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Fund, Inc.

Annual Report
October 31, 2001

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Invests primarily in fixed-income securities
denominated in the currencies of various
Commonwealth Countries

Letter to Shareholders

December 13, 2001

Dear Shareholder,

We present this Annual Report which covers the activities of Aberdeen Commonwealth Income Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") for the year ended October 31, 2001. Included in this report is a review of the Australian, Canadian, New Zealand, United Kingdom and selected Asian economies and investment markets, together with an overview of the Fund's investments prepared by the Investment Manager, Aberdeen Asset Managers (C.I.) Limited.

High Credit Quality: 87.2% of Securities Rated or Deemed Equivalent to AA/Aa or Better

The Fund's high credit quality has been maintained. Over 87.2% of assets are rated AA/Aa or better, or are considered of equivalent quality by the Investment Manager. An additional 9.1% is held in A rated securities.

Distributions: 9.3% Annual Cash Distribution Rate

Distributions to common shareholders for the year ended October 31, 2001 totaled 84.0 cents per share. Based on the share price of $9.00 on October 31, 2001, the cash distribution rate over the last 12 months was 9.3%. Since all distributions are paid after deducting applicable withholding taxes, the effective distribution rate may be higher for those US investors who are able to claim a tax credit.

On December 11, 2001, the Board of Directors declared a monthly distribution of US 7.0 cents per share payable on January 11, 2002 to all shareholders of record as of December 31, 2001 (ex-dividend date of December 27, 2001). The Fund also announced that the Board intends to reduce the monthly distribution from US 7.0 cents per share to US 6.0 cents per share, beginning with the distribution payable on February 8, 2002 to all shareholders of record as of January 31, 2002 (ex-dividend date January 29, 2002).

Letter to Shareholders (continued)

The Board's policy is to provide investors with a stable monthly distribution out of current income, supplemented by realized capital gains and, to the extent necessary, paid-in capital. It is the Board's intention that the monthly distribution of US 6.0 cents per share be maintained for 12 months, subject to regular review at the Board's quarterly meetings, unless market conditions require an earlier evaluation. The next review is scheduled to take place in March 2002.

Investment Performance: 5.6% Per Annum Return Since Inception

The Fund's total return based on Net Asset Value ("NAV") increased by 7.4% over the year ended October 31, 2001. Since inception, the Fund's total return based on NAV has increased by 5.6% per annum to October 31, 2001. The Fund's market price per share rose 1.4% over the year, from $8.88 on October 31, 2000 to $9.00 on October 31, 2001. The Fund's NAV per share was $9.99 on October 31, 2001, representing a discount to the market price per share of 9.9%, compared with a discount of 12.9% on October 31, 2000.

Implementation of Global Investment Strategy

In March 1999, the Fund's shareholders approved amendments to the Fund's principal investment objective, investment policies and investment restrictions to enable the Fund to invest up to 35% of its total assets in Global Debt Securities. This strategy was proposed to be implemented in two phases. The first phase involved the immediate investment of up to 20% of the Fund's assets in Asian debt markets. On September 3, 2001, the Board of Directors authorized the Investment Manager, in its discretion, to implement the second phase of the global investment strategy. This will now allow the Fund to invest up to 35% of its total assets in Global Debt Securities, with a view to enhancing yield.

Asian Investments: 5.7% of Total Assets Invested in Asian Debt Securities

As of October 31, 2001, 5.7% of the Fund's total assets were held in Asian debt securities, a sector that presents attractive opportunities. The Fund's ability to increase its investment in Asian markets remains constrained by the potential realization of foreign exchange losses from a tax perspective.

Letter to Shareholders (concluded)

For information about the Fund, including weekly updates of share price, NAV, and details of recent distributions, contact Aberdeen Asset Management, Investor Relations, by:

- calling toll free on 1-800-522-5465 or 1-212-968-8800 in the United States,
- emailing to InvestorRelations@aberdeen-asset.com, or
- visiting the website at www.aberdeen-asset.com/usa

For information about the Aberdeen group, visit the Aberdeen website at www.aberdeen-asset.com

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Martin J. Gilbert

Martin J. Gilbert
Chairman

All amounts are U.S. dollars unless otherwise stated.

Your Board's policy is to provide investors with a stable monthly distribution out of current income, supplemented by realized capital gains and, to the extent necessary, paid-in capital.

The Fund is subject to U.S. corporate, tax and securities laws. Under U.S. tax accounting rules, the amount of distributable income for each fiscal period depends on the actual exchange rates during the entire year between the U.S. dollar and the currencies in which Fund assets are denominated and on the aggregate gains and losses realized by the Fund during the entire year.

Therefore the exact amount of distributable income for each fiscal year can only be determined as at the end of the Fund's fiscal year, October 31. However, under the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, the Fund is required to indicate the source of each distribution to shareholders. This estimated distribution composition may vary from month to month because it may be materially impacted by future realized capital gains and losses on securities and fluctuations in the value of the currencies in which Fund assets are denominated.

The distributions for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2001 were comprised of 41% net investment income and 59% return of capital. In January 2002, a Form 1099 DIV will be sent to shareholders, which will state the amount and composition of distributions and provide information with respect to their appropriate tax treatment.

Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan

We invite you to participate in the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan ("the Plan") which allows you to automatically reinvest your distributions in shares of the Fund's common stock at favorable commission rates. Distributions made under the Plan are taxable to the same extent as are cash distributions. The Plan also enables you to make additional cash investments in shares of at least $100 per month. Under this arrangement, the Plan Agent will purchase shares for you on the stock exchange or otherwise on the open market on or about the 15th of each month unless shares of the Fund are trading at a premium, in which case, the Fund will issue additional shares. As a participant in the Plan, you will have the convenience of:

Automatic reinvestment--the Plan Agent will automatically reinvest your distributions, allowing you to gradually grow your holdings in the Fund;

Lower costs--shares purchased on your behalf under the Plan will be at reduced brokerage rates. Brokerage on share purchases is currently 2 cents per share;

Convenience--the Plan Agent will hold your shares in non-certificated form and

will provide a detailed record of your holdings at the end of each distribution period.

To request a brochure containing information on the Plan, together with an authorization form, please contact the Plan Agent, State Street Bank & Trust Company, P.O. Box 8200 Boston, MA 02266 or call toll free on 1-800-426-5523.

Report of the Investment Manager

Share Price Performance

On October 31, 2001, the Fund's market price per share was $9.00, which represented a discount of 9.9% to the NAV of $9.99. At the date of this report, the share price was $8.79 representing a discount of 10.7% to the NAV of $9.84.

Distributions

As noted in the Letter to Shareholders, the Board intends to reduce the Fund's monthly distribution from US 7.0 cents per share to US 6.0 cents per share beginning with the distribution payable on February 8, 2002 to shareholders of record as of January 31, 2002. The Investment Manager continues its efforts to reallocate the portfolio toward higher yielding Global Debt Securities, in addition to fixed income securities denominated in the Commonwealth Currencies. Further, with the expectation for an improving global economy in mid to late 2002, the Investment Manager anticipates improvement in the value of non-U.S. Dollar currencies. Together, these factors may enhance the Fund's net investment income and ability to realize capital gains. There can, however, be no assurance that the Investment Manager's expectations will be met.

Auction Market Preferred Stock (AMPS)

The Fund's $30 million of AMPS continued to be well bid at the weekly auctions. The average interest rate paid was 4.74% over the year ended October 31, 2001, compared with 4.57% for 30-day U.S. commercial paper over the same period. These rates have decreased since the year ended October 31, 2000, due to the lowering of interest rates by the U.S. Federal Reserve over the period, and the current interest rate is approximately 2.50%.

On September 3, 2001 the Board of Directors resolved to amend the Fund's policies with respect to derivatives to enable the Investment Manager to use interest rate swaps to hedge up to one third of the Fund's AMPS liabilities. This gives the Investment Manager the flexibility to lock in historically low U.S. dollar interest rates with respect to up to one third of the Fund's outstanding Auction Market Preferred Stock.

Report of the Investment Manager (concluded)

A significant type of risk associated with interest rate swaps is the risk that the counterparty may default or experience bankruptcy, in which case the Fund would bear the risk of loss of the amount expected to be received under the swap agreement. There can be no assurance that the Fund will have an interest rate swap in place at any given time nor can there be any assurance that, if an interest rate swap is in place, it will be successful in hedging the Fund's interest rate risk with respect to the AMPS.

Over the past year, the impact of AMPS has been slightly positive, largely as a result of the rally in Commonwealth bond yields over the year as the global slowdown developed. In addition, U.S. monetary policy was eased more aggressively than in the Commonwealth countries and global yield curves steepened, opening up a positive yield differential between AMPS funding rates and investment yields. Overall, the outlook over the medium-term for investment markets and the portfolio in respect of these factors is considered by the Manager to be favorable, and therefore AMPS are seen as having the potential to continue to enhance total shareholder returns in the medium term.

Portfolio Composition

Geographic Composition

The table below shows the geographic composition of the Fund's total investments as of October 31, 2001, compared with the previous quarter and twelve months.

TABLE 1: ABERDEEN COMMONWEALTH INCOME FUND, INC.--
GEOGRAPHIC ASSET ALLOCATION

	October 31, 2001 %	July 31, 2001 %	October 31, 2000 %
Australia	24.2	22.1	24.0
Canada	31.2	34.7	35.8
New Zealand	3.8	4.8	3.3
United Kingdom	31.3	29.2	29.4
United States*	3.8	3.7	3.8
Asia	5.7	5.5	3.7
Total Portfolio	100.0	100.0	100.0

* It is the policy of the Investment Manager to maintain a portion of the Fund's investments in U.S. short-term securities to cover distributions and expenses.

Currency Composition

The table below shows the currency composition of the Fund's total investments as of October 31, 2001, compared with the previous quarter and twelve months.

TABLE 2: ABERDEEN COMMONWEALTH INCOME FUND, INC.--
CURRENCY ALLOCATION

	October 31, 2001 %	July 31, 2001 %	October 31, 2000 %
Australian Dollar	24.2	22.1	24.0
Canadian Dollar	31.2	34.7	35.8
New Zealand Dollar	3.8	4.8	3.3
British Pound	31.3	29.2	29.4
United States Dollar*	3.8	3.7	3.8
Asia Currencies	5.7	5.5	3.7

Total Portfolio	100.0	100.0	100.0

* Includes Asian Yankee bond investments.

Portfolio Composition (continued)

Maturity Composition

On October 31, 2001, the average maturity of the Fund's assets was 7.8 years, compared with 8.3 years on October 31, 2000. The Fund's modified duration was 5.0 years on October 31, 2001, compared with 5.1 years on October 31, 2000. The table below shows the maturity composition of the Fund's investments as of October 31, 2001:

TABLE 3: ABERDEEN COMMONWEALTH INCOME FUND, INC.--
MATURITY ANALYSIS

	Less than 1 year %	1--5 years %	5--10 years %	Over 10 years %
Australia	23.3	20.5	43.8	12.4
Canada	24.4	16.7	12.9	46.0
New Zealand	62.2	14.0	23.8	--
United Kingdom	10.3	24.9	26.4	38.4
United States	100.0	--	--	--
Asia	36.9	51.6	11.5	--
Total Portfolio	24.6	21.1	24.6	29.7

Sectoral Composition

The table below shows the sectoral composition of the Fund's total investments as of October 31, 2001:

TABLE 4: ABERDEEN COMMONWEALTH INCOME FUND, INC.--
SECTORAL COMPOSITION

	Sovereign Gov't. Bonds %	Provincial/ State Bonds %	Utilities/ Supranational Bonds %	Corporate Bonds %	Cash or Equivalent %
Australia	9.7	9.1	1.8	2.3	1.3
Canada	20.8	5.5	0.3	0.6	4.0
New Zealand	0.3	--	0.7	0.8	2.0
United Kingdom	22.9	--	3.3	4.4	0.7
United States	--	--	--	--	3.8
Asia	3.8	0.6	0.2	0.1	1.0
Total Portfolio	57.5	15.2	6.3	8.2	12.8

Portfolio Composition (concluded)

Quality of Investments

On October 31, 2001, 87.2% of the Fund's assets were invested in securities where either the issue or the issuer was rated at least "AA" by Standard & Poor's Corporation or "Aa" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or, if unrated, were judged to be of equivalent quality by the Investment Manager. The table below shows the asset quality of the Fund's portfolio as of October 31, 2001.

TABLE 5: ABERDEEN COMMONWEALTH INCOME FUND, INC.--
ASSET QUALITY

	AAA/Aaa %	AA/Aa %	A %	BBB/Baa %	BB/Ba* %
Australia	84.5	15.5	--	--	--
Canada	12.9	77.1	10.0	--	--
New Zealand	53.0	32.2	14.8	--	--
United Kingdom	65.1	19.7	15.2	--	--
United States	100.0	--	--	--	--
Asia	21.7	--	11.6	66.7	--
Total Portfolio	52.0	35.2	9.1	3.7	--

* Below investment grade.

Market Review and Outlook

AUSTRALIA

The benchmark 10-year bond yield fell from 6.19% to 5.23% over the year ended October 31, 2001. Bank bill yields fell over the year, closing at 4.29%. The significant depreciation of the Australian dollar has been the most effective economic response to the slow down in global growth. A weaker Australian dollar directly benefits the export and tourism sectors, those sectors likely to be affected by a softer external environment.

The widening of the differential between Australian and U.S. interest rates has continued through 2001, reaching levels not seen since the mid 1990's. The Investment Manager expects that this should be a key source of support to the Australian currency in the near term, as will the likelihood of stronger growth momentum in the domestic economy relative to the U.S.

The Australian dollar fluctuated over the year, closing at U.S. $0.50 on October 31, 2001.

CANADA

The latest Canadian GDP report saw Canada's output for the first half of 2001 increase by a small 1.2% annualized rate, and output for the second quarter declining to the slowest rate in six years. Ongoing weakness in the U.S. economy, coupled with softening domestic demand, led the Bank of Canada (the "BoC") to cut rates by 25 basis points in August. Following the lead of the U.S.

Federal Reserve (the "Fed"), the BoC continued to cut rates by a further 50 basis points in September, after the terrorist attacks on the U.S. The Investment Manager believes that the weaker U.S. and Canadian economies are now likely to be accompanied by further easings by both the Fed and the BoC.

The Canadian dollar depreciated over the year, closing at U.S. $0.63.

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand growth broadened in 2001, benefiting from the low New Zealand dollar, higher commodity prices and strengthening domestic demand. Looking ahead, New Zealand's growth is expected to slow into the first half of 2002, in line with softer global and Australian activity. The recent terrorist attacks in the U.S. have prompted sharp downward revisions to global growth expectations in 2001 and this has pressured the New Zealand dollar. As with the Australian dollar, this is probably the most effective economic response to the slow down in global growth however, as it will directly benefit the tourism and export sectors that will feel the immediate effects of a softer external environment.

The New Zealand dollar fluctuated marginally over the year, closing at U.S. $0.41.

Market Review and Outlook (concluded)

UNITED KINGDOM

Given a weakening global background, the Bank of England (the "BoE") lowered its forecast for economic growth in September, and sees core inflation falling to 2% early next year, then rising closer to the 2.5% target by the end of next year. The Investment Manager believes that the BoE will maintain an aggressive stance and will continue to ease policy in the current environment of decreasing overseas demand and weak capital markets. UK domestic consumption remains the only bright spot, as evidenced by recent consumer credit data.

The pound has fluctuated against the U.S. dollar over the year, closing at U.S. $1.45.

ASIA

Domestic and Yankee (US$ denominated) bonds

Asian domestic bond yields fell over the year ended October 31, 2001, as many Asian central banks eased interest rates in response to the global economic slowdown. After the attacks in the U.S., Asian domestic yields continued to edge down, as the consensus for deteriorating economic conditions and thus further rate cuts persisted. The yields on U.S. dollar Asian bonds (Yankees) continued to fall over the year ended October 31, 2001, in line with falling U.S. interest rates.

Currencies

The Singapore dollar and Korean Won depreciated against the U.S. dollar over the year, while the Philippine peso and Thai baht remained broadly unchanged. The Malaysian ringgit remained pegged to the U.S. dollar.

Summary of Key Rates

The following table summarizes the movements of key interest rates and currencies over the last three and twelve month periods.

	October 31, 2001	July 31, 2001	October 31, 2000
Australia			
90 day bank bills	4.29%	5.06%	6.43%
10 year bonds	5.23%	6.09%	6.19%
Australian Dollar	$ 0.50	$ 0.51	$ 0.52
Canada			
90 day bank bills	2.35%	4.03%	5.64%
10 year bonds	4.86%	5.66%	5.81%
Canadian Dollar	$ 0.63	$ 0.65	$ 0.66
New Zealand			
90 day bank bills	4.96%	5.81%	6.65%
10 year bonds	6.18%	6.69%	6.69%
NZ Dollar	$ 0.41	$ 0.41	$ 0.39
United Kingdom			
90 day bank bills	4.15%	4.95%	5.87%
10 year bonds	4.53%	5.01%	5.16%
British Pound	$ 1.45	$ 1.43	$ 1.45
South Korea			
90 day bank bills	4.53%	5.23%	7.11%
10 year bonds	6.85%	6.78%	N/A
South Korean Won*	(Won)1290	(Won)1298	(Won)1137
Thailand			
90 day bank bills	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%
10 year bonds	5.55%	6.30%	5.31%
Thai Baht*	(THB)44.7	(THB)45.7	(THB)44.0
Philippines			
90 day bank bills	11.07%	9.78%	18.79%
10 year bonds	17.80%	15.99%	19.27%
Philippines Peso*	(PHP)52	(PHP)54	(PHP)52
Malaysia			
90 day bank bills	2.73%	2.80%	2.93%
10 year bonds	3.30%	4.17%	5.68%
Malaysian Ringgit*	(MYR)3.8	(MYR)3.8	(MYR)3.8
Singapore			
90 day bank bills	0.60%	2.13%	2.40%
10 year bonds	4.14%	4.17%	4.33%
Singapore Dollar*	S$ 1.82	S$ 1.80	S$ 1.76
US$ Yankee Bonds**			
South Korea	5.54%	6.40%	8.13%
Malaysia	6.57%	7.19%	8.03%
Philippines	10.19%	10.15%	12.11%

* These currencies are quoted Asian currency per U.S. dollar. The

Australian, Canadian and New Zealand dollars and the British pound are quoted U.S. dollars per currency.

** Sovereign issues.

Aberdeen Asset Managers (C.I.) Limited
December 2001

Portfolio of Investments

As of October 31, 2001

Principal Amount Local Currency (a) (000)	Description	Value (US$)
LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS--86.1%		
AUSTRALIA--22.7%		
Government Bonds--7.9%		
A$		
	Commonwealth of Australia,	
1,500	12.00%, 11/15/01	759,262
3,000	10.00%, 10/15/02	1,600,162
2,000	9.50%, 8/15/03	1,105,195
1,000	10.00%, 2/15/06	612,943
1,500	6.75%, 11/15/06	829,706
1,000	10.00%, 10/15/07	640,610
3,000	8.75%, 8/15/08	1,844,399
2,500	7.50%, 9/15/09	1,459,240
1,500	6.50%, 5/15/13	831,114
	Total Australian government bonds (cost US$12,479,058)	9,682,631
Semi-Government Bonds--9.0%		
New South Wales--3.9%		
	New South Wales Treasury Corporation,	
2,000	8.00%, 12/01/01	1,011,864
1,500	7.00%, 4/01/04	801,897
4,200	7.00%, 12/01/10	2,358,379
	First Australian National Mortgage Acceptance Corporation, Series 22,	
1,288	11.40%, 12/15/01	654,911
		4,827,051
Queensland--1.9%		
	Queensland Treasury Corporation,	
2,000	8.00%, 5/14/03 (Global)	1,068,036
1,000	8.00%, 9/14/07 (Global)	580,519
1,250	6.00%, 6/14/21	652,114

		2,300,669
Victoria--1.5%		
	State Electricity Commission of Victoria,	
535	10.50%, 5/27/03	294,422
	Treasury Corporation of Victoria,	
1,000	9.00%, 6/27/05	572,695
1,500	10.25%, 11/15/06	904,094
		1,771,211
Western Australia--1.7%		
	Western Australia Treasury Corporation,	
3,500	8.00%, 6/15/13	2,122,181
	Total Australian semi-government bonds (cost US$13,180,192)	11,021,112
Supranational--2.6%		
	Eurofima,	
3,500	9.875%, 1/17/07	2,156,053
	Federal National Mortgage Association, Series EMTN,	
2,000	6.375%, 8/15/07	1,071,576
	Total Australian dollar supernational bonds (cost US$3,221,689)	3,227,629
Utilities--0.9%		
	Telstra Corp.,	
2,000	11.50%, 10/15/02	1,077,209
	Total Australian utility bonds (cost US$1,745,314)	1,077,209

Portfolio of Investments (continued)

As of October 31, 2001

Principal Amount Local Currency (a) (000)	Description	Value (US$)
Banking and Finance--0.2%		
A$		
	ING Mercantile Mutual Bank Ltd.,	

500	7.125%, 3/13/02	254,381
	Total Australian banking and finance bonds (cost US$379,514)	254,381
Corporate Non-Banks--2.1%		
	Brisbane Airport Corporation, Ltd.,	
4,000	7.30%, 6/30/10	2,185,342
	GE Capital Australia,	
600	6.75%, 9/15/07	325,353
	Total Australian corporate non-bank bonds (cost US$2,507,134)	2,510,695
	Total Australian long-term investments (cost US$33,512,901)	27,773,657
CANADA--26.9%		
Government Bonds--20.6%		
C$		
	Canadian Government,	
6,000	8.50%, 4/01/02	3,877,764
5,000	5.25%, 9/01/03	3,286,745
2,500	7.25%, 6/01/07	1,801,242
2,000	5.50%, 6/01/09	1,322,249
1,000	10.75%, 10/01/09	873,824
3,000	10.25%, 3/15/14	2,784,199
4,000	8.00%, 6/01/23	3,333,241
8,000	9.00%, 6/01/25	7,398,412
	Canada (Cayman),	
750	7.25%, 6/01/08	535,354
	Total Canadian government bonds (cost US$27,436,077)	25,213,030
Semi-Government Bonds--5.4%		
British Columbia--1.3%		
	Province of British Columbia,	
2,000	9.50%, 1/09/12	1,662,738
Ontario--0.9%		
	Ontario Hydro,	
500	8.50%, 5/26/25	413,639
	Province of Ontario,	
1,000	8.75%, 4/22/03	684,262
		1,097,901
Quebec--2.8%		
	Quebec Hydro,	
1,500	7.00%, 6/01/04	1,029,143
1,000	2.512%, 1/28/05 (b)	635,056

2,000	9.625%, 7/15/22	1,757,343
		3,421,542
Toronto--0.4%		
	Metropolitan Municipality of Toronto,	
750	9.625%, 5/14/02	489,951
	Total Canadian semi-government bonds (cost US$7,117,360)	6,672,132
Utilities--0.3%		
	Bell Telephone Company of Canada,	
500	10.50%, 7/15/09	334,791
	Total Canadian utility bonds (cost US$433,599)	334,791

Portfolio of Investments (continued)

As of October 31, 2001

Principal Amount Local Currency (a) (000)	Description	Value (US$)
Banking and Finance--0.6%		
C$		
1,000	Credit Local de France, 6.75%, 3/21/06	688,619
	Total Canadian banking and finance bonds (cost US$709,119)	688,619
	Total Canadian long-term investments (cost US$35,696,155)	32,908,572
MALAYSIA--0.6%		
Semi-Government Bonds--0.6%		
MYR		
3,100	Danamodal Nasional Berhad, 0.00%, 10/21/03	770,513
	Total Malaysia long-term investments	

	(cost US$740,333)	770,513

NEW ZEALAND--1.8%
Government Bonds--0.3%

NZ$		
1,000	Canadian Government, 6.625%, 10/03/07	424,500
	Total New Zealand government bonds (cost US$557,544)	424,500

Utilities--0.7%

1,000	Electricity Corporation of New Zealand Ltd., 8.00%, 2/15/03	428,466
1,000	TCNZ Finance Limited, 9.25%, 7/01/02	422,412
	Total New Zealand utility bonds (cost US$1,189,893)	850,878

Banking and Finance--0.2%

500	Transpower Finance Ltd., 8.00%, 6/15/05	221,378
	Total New Zealand banking and finance bonds (cost US$348,382)	221,378

Corporate Non-Banks--0.6%

1,500	Housing New Zealand, 8.00%, 11/15/06	674,999
	Total New Zealand corporate non-bank bonds (cost US$806,899)	674,999
	Total New Zealand long-term investments (cost US$2,902,718)	2,171,755

Portfolio of Investments (continued)

As of October 31, 2001

Principal Amount Local Currency (a) (000)	Description	Value (US$)

PHILIPPINES--0.1%		
Government Bonds--0.1%		
PHP		
	Philippine Government,	
7,000	16.50%, 2/25/09	130,389
	Total Philippine long-term investments (cost US$204,198)	130,389
SINGAPORE--0.5%		
Government Bonds--0.4%		
SG$		
	Singapore Government,	
100	3.00%, 11/01/02	55,896
540	4.00%, 2/01/05	316,132
50	4.00%, 3/01/07	29,678
70	4.625%, 7/01/10	43,515
	Total Singapore government bonds (cost US$444,966)	445,221
Utilities--0.1%		
	Singapore Power,	
250	4.60%, 9/21/07	150,979
	Total Singapore corporate non-bank bonds (cost US$144,047)	150,979
	Total Singapore long-term investments (cost US$589,013)	596,200
SOUTH KOREA--3.0%		
Government Bonds--1.3%		
US$		
	EMBARC Ltd. Linked Note Series 1-9,	
2,000	5.660%, 8/18/03 (b)(c)	1,640,920
Government Banks--1.7%		
	EMBARC Ltd. Linked Note Series 1-7,	
2,600	5.044%, 6/28/02 (b)(d)	2,052,102
	Total Korean long-term investments (cost US$4,257,612)	3,693,022
THAILAND--0.5%		
Government Bonds--0.3%		
THB		
	Thailand Government,	

5,000	6.125%, 4/12/02 (e)	113,554
550	8.25%, 10/14/03 (e)	13,534
12,000	8.00%, 12/08/06 (e)	313,391
	Total Thailand government bonds (cost US$491,869)	440,479
Utilities--0.1%		
	Eastern Water Resources Development and Management Company Limited,	
4,000	9.00%, 7/22/04 (e)	98,423
	Total Thailand utility bonds (cost US$102,863)	98,423

Portfolio of Investments (continued)

As of October 31, 2001

Principal Amount Local Currency (a) (000)	Description	Value (US$)
Corporate Non-Banks--0.1%		
THB		
	Advanced Info Service Public Company Limited,	
5,200	6.50%, 3/20/03 (e)	119,579
	Total Thailand corporate non-bank bonds (cost US$137,821)	119,579
	Total Thailand long-term investments (cost US$732,553)	658,481
UNITED KINGDOM--30.0%		
Government Bonds--22.6%		
(pound)		
	United Kingdom Treasury,	
1,000	7.00%, 11/06/01	1,454,786
1,500	8.00%, 6/10/03	2,312,263
500	5.00%, 6/07/04	740,136
1,250	8.50%, 12/07/05	2,087,830
1,100	7.50%, 12/07/06	1,811,467
500	5.75%, 12/07/09	783,940
1,500	8.00%, 9/27/13	2,858,821
600	8.00%, 12/07/15	1,180,392
3,000	8.00%, 6/07/21	6,328,770

2,350	6.00%, 12/07/28	4,259,484
	Republic of Finland,	
1,000	8.00%, 4/07/03	1,522,611
1,250	10.125%, 6/22/08	2,306,413
	Total United Kingdom government bonds (cost US$29,697,591)	27,646,913
Utilities--3.1%		
	British Gas PLC,	
1,400	8.875%, 7/08/08	2,397,904
	Thames Water Utilities Finance PLC,	
1,000	10.50%, 11/21/01	1,458,189
	Total United Kingdom utility bonds (cost US$4,037,929)	3,856,093
Banking and Finance--4.3%		
	Abbey National Treasury Services PLC,	
1,250	8.00%, 4/02/03	1,900,507
	Barclays Bank PLC,	
1,000	9.875%, 5/29/49	1,776,791
	Lloyds Bank PLC,	
500	7.375%, 3/11/04	764,643
	Prudential Finance B.V.,	
500	9.375%, 6/04/07	855,174
	Total United Kingdom banking and finance bonds (cost US$5,061,377)	5,297,115
	Total United Kingdom long-term investments (cost US$38,796,897)	36,800,121
	Total long-term investments (cost US$117,432,380)	105,502,710

Portfolio of Investments (concluded)

As of October 31, 2001

Principal Amount Local Currency (a) (000)	Description	Value (US$)
SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS--11.9%		

Australia--1.2%		
A$		
2,895	Banque Nationale de Paris Fixed Deposit, 4.25%, 11/01/01 (cost US$1,460,669)	1,460,669
Canada--4.1%		
C$		
7,891	State Street Bank and Trust Company Time Deposit, 2.40%, 11/07/01 (cost US$4,999,367)	4,973,528
New Zealand--2.1%		
NZ$		
6,075	State Street Bank and Trust Company Time Deposit, 4.40%, 11/07/01 (cost US$2,524,770)	2,508,368
United Kingdom--0.7%		
(pound)		
610	State Street Bank and Trust Company Fixed Deposit, 4.00%, 11/07/01 (cost US$887,123)	887,123
United States--3.8%		
US$		
4,710	Repurchase Agreement, State Street Bank and Trust Company, 2.48% dated 10/31/01, due 11/01/01 in the amount of $4,710,324 (collateralized by $3,375,000 U.S. Treasury Bonds, 8.875% due 8/15/17; value $4,818,258) (cost US$4,710,000)	4,710,000
	Total short-term investments (cost US$14,581,929)	14,539,688
Total Investments--98.0% (cost US$132,014,309)		120,042,398
Unrealized depreciation on forward foreign currency exchange contracts--0.0% (f)		(1,037)
Other assets in excess of liabilities--2.0%		2,497,796
Total Net Assets--100.0%		$122,539,157

(a) Portfolio securities are listed based on currency in which they are traded;

A$--Australian dollar
C$--Canadian dollar
MYR--Malaysian Ringgit
NZ$--New Zealand dollar
PHP--Philippine peso
SG$--Singapore dollar
THB--Thailand Baht
(pound)--British pound
US$--United States dollar

(b) Coupon changes periodically upon a predetermined schedule. Stated interest rate in effect at October 31, 2001.

(c) Value of security is linked to the value of Government of Korea 7.70%, 8/16/03 and the movement of the South Korean Won.

(d) Value of security is linked to the value of Korea Development Bank 7.01%, 6/26/02 and the movement of the South Korean Won.

(e) Securities, or a portion thereof, pledged as collateral for the forward currency exchange contracts.

(f) Forward foreign currency exchange contracts entered into as of October 31, 2001 were as follows:

Purchases

Contracts to Receive	In exchange for	Settlement Date	Value	Net Unrealized Depreciation
PHP 18,419,800	US$ 350,000	12/24/01	US$ 348,963	$(1,037)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

October 31, 2001

Assets	
Investments, at value (cost $132,014,309)	$ 120,042,3
Foreign currency, at value (cost $1,015,464)	1,002,8
Cash	8
Interest receivable	2,385,7
Prepaid expenses and other assets	42,2
Total assets	123,474,0
Liabilities	
Dividends and distributions payable--common stock	648,6
Investment management fee payable	71,6
Administration fee payable	22,0
Dividends payable--preferred stock	15,8

Net unrealized depreciation on forward foreign exchange contracts	1,0
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	175,6
Total liabilities	934,8
Total Net Assets	$ 122,539,1
Total net assets were composed of:	
Common stock:	
Par value ($.001 per share, applicable to 9,266,209 shares issued)	$ 9,2
Paid-in capital in excess of par	122,910,7
Preferred stock ($.001 par value per share and $25,000 liquidation value per share applicable to 1,200 shares)	30,000,0
	152,919,9
Distributions in excess of investment income	(664,5
Accumulated net realized losses on investment transactions	(448,6
Net unrealized appreciation on investments	706,4
Accumulated net realized foreign exchange losses	(17,273,5
Net unrealized foreign exchange losses	(12,700,5
Total Net Assets	$ 122,539,1
Net assets applicable to common shareholders	$ 92,539,1
Net asset value per common share ($92,539,157/9,266,209 shares of common stock issued and outstanding)	$ 9.

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Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended October 31, 2001

Net Investment Income	
Income	
Interest and discount earned (net of foreign withholding taxes of $170,270)	$ 8,548,71
Expenses	
Investment management fee	807,87
Administration fee	248,57
Directors' fees and expenses	155,14
Reports to shareholders	132,67
Independent accountant's fees and expenses	112,03
Legal fees and expenses	115,53
Custodian's fees and expenses	98,58
Insurance expense	79,45
Auction agent's fees and expenses	79,32
Investor Relations fees and expenses	73,56
Registration fees	23,52
Transfer agent's fees and expenses	19,21
Miscellaneous	39,21
Total operating expenses	1,984,72
Net investment income	6,563,99

Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments and Foreign Currencies	
Net realized losses on investment transactions	(420,17
Net realized foreign exchange losses	(4,541,81
	(4,961,98
Net change in unrealized appreciation of investments	3,076,21
Net change in unrealized foreign exchange losses	2,579,21
	5,655,42
Net gain on investments and foreign currencies	693,43
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	$ 7,257,42

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended October 31, 2001

Increase (Decrease) in Cash (Including Foreign Currency)	
Cash flows provided from operating activities	
Interest received	$ 8,582,225
Operating expenses paid	(2,036,684
Purchases of short-term portfolio investments, net	(2,797,317
Purchases of long-term portfolio investments	(23,504,577
Proceeds from sales of long-term portfolio investments	29,790,107
Other	20,212
Net cash provided from operating activities	10,053,966
Cash flows used for financing activities	
Dividends paid to common shareholders	(7,782,866
Dividends paid to preferred shareholders	(1,413,792
Net cash used for financing activities	(9,196,658
Effect of exchange rate on cash	(237,651
Net increase in cash	619,657
Cash at beginning of year	383,949
Cash at end of year	$ 1,003,606
Reconciliation of Net Increase in Net Assets from Operations to Net Cash (Including Foreign Currency) Provided from Operating Activities	
Net increase in total net assets resulting from operations	$ 7,257,426
Decrease in investments	2,992,080
Net realized losses on investments	420,172
Net realized foreign exchange losses	4,541,817
Increase in unrealized depreciation on forward foreign exchange contracts	3,562

Net change in unrealized appreciation on investments	(3,076,210
Net change in unrealized foreign exchange losses	(2,579,210
Decrease in interest receivable	414,550
Decrease in receivable for investments sold	5,068,180
Net decrease in other assets	20,212
Decrease in payable for investments purchased	(4,956,649
Decrease in accrued expenses and other liabilities	(51,964
Total adjustments	2,796,540
Net cash provided from operating activities	$ 10,053,966

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	For the Ye Ended Octobe 2001
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	
Operations	
Net investment income	$ 6,563,995
Net realized gains (losses) on investment transactions	(420,172)
Net realized gains on futures transactions	--
Net realized foreign exchange losses	(4,541,817)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments	3,076,210
Net change in unrealized foreign exchange losses	2,579,210
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	7,257,426
Dividends and distributions to shareholders	
Dividends to common shareholders from net investment income	(3,178,810)
Dividends to preferred shareholders from net investment income	(1,429,668)
Tax return of capital	(4,604,057)
Distributions to common shareholders from net realized gains on investment transactions	--
Distributions to preferred shareholders from net realized gains on investment transactions	--
Net decrease in net assets resulting from dividends and distributions to shareholders	(9,212,535)
Total decrease in net assets	(1,955,109)
Total Net Assets	
Beginning of year	124,494,266
End of year (including distributions in excess of net investment income of ($664,511) and ($684,022), respectively)	$ 122,539,157

Financial Highlights

	For the Year Ended Octob		
	2001	2000	1999
Per Share Operating Performance:			
Net asset value per common share, beginning of year	$ 10.20	$ 12.14	$ 13.07
Net investment income	0.71	0.81	0.87
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments and foreign currencies	0.07	(1.68)	(0.70)
Total from investment operations	0.78	(0.87)	0.17
Dividends from net investment income to common shareholders	(0.34)	(0.71)	(0.62)
Dividends from net investment income to preferred shareholders	(0.15)	(0.16)	(0.11)
Tax return of capital	(0.50)	--	--
Distributions from net realized gains on investment transactions to common shareholders	--	(0.16)	(0.33)
Distributions from net realized gains on investment transactions to preferred shareholders	--	(0.04)	(0.04)
Total dividends and distributions	(0.99)	(1.07)	(1.10)
Net asset value per common share, end of year	$ 9.99	$ 10.20	$ 12.14
Market value, end of year	$ 9.00	$ 8.8750	$ 10.375
Number of shares of common stock outstanding (000 omitted)	9,266	9,266	9,266
Total investment return based on:(1)			
Market value	11.20%	(6.11)%	4.89%
Net asset value	7.40%	(7.78)%	1.53%
Ratio to Average Net Assets of Common Shareholders(2)/Supplementary Data:			
Net assets of common shareholders, end of period (000 omitted)	$ 92,539	$ 94,494	$ 112,504
Average net assets of common shareholders (000 omitted)	93,987	105,657	119,257
Operating expenses	2.11%	2.02%	1.95%
Net investment income available to common shareholders(2)	5.46%	5.39%	5.53%
Portfolio turnover	17%	29%	40%
Senior securities (preferred stock) outstanding (000 omitted)	$ 30,000	$ 30,000	$ 30,000
Asset coverage on preferred stock at year end	408%	415%	475%

(1) Total investment return is calculated assuming a purchase of common stock on the opening of the first day and a sale on the closing of the last day of each period reported. Dividends and distributions, if any, are assumed for the purposes of this calculation to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan. Total investment return does not reflect brokerage commissions. Generally, total investment return based on net asset value will be higher than total investment return based on market value in years where there is an increase in the discount or a decrease in the premium of the market value to the net asset value from the beginning to the end of such years. Conversely, total investment return based on net asset value will be lower than total investment return based on market value in periods where there is a decrease in the discount or an increase in the premium of the market value to the net asset value from the beginning to the end of such years.

(2) Ratios are calculated on the basis of income and expenses applicable to both the common and preferred shares relative to the average net assets of common shareholders. Ratio of net investment income before preferred stock dividends to average net assets of common shareholders is 6.98%, 7.12%, 6.76%, 7.50% and 8.10%, respectively.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Investment Objectives

Aberdeen Commonwealth Income Fund, Inc. (formerly known as The First Commonwealth Fund, Inc.) (the "Fund") was incorporated in Maryland on June 28, 1991, as a closed-end, non-diversified investment company.

The Fund's principal investment objective is to provide high current income by investing primarily in fixed-income securities denominated in Commonwealth Currencies. As a secondary investment objective, the Fund seeks capital appreciation, but only when consistent with its principal investment objective. The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective through investment in securities denominated in the Commonwealth Currencies and in Global Debt Securities. The ability of issuers of debt securities held by the Fund to meet their obligations may be affected by economic developments in a specific industry, country or region.

Note 2. Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements.

Basis of Presentation: The financial statements of the Fund are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America using the United States dollar as both the functional and reporting currency. However, the Commonwealth Currencies (excluding New Zealand) are the functional currencies for Federal tax purposes (see Taxes below).

Foreign Currency Translation: Foreign currency amounts are translated into United States dollars on the following basis:

(i) market value of investment securities, other assets and liabilities--at the closing rates of exchange as reported by a major bank;

(ii) purchases and sales of investment securities, income and expenses--at the rates of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions.

The Fund isolates that portion of the results of operations arising as a result of changes in the foreign exchange rates from the fluctuations arising from changes in the market prices of the securities held at fiscal period end. Similarly, the Fund isolates the effect of changes in foreign exchange rates from the fluctuations arising from changes in the market prices of portfolio securities sold during the fiscal year.

Net realized foreign exchange losses includes realized foreign exchange gains and losses from sales and maturities of portfolio securities, sales of foreign currencies, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions and the difference between the amounts of interest, discount and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Fund's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign exchange gains include changes in the value of portfolio securities and other assets and liabilities arising as a result of changes in the exchange rate. Accumulated realized and unrealized foreign exchange losses shown in the composition of net assets represent foreign exchange losses for book purposes that have not yet been recognized for tax purposes.

Foreign security and currency transactions may involve certain considerations and risks not typically associated with those of domestic origin, including unanticipated movements in the value of the foreign currency relative to the US dollar.

The exchange rates of the Commonwealth Currencies utilized by the Fund at October 31, 2001 were US$0.50 to A$1.00, US$0.63 to C$1.00, US$0.41 to NZ$1.00, US$1.45 to (pound)1.00.

Security Valuation: Investments are stated at value. Investments for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the last trade price on or within one local business day of the date of determination as obtained from a pricing source. If no such trade price is available, such investments are valued at the quoted bid price or the mean between the quoted bid and asked price on the date of determination as obtained from a pricing source. Securities for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value in good faith using methods determined by or under the direction of the Fund's Board of Directors.

Securities purchased with a maturity of less than 60 days are valued at amortized cost. Securities purchased with a maturity of greater than 60 days are valued at current market quotations until the 60th day prior to maturity. At that time, the value of the security on the 61st day prior to maturity is amortized on a straight-line basis to value the security for the remaining 60 days.

Repurchase Agreements: In connection with transactions in repurchase agreements with US financial institutions, it is the Fund's policy that its custodian/counterparty segregates the underlying collateral securities, the value of which exceeds the principal amount of the repurchase transaction,

including accrued interest. To the extent that any repurchase transaction exceeds one business day, the collateral is valued on a daily basis to determine its adequacy. If the seller defaults and the value of the collateral declines or if bankruptcy proceedings are commenced with respect to the seller of the security, realization of the collateral by the Fund may be delayed or limited.

Securities Transactions and Investment Income: Securities transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized and unrealized gains and losses from security and currency transactions are calculated on the identified cost basis. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Discounts on securities purchased are accreted on an effective yield basis over the estimated lives of the respective securities. Expenses are accrued on a daily basis.

In November 2000, a revised AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide, Audits of Investment Companies, was issued, and is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2000. The revised Guide will require the Fund to amortize premium on all fixed-income securities. Upon initial adoption, the Fund will be required to adjust the cost of its fixed-income securities by the cumulative amount of amortization that would have been recognized had amortization been in effect from the purchase date of each holding. Adopting this accounting principle will not affect the Fund's net asset value, but will change the classification of certain amounts between interest income and realized and unrealized gain/loss in the Statement of Operations. The initial adjustment required upon adoption of premium and discount amortization will decrease the recorded costs of its investments (but not their market value) by $3,549,925. Additionally, had this principle been in effect during the year ended October 31, 2001, the Fund estimates that net investment income would have decreased by approximately $0.11 per share (1.1% of net assets) and realized and unrealized gain (loss) per share would have increased (decreased) by the same amount. Because the Fund determines its required

distributions under Federal income tax laws, adoption of this principle will not affect the amount or composition of distributions paid to shareholders.

Derivative Financial Instruments: The Fund is authorized to use derivatives to manage both currency and interest rate risk for global debt securities. With respect to investments denominated in Commonwealth currencies, derivatives can only be used to manage interest rate risk. Losses may arise due to changes in the value of the contract if the counterparty does not perform under the contract.

Forward Currency Contracts: A forward currency contract involves an obligation to purchase and sell a specific currency at a future date, which may be any fixed number of days from the date of the contract agreed upon by the parties, at a price set at the time of the contract. The foreign currency contract is marked-to-market daily and the change in market value is recorded by the Fund as an unrealized gain or loss. When the forward currency contract is closed, the Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed.

Financial futures contracts: A futures contract is an agreement between two parties to buy and sell a security for a set price on a future date. Upon entering into a contract, the Fund deposits and maintains as collateral such initial margin as required by the exchange on which the transaction is effected. Pursuant to the contract, the Fund agrees to receive from or pay to the broker an amount of cash equal to the daily fluctuation in the value of the contract.

Such receipts or payments are known as variation margin and are recorded by the Fund as unrealized gains or losses. When the contract is closed, the Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed. As of October 31, 2001, there were no open futures contracts.

Options: When the fund writes an option, an amount equal to the premium received by the Fund is reflected as an asset and an equivalent liability. The amount of the liability is subsequently marked to market to reflect the current market value of the option written. When a security is purchased or sold through an exercise of an option, the related

premium paid (or received) is added to (or deducted from) the basis of the security acquired or deducted from (or added to) the proceeds of the security sold. When an option expires (or the Fund enters into a closing transaction), the Fund realizes a gain or loss on the option to the extent of the premiums received or paid (or gain or loss to the extent the cost of the closing transaction exceeds the premium paid or received). As of October 31, 2001, there were no open option contracts.

Dividends: Dividends and distributions to common shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. These are based upon net investment income, capital and currency gains and, to the extent necessary, return of capital. This is determined in accordance with income tax regulations which may differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These differences are primarily due to differing treatments for foreign currencies and loss deferrals. Dividends and distributions to preferred shareholders are accrued on a daily basis and are determined as described in Note 5.

Reclassification of Capital Accounts: The Fund accounts and reports for distributions to shareholders in accordance with AICPA Statement of Position 93-2 Determination, Disclosure, and Financial Statement Presentation of Income, Capital Gain, and Return of Capital Distributions by Investment Companies. For the year ended October 31, 2001, the Fund decreased distributions in excess of net investment income by $2,668,051, increased accumulated net realized losses on investments by $342,342 and decreased accumulated net realized foreign exchange losses by $2,417,202, resulting in a decrease to paid-in capital in excess of par by $4,742,911. Net investment income, net realized losses on investments and net assets were not affected by this change.

Taxes: For Federal income and excise tax purposes, substantially all of the Fund's transactions are accounted for using the functional currencies. Accordingly, only realized currency gains and losses resulting from the repatriation of any of the Commonwealth Currencies into US dollars or another Commonwealth Currency and realized currency gains and losses on non-Commonwealth currencies are recognized for tax purposes.

No provision has been made for United States of America Federal income taxes because it is the Fund's policy to meet the requirements of the United States of America Internal Revenue Code applicable

to regulated investment companies and to distribute substantially all of its taxable income to shareholders. Under the applicable foreign tax law, a withholding tax may be imposed on interest and discounts earned at various rates.

Cash Flow Information: The Fund invests in securities and distributes dividends from net investment income and net realized gains on investment and currency transactions which are paid in cash or are reinvested at the discretion of shareholders. These activities are reported in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets and additional information on cash receipts and cash payments is presented in the Statement of Cash Flows. Cash includes domestic and foreign currency.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 3. Agreements

The Fund has agreements with Aberdeen Asset Managers (C.I.) Limited (formerly known as EquitiLink International Management Limited) (the "Investment Manager"), Aberdeen Asset Management Limited (formerly known as EquitiLink Australia Limited) (the "Investment Adviser"), and Princeton Administrators, L.P. (the "Administrator"). The Investment Manager and the Investment Adviser are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management Plc. The Investment Manager has entered into an agreement with CIBC World Markets, Inc. (the "Consultant").

The Investment Manager makes investment decisions on behalf of the Fund on the basis of recommendations and information furnished to it by the Investment Adviser and the Consultant, including the selection of and the placement of orders with brokers and dealers to execute portfolio transactions on behalf of the Fund.

The management agreement provides the Investment Manager with a fee, computed weekly and payable monthly, at the following annual rates: 0.65% of the Fund's average weekly net assets up to $200 million, 0.60% of such assets between $200 million and $500 million and 0.55% of such assets in excess of $500 million. The administration agreement provides the Administrator with a fee computed and payable monthly at the annual rate of 0.20% of the Fund's

average weekly net assets, subject to a minimum annual payment of $150,000 ($12,500 per month). The Investment Manager pays fees to the Investment Adviser and the Consultant for their services rendered.

The Investment Manager informed the Fund that it paid $306,388 to the Investment Adviser and $12,000 to the Consultant during the year ended October 31, 2001.

Effective March 1, 2000, the Fund entered into an agreement with EquitiLink USA, Inc. (doing business under the name Aberdeen Asset Management ("AAM")), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aberdeen Asset Managers (C.I.) Limited, to provide investor relations services. This agreement provides AAM with a monthly retainer of $4,000 plus out of pocket expenses. For the year ended October 31, 2001, the

Fund paid AAM $55,747.

Note 4. Portfolio Securities

Purchases and sales of investment securities, other than short-term investments, for the year ended October 31, 2001 aggregated $18,547,928 and $24,718,365, respectively.

The United States of America federal income tax basis of the Fund's investments at October 31, 2001 was $119,355,870 and accordingly, net unrealized appreciation for United States federal income tax purposes was $686,528 (gross unrealized appreciation--$3,078,234, gross unrealized depreciation--$2,391,706.)

For federal income tax purposes, the Fund had a capital loss carryforward as of October 31, 2001 of approximately $428,662 which expires in 2009. Accordingly, no capital gains distributions are expected to be paid to shareholders until future net gains have been realized in excess of such carryforward.

Note 5. Capital

There are 300 million shares of $.001 par value common stock authorized and 9,266,209 shares outstanding at October 31, 2001.

On March 1, 2001, the Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program. The stock repurchase program allows the Fund to repurchase up to 10% of its outstanding common stock in the open market during any 12-month period, if and when the discount to net asset value is at least 10%. Through October 31, 2001,

there have been no share repurchases through this program.

There are 100 million shares of $.001 par value of Auction Market Preferred Stock ("Preferred Stock") authorized. The preferred shares have rights as determined by the Board of Directors. The 1,200 shares of Preferred Stock outstanding consist of one series, W-7. The Preferred Stock has a liquidation value of $25,000 per share plus any accumulated but unpaid dividends whether or not declared.

Dividends on the Preferred Stock are cumulative at a rate typically reset every seven days based on the results of an auction. Dividend rates ranged from 2.760% to 6.634% during the year ended October 31, 2001. Under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Fund may not declare dividends or make other distributions on shares of common stock or purchase any such shares if, at the time of the declaration, distribution or purchase, asset coverage with respect to the outstanding Preferred Stock would be less than 200%.

The Preferred Stock is redeemable at the option of the Fund, in whole or in part, on any dividend payment date at $25,000 per share plus any accumulated but unpaid dividends. The Preferred Stock is also subject to mandatory redemption at $25,000 per share plus any accumulated but unpaid dividends, whether or not declared, if certain requirements relating to the composition of the assets and liabilities of the Fund as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation are not satisfied.

The holders of Preferred Stock have voting rights equal to the holders of common stock (one vote per share) and will vote together with holders of shares of common stock as a single class. However, holders of Preferred Stock are also

entitled to elect two of the Fund's directors.

Note 6. Subsequent Dividends

Subsequent to October 31, 2001, the Board of Directors of the Fund declared a distribution of $ 0.07 per common share payable on December 14, 2001 to common shareholders of record on November 30, 2001.

Subsequent to October 31, 2001, dividends and distributions declared and paid on preferred shares totaled approximately $86,112 for the outstanding preferred share series through December 13, 2001.

Report of Independent Accountants

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of
Aberdeen Commonwealth Income Fund, Inc.

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the portfolio of investments, and the related statements of operations, of cash flows and of changes in net assets and the financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Aberdeen Commonwealth Income Fund, Inc. (the "Fund," formerly known as The First Commonwealth Fund, Inc.) at October 31, 2001, the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements and financial highlights (hereafter referred to as "financial statements") are the responsibility of the Fund's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits, which included confirmation of securities at October 31, 2001 by correspondence with the custodian and brokers, provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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December 13, 2001

Federal Tax Information: Dividends and Distributions

Common Shareholders:

Of the monthly cash distributions paid by the Fund during the taxable year ended October 31, 2001, 39.03% represents income from foreign sources. Additionally, 1.42% of the monthly cash distributions is attributable to foreign withholding taxes.

Preferred Shareholders:

Of the ordinary income distributions paid by the Fund during the taxable year ended October 31, 2001, 94.99% represents income from foreign sources. Additionally, 4.81% of the ordinary income distributions is attributable to foreign withholding taxes.

The foreign taxes paid or withheld represent taxes incurred by the Fund on interest received from foreign sources. Foreign taxes paid or withheld should be included as foreign source taxable income with an offsetting deduction from gross income or as a credit for taxes paid to foreign governments. You should consult your tax advisor regarding the appropriate treatment of foreign taxes paid.

ABERDEEN COMMONWEALTH INCOME FUND, INC.

Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan

Common shareholders are automatically enrolled in the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan (the "Plan"). Under the Plan, all distributions of dividends and capital gains, net of any applicable withholding tax, will automatically be reinvested by State Street Bank and Trust (the "Plan Agent") in additional shares of common stock of the Fund unless an election is made to receive distributions in cash. Generally, shareholders who do not participate in the Plan will receive all distributions in cash paid by check in United States dollars mailed directly to the shareholders of record (or if the shares are held in street or other nominee name, then to the nominee) by the Plan Agent. A shareholder whose shares are held by a broker or nominee that does not provide a dividend reinvestment program may be required to have his shares registered in his own name to participate in the Plan.

The Plan Agent serves as agent for the shareholders in administering the Plan. Dividends and capital gains distributions payable to Plan participants will be promptly invested. If the Fund declares a dividend or capital gain distribution payable in stock to shareholders who are not Plan participants, then Plan participants will receive that dividend or distribution in newly-issued shares on identical terms and conditions.

In every other case, Plan participants will receive shares on the following basis: If, on payable date, the market price of the Fund's common stock plus any brokerage commission is equal to or exceeds net asset value per share, Plan participants will receive newly-issued shares of the Fund valued at the greater of net asset value per share or 95% of the then current market price. If, on the other hand, the net asset value per share plus any brokerage commissions exceed the market price at such time, the Plan Agent will buy shares of common stock in the open market. If the market price plus any applicable brokerage commission exceeds the net asset value per share as last determined before the Plan Agent has completed its purchases, the Plan Agent will suspend making open market purchases and shall invest the balance available in newly-issued shares valued at the greater of net asset value per share as last so determined or 95% of the then current market value.

There is no charge to participants for reinvesting dividends and capital gain distributions, except for certain brokerage commissions, as described below. The Plan Agent's fees for the handling of the reinvestment of dividends and distributions are paid by the Fund. There will be no brokerage commissions charged with respect to shares issued directly

Dividend Reinvestment and
Cash Purchase Plan (concluded)

by the Fund. However, each participant pays a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to the Plan Agent's open market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of dividends and distributions. The automatic reinvestment of dividends and distributions does not relieve participants of any federal income tax that may be payable on such dividends and distributions.

The Plan also allows participants to make voluntary cash investments by sending additional funds to the Plan Agent in any amount of at least $100 for the purchase of shares on the open market. Voluntary payments will be invested on or shortly after the 15th of the month, and in no event more than 45 days after such date except where temporary curtailment or suspension of purchases is necessary to comply with applicable provisions of federal securities law. Cash investments may be commingled with the funds of other shareholders of the Fund held by the Plan Agent and the average price (including brokerage commissions) of all shares purchased by the Plan Agent will be the price per share allocable to each participant. Participants will also be charged a service fee for each voluntary cash investment.

Participants in the Plan may withdraw some or all of their shares from the Plan upon written notice to the Plan Agent and will receive stock certificates for all full shares. The Plan Agent will convert any fractional shares to cash at the then-current market price and send a check to the participant for the proceeds. If, by giving proper notice to the Plan Agent, participants request cash, the Plan Agent will sell the shares and send the participant the proceeds, less a service fee of $2.50 and less brokerage commissions.

The Fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan either in full or partially upon 90 days' written notice to shareholders of the Fund.

All questions concerning the Plan should be directed to the Plan Agent by calling 1-800-426-5523.

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 that the Fund may purchase, from time to time, shares of its common stock in the open market.

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The common shares of Aberdeen Commonwealth Income Fund, Inc. are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "FCO." Information about the Fund's net asset value and market price is published weekly in Barron's and in the Monday edition of The Wall Street Journal.

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