount sufficient to meet the purchase price, or the trust may enter into offsetting contracts for the forward sale of other securities it owns. Income on the securities will not be earned until settlement date. TBA purchase commitments may be considered securities in themselves, and involve a risk of loss if the value of the security to be purchased declines prior to settlement date, which is in addition to the risk of decline in the value of the trust's other assets. Unsettled TBA purchase commitments are valued at the current market value of the underlying securities. The trust may enter into "TBA" (to be announced) sale commitments to hedge its portfolio positions or to sell mortgage-backed securities it owns under delayed delivery arrangements. Proceeds of TBA sale commitments are not received until the contractual settlement date. During the time a TBA sale commitment is outstanding, equivalent deliverable securities, or an offsetting TBA purchase commitment deliverable on or before the sale commitment date, are held as "cover" for the transaction.

FEES PAID INDIRECTLY - The trust's custody fee is reduced according to an arrangement that measures the value of cash deposited with the custodian by the trust. This amount, for the six months ended May 31, 2005, is shown as a reduction of total expenses on the Statement of Operations.

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

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

The tax character of distributions declared for the years ended November 30, 2004 and November 30, 2003, was as follows:

11/30/04

11/30/03

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Distributions declared from:

Ordinary income	\$31,836,028	\$31,796,703
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As of November 30, 2004, the components of distributable earnings (accumulated losses) on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed ordinary income	\$862,961
Capital loss carryforward	(47,072,742)
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	11,572,675
Other temporary differences	(11,393,626)

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

EXPIRATION DATE

November 30, 2008	\$(1,375,921)
November 30, 2009	(21,791,609)
November 30, 2010	(23,905,212)

Total	\$(47,072,742)

(3) TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

INVESTMENT ADVISER - The trust has an investment advisory agreement with MFS to provide overall investment advisory and administrative services, and general office facilities. The management fee is computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate of 0.32% of the trust's average daily net assets and 4.57% of gross investment income. Management fees, from net assets and gross investment income, incurred for the six months ended May 31, 2005 were at an effective rate of 0.59% of average daily net assets on an annualized basis.

The trust pays compensation to its Independent Trustees in the form of a retainer, attendance fees, and additional compensation to Board and Committee chairpersons, and pays no compensation directly to its Trustees who are officers of the investment adviser, or to officers of the trust, all of whom receive remuneration for their services to the trust from MFS. Certain officers and Trustees of the trust are officers or directors of MFS and MFS Service Center, Inc. (MFSC). The trust has an unfunded, defined benefit plan for retired Independent Trustees and an unfunded retirement benefit deferral plan for current Independent Trustees. Included in Trustees' compensation is \$1,984 as a result of the change in the trust's unfunded retirement benefit deferral plan for certain current Independent Trustees and a pension expense of \$25,253 for retired Independent Trustees for the six months ended May 31, 2005.

This trust and certain other MFS funds (the "funds") have entered into a services agreement (the "Agreement") which provides for payment of fees by the funds to Tarantino LLC in return for the provision of services of an Independent Chief Compliance Officer (ICCO) for the funds. The ICCO is an officer of the funds and the sole member of Tarantino LLC. MFS has agreed to reimburse each of the funds for a proportional share of substantially all of the payments made by the funds to Tarantino LLC and also to provide office space and other administrative support and supplies to the ICCO. The funds can terminate the Agreement with Tarantino LLC at any time under the terms of the Agreement.

ADMINISTRATOR - MFS provides certain financial, legal, shareholder communications, compliance, and other administrative services to certain funds

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for which MFS acts as investment adviser. Under an administrative services agreement between the funds and MFS, MFS is entitled to partial reimbursement of the costs MFS incurs to provide these services, subject to review and approval by the Board of Trustees. Each fund is allocated a portion of these administrative costs based on its size and relative average net assets. The trust paid MFS an administrative fee up to the following annual percentage rates of the trust's average daily net assets:

EFFECTIVE DATE	BEGINNING OF PERIOD	
	THROUGH 2/28/05	3/01/05
First \$2 billion	0.01120%	0.01626%
Next \$2.5 billion	0.00832%	0.01206%
Next \$2.5 billion	0.00032%	0.00056%
In excess of \$7 billion	0.00000%	0.00000%

For the six months ended May 31, 2005, the trust paid MFS \$32,728, equivalent to 0.0118% of average daily net assets, to partially reimburse MFS for the costs of providing administrative services.

TRANSFER AGENT - Included in transfer agent and dividend disbursing costs is a fee paid to MFSC, a wholly owned subsidiary of MFS, for its services as registrar and dividend disbursing agent for the trust. The agreement provides that the trust will pay MFSC an account maintenance fee of no more than \$9.00 and a dividend services fee of \$0.75 per reinvestment. These fees amounted to \$42,951 for the six months ended May 31, 2005. Also included in transfer agent and dividend disbursing costs are out-of-pocket expenses, paid to MFSC, which amounted to \$37,251 for the six months ended May 31, 2005, as well as other expenses paid to unaffiliated vendors.

(4) PORTFOLIO SECURITIES

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

	PURCHASES	SALES
U.S. government securities	\$77,662,781	\$70,269,969
Investments (non-U.S. government securities)	\$165,113,722	\$172,840,722

The cost and unrealized appreciation and depreciation in the value of the investments owned by the trust, as computed on a federal income tax basis, are as follows:

Aggregate cost	\$554,063,154
Gross unrealized appreciation	\$12,554,777
Gross unrealized depreciation	(10,749,442)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	\$1,805,335

(5) SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

The trust's Declaration of Trust permits the Trustees to issue an unlimited number of full and fractional shares of beneficial interest. The Trustees have authorized the repurchase by the trust of up to 10% annually of its own shares of beneficial interest. The trust repurchased and retired 635,500 shares of beneficial interest during the six months ended May 31, 2005, at an average price per share of \$8.69 and a weighted average discount of 10.19% per share. The trust repurchased and retired 1,134,600 shares of beneficial interest

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during the year ended November 30, 2004 at an average price per share of \$8.66 and a weighted average discount of 9.74% per share. Transactions in trust shares were as follows:

	Period ended 5/31/05		Year ended 11/30/04	
	SHARES	AMOUNT	SHARES	AMOUNT
Treasury shares reacquired	(635,500)	\$(5,523,232)	(1,134,600)	\$(9,821,953)

(6) LINE OF CREDIT

The trust and other affiliated funds participate in a \$1 billion unsecured line of credit provided by a syndication of banks under a credit agreement. Borrowings may be made for temporary financing needs. Interest is charged to each fund, based on its borrowings, at a rate equal to the Federal Reserve funds rate plus 0.35%. In addition, a commitment fee, based on the average daily, unused portion of the line of credit, is allocated among the participating funds at the end of each calendar quarter. The commitment fee allocated to the trust for the six months ended May 31, 2005 was \$2,015, and is included in miscellaneous expense. The trust had no significant borrowings during the six months ended May 31, 2005.

(7) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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

Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts

SETTLEMENT DATE	CONTRACTS TO DELIVER/RECEIVE	IN EXCHANGE FOR	CONTRACTS AT VALUE	NET UNREALIZED APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION)
SALES				
6/07/05	AUD	2,289,464	\$1,748,659	\$1,731,074
6/08/05-6/27/05	EUR	73,109,547	94,932,164	90,041,374
7/06/05	GBP	8,861,967	16,811,151	16,089,668
8/01/05	MXN	64,999,200	5,674,804	5,905,286
6/08/05	NOK	7,689,274	1,198,107	1,192,619
6/08/05	NZD	17,091,003	12,149,033	12,034,596
6/14/05	SEK	2,018,612	283,513	271,460
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			\$132,797,431	\$127,266,077
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PURCHASES				
2/06/06	CNY	42,072,400	\$5,350,000	\$5,276,674
6/08/05-6/27/05	EUR	2,826,413	3,678,353	3,480,629
7/06/05	GBP	3,000,000	5,590,206	5,446,760
8/01/05	MXN	64,999,200	5,600,000	5,905,286
6/08/05	NZD	1,385,738	997,683	975,765
6/14/05	SEK	7,670,131	1,081,366	1,031,469
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\$22,297,608	\$22,116,583	\$(181,025)
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At May 31, 2005, forward foreign currency purchases and sales under master netting agreements excluded above amounted to a net receivable of \$16,092 with Merrill Lynch International.

At May 31, 2005, the trust had sufficient cash and/or securities to cover any commitments under these contracts.

Futures Contracts

DESCRIPTION	EXPIRATION	CONTRACTS	POSITION	UNREALIZED APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION)
U.S. Treasury Notes 10 Year	September 2005	134	Short	\$(22,536)
U.S. Treasury Notes 5 Year	September 2005	200	Short	(3,949)
U.S. Treasury Notes 2 Year	September 2005	335	Short	(6,614)
				\$(33,099)

At May 31, 2005, the trust had sufficient cash and/or securities to cover any margin requirements under these contracts.

(9) RESTRICTED SECURITIES

At May 31, 2005, the trust owned the following restricted securities which are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale, excluding securities issued under Rule 144A, constituting 0.1% of net assets which may not be publicly sold without registration under the Securities Act of 1933. The trust does not have the right to demand that such securities be registered. The value of these securities is determined by valuations furnished by dealers or by a pricing service, or if not available, in good faith at the direction of the Trustees.

DESCRIPTION	DATE OF ACQUISITION	SHARE/PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	COST	VALUE
Sind Holdings, Inc.	12/15/99	5,720	\$2,127,667	\$600,600

(10) LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

On March 31, 2004, MFS settled an administrative proceeding with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") regarding disclosure of brokerage allocation practices in connection with MFS fund sales (the term "MFS funds" means the open-end registered management investment companies sponsored by MFS). Under the terms of the settlement, in which MFS neither admitted nor denied any wrongdoing, MFS agreed to pay (one dollar) \$1.00 in disgorgement and \$50 million in penalty to certain MFS funds, pursuant to a plan developed by an independent distribution consultant. The brokerage allocation practices which were the subject of this proceeding were discontinued by MFS in November 2003. The agreement with the SEC is reflected in an order of the SEC. The SEC settlement order states that MFS failed to adequately disclose to the Boards of Trustees and to shareholders of the MFS funds the specifics of its preferred arrangements with certain brokerage firms selling MFS fund shares. The SEC settlement order states that MFS had in place policies designed to obtain best execution of all MFS fund trades. As part of the settlement, MFS retained an independent compliance consultant to review the completeness of its current policies and practices regarding disclosure to MFS fund trustees and to MFS fund shareholders of strategic alliances between MFS or its affiliates and broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries who support the sale of MFS fund shares. Pursuant to the SEC order, on July 28, 2004, MFS

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transferred these settlement amounts to the SEC, and those MFS funds entitled to these settlement amounts accrued an estimate of their pro rata portion of these amounts. The final distribution plan was approved by the SEC on January 21, 2005, and the affected MFS funds received the payment on February 16, 2005.

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

Under the terms of the February Settlements, a \$225 million pool has been established for distribution to shareholders in certain MFS retail funds, which has been funded by MFS and of which \$50 million is characterized as a penalty. This pool will be distributed in accordance with a methodology developed by an independent distribution consultant in consultation with MFS and the Board of Trustees of the MFS retail funds, and acceptable to the SEC. MFS has further agreed with NYAG to reduce its management fees in the aggregate amount of approximately \$25 million annually over the next five years, and not to increase certain management fees during this period. MFS has also paid an administrative fine to NH in the amount of \$1 million, which will be used for investor education purposes (NH retained \$250,000 and \$750,000 was contributed to the North American Securities Administrators Association's Investor Protection Trust). In addition, under the terms of the February Settlements, MFS is in the process of adopting certain governance changes and reviewing its policies and procedures.

Since December 2003, MFS, MFS Fund Distributors, Inc., MFS Service Center, Inc., MFS Corporation Retirement Committee, Sun Life Financial Inc., various MFS funds, certain current and/or former Trustees of these MFS funds, and certain officers of MFS have been named as defendants in multiple lawsuits filed in federal and state courts. The lawsuits variously have been commenced as class actions or individual actions on behalf of investors who purchased, held or redeemed shares of the MFS funds during specified periods, as ERISA actions by participants in certain retirement plan accounts on behalf of those accounts, or as derivative actions on behalf of the MFS funds. The lawsuits relating to market timing and related matters have been transferred to, and consolidated before, the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, as part of a multi-district litigation of market timing and related claims involving several other fund complexes (In re Mutual Funds Investment Litigation (Alger, Columbia, Janus, MFS, One Group, Putnam, Allianz Dresdner), No. 1:04-md-15863 (transfer began March 19, 2004)). The market timing cases related to the MFS complex are Riggs v. MFS et al., Case No. 04-cv-01162-JFM (direct), Hammerslough v. MFS et al., Case No. 04-md-01620 (derivative) and Anita Walker v. MFS et al., Case No. 1:04-CV-01758 (ERISA). The plaintiffs in these consolidated lawsuits generally seek injunctive relief including removal of the named Trustees, adviser and distributor, rescission of contracts and 12b-1 Plans, disgorgement of fees and profits, monetary damages, punitive damages, attorney's fees and costs and other equitable and declaratory relief.

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Two lawsuits alleging improper brokerage allocation practices and excessive compensation are pending in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (Forsythe v. Sun Life Financial Inc., et al., No. 04cv10584 (GAO) (a consolidated action) and Marcus Dumond, et al. v. Massachusetts Financial Servs. Co., et al., No. 04cv11458 (GAO)). The plaintiffs in these lawsuits generally seek compensatory damages, punitive damages, recovery of fees, rescission of contracts, an accounting, restitution, declaratory relief, equitable and/or injunctive relief and attorney's fees and costs. The various lawsuits generally allege that some or all of the defendants (i) permitted or acquiesced in market timing and/or late trading in some of the MFS funds, inadequately disclosed MFS' internal policies concerning market timing and such matters (ii) received excessive compensation as fiduciaries to the MFS funds, or (iii) permitted or acquiesced in the improper use of fund assets by MFS to support the distribution of MFS fund shares and inadequately disclosed MFS' use of fund assets in this manner. The actions assert that some or all of the defendants violated the federal securities laws, including the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Company Act of 1940 and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as well as fiduciary duties and other violations of common law. Insofar as any of the actions is appropriately brought derivatively on behalf of any of the MFS funds, any recovery will inure to the benefit of the MFS funds. In February, March, and April 2005, the defendants filed separate motions to dismiss all claims of the various lawsuits. The parties continue to brief the issues for the courts and various hearing dates have been scheduled. Additional lawsuits based on similar allegations may be filed in the future.

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

Review of these matters by the independent Trustees of the MFS funds and their counsel is continuing. There can be no assurance that these regulatory actions and lawsuits, or the adverse publicity associated with these developments, will not result in increased fund redemptions, reduced sales of fund shares, or other adverse consequences to the MFS funds.

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

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Trustees and Shareholders of the MFS Charter Income Trust:

We have reviewed the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of

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MFS Charter Income Trust (the Trust), including the portfolio of investments, as of May 31, 2005, and the related statements of operations, changes in net assets, and financial highlights for the six-month period ended May 31, 2005. These interim financial statements are the responsibility of the Trust's management.

We conducted our review in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying interim financial statements for them to be in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We have previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the statement of changes in net assets for the year ended November 30, 2004, and financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended November 30, 2004, and in our report dated January 14, 2005, we expressed an unqualified opinion on such statement of changes in net assets and financial highlights.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Boston, Massachusetts
July 12, 2005

RESULTS OF SHAREHOLDER MEETING (unaudited) - 5/31/05

At a special meeting of shareholders of MFS Charter Income Trust, which was held on March 23, 2005, the following actions were taken:

ITEM 1. To elect a Board of Trustees:

NOMINEE	NUMBER OF SHARES	
	AFFIRMATIVE	WITHHOLD AUTHORITY
Lawrence H. Cohn, M.D.	50,136,139.256	1,293,785.742
David H. Gunning	50,236,249.256	1,193,675.742
William R. Gutow	50,198,321.256	1,231,603,742
Michael Hegarty	50,145,125.784	1,284,799.214
J. Atwood Ives	50,143,690.256	1,286,234.742
Amy B. Lane	50,204,641.213	1,225,283.785
Robert J. Manning	50,201,185.255	1,228,739.743
Lawrence T. Perera	50,147,987.806	1,281,937.192
Robert C. Pozen	50,184,238.781	1,245,686.217
J. Dale Sherratt	50,172,143.194	1,257,781.804
Laurie J. Thomsen	50,143,987.716	1,285,937.282

PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND INFORMATION, bmark, title="Fund Expenses"

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

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Information regarding how the trust voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent twelve-month period ended June 30 is available without charge by visiting the Proxy Voting section of mfs.com or by visiting the SEC's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO DISCLOSURE

The trust will file a complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The trust's Form N-Q may be reviewed and copied at the:

Public Reference Room
Securities and Exchange Commission
Washington, D.C. 20549-0102

Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330. The trust's Form N-Q is available on the EDGAR database on the Commission's Internet website at <http://www.sec.gov>, and copies of this information may be obtained, upon payment of a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: publicinfo@sec.gov or by writing the Public Reference Section at the above address.

A shareholder can also obtain the quarterly portfolio holdings report at mfs.com.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND NUMBER OF SHAREHOLDERS

INVESTOR INFORMATION

Transfer Agent, Registrar and Dividend Disbursing Agent

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

Write to: State Street Bank and Trust Company

c/o MFS Service Center, Inc.
P.O. Box 55024
Boston, MA 02205-5024

NUMBER OF SHAREHOLDERS

As of May 31, 2005, our records indicate that there are 4,208 registered shareholders and approximately 36,081 shareholders owning trust shares in "street" name, such as through brokers, banks, and other financial intermediaries.

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

State Street Bank and Trust Company
c/o MFS Service Center, Inc.
P.O. Box 55024
Boston, MA 02205-5024
1-800-637-2304

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INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT (R)

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ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

The Registrant has amended its Code of Ethics to reflect that the Registrant's Principal Financial Officer has changed.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

A schedule of investments of the Registrant is included as part of the report to shareholders of the Registrant under Item 1 of this Form N-CSR.

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

Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

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

Not applicable at this time.

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

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PERIOD	(A) TOTAL NUMBER OF SHARES PURCHASED	(B) AVERAGE PRICE PAID PER SHARE	(C) TOTAL NUMBER OF SHARES PURCHASED AS PART OF PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED PLANS OR PROGRAMS	(D) MAXIMUM (OR APPROXIMATE) DOLLAR VALUE OF SHARES THAT MAY BE PURCHASED UNDER THE PLANS
12/1/04-12/31/04	137,500	\$8.83	137,500	4,680
1/1/05-1/31/05	56,200	\$8.83	56,200	4,630
2/1/05-2/28/05	28,000	\$8.85	28,000	4,600
3/1/05-3/31/05	137,200	\$8.60	137,200	5,590
4/1/05-4/30/05	149,600	\$8.58	149,600	5,440
5/1/05-5/31/05	127,000	\$8.68	127,000	5,310

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Total	635,500	\$8.69	635,500
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Note: The Board of Trustees approves procedures to repurchase shares annually. The notification to shareholders of the program is part of the semi-annual and annual reports sent to shareholders. These annual programs begin on March 1st of each year. The programs conform to the conditions of Rule 10b-18 of the securities Exchange Act of 1934 and limit the aggregate number of shares that may be purchased in each annual period (March 1 through the following February 28) to 10% of the Registrant's outstanding shares as of the first day of the plan year (March 1). The aggregate number of shares available for purchase for the March 1, 2005 plan year are 5,729,124.

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

There were no material changes to the procedures by which shareholders may send recommendations to the Board for nominees to the Registrant's Board since the Registrant last provided disclosure as to such procedures in response to the requirements of Item 7(d)(2)(ii)(G) of Schedule 14A.

ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

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

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

(a) File the exhibits listed below as part of this Form. Letter or number the exhibits in the sequence indicated.

(1) Any code of ethics, or amendment thereto, that is the subject of the disclosure required by Item 2, to the extent that the registrant intends to satisfy the Item 2 requirements through filing of an exhibit: Code of Ethics attached hereto.

(2) A separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2 under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2): Attached hereto. (3) Any written solicitation to purchase securities under Rule 23c-1 under the Act sent or given during the period covered by the report by or on behalf of the Registrant to 10 or more persons. Not applicable.

(b) If the report is filed under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, provide the certifications required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(b)), Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13a-14(b) or 240.15d-14(b)) and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code (18 U.S.C. 1350) as an exhibit. A certification furnished pursuant to this paragraph will not be deemed "filed" for the

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purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78r), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. Such certification will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that the registrant specifically incorporates it by reference: Attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

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

Registrant MFS CHARTER INCOME TRUST

By (Signature and Title)* ROBERT J. MANNING

Robert J. Manning, President

Date: July 25, 2005

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

By (Signature and Title)* ROBERT J. MANNING

Robert J. Manning, President (Principal Executive Officer)

Date: July 25, 2005

By (Signature and Title)* MARIA F. DWYER

Maria F. Dwyer, Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer and Accounting Officer)

Date: July 25, 2005

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