PRIMARY LAYOUT
2004 YEAR-END TAX REPORTING INFORMATION

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Primary Layout Report Date: 12/23/2004 Due: January 10, 2005

Please list Securities in Cusip Order (Skip Rows Between Entries)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
									Year Included in Shareholders' Income					Box 6	Box 1a Total	Box 1b Total	Box 2a	Box 2b	Box 2c	Box 2d	Box 3	Box 6	Box 8	Box 9	
Security								Total	Split Yr. Divs. (852(b)(7))					Foreign				Unrecap				Foreign	Cash	Noncash	Exempt
Description		Ticker	Estimated	Reclass	Corrected	Record	Payable	Distribution	2003	2005	2004	Income	Short-term	Tax	Ordinary	Qualified	Total Capital	Sec. 1250	Section 1202	Collectibles	Nontaxable	Tax	Liquidation	Liquidation	Interest
(Fund Name)	CUSIP	Symbol	(E)	(R)	(C)	Date	Date	Per Share	(Prior Year)	(Next Year)	(Current Year)	Dividends	Capital Gain	Paid	Dividends	Dividends	Gain Distr.	Gain	Gain	(28%) Gain	Distributions	Paid	Distr	Distr	Dividends
								(10+11+12)						Equals Col. 23	(13+14+15)							Equals Col. 15			
General American Investors Company, Inc.																									
Common	368802104	GAM				01/26/2004	02/09/2004	$ 0.110000	$ -	$ -	$ 0.110000	$0.013000	$ -	$ -	$ 0.013000	$ 0.013000	$ 0.097000	$-	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Common	368802104	GAM				11/12/2004	12/23/2004	$ 0.900000	$ -	$ -	$ 0.900000	$0.215327	$ -	$ -	$ 0.215327	$ 0.215327	$ 0.684673	$-	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTALS								**$ 1.010000**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 1.010000**	**$0.228327**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 0.228327**	**$ 0.228327**	**$ 0.781673**	**$-**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
Preferred	368802401	GAM PR B				03/08/2004	03/24/2004	$ 0.371875	$ -	$ -	$ 0.371875	$0.083947	$ -	$ -	$ 0.083947	$ 0.083947	$ 0.287928	$-	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Preferred	368802401	GAM PR B				06/07/2004	06/24/2004	$ 0.371875	$ -	$ -	$ 0.371875	$0.083947	$ -	$ -	$ 0.083947	$ 0.083947	$ 0.287928	$-	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Preferred	368802401	GAM PR B				09/07/2004	09/24/2004	$ 0.371875	$ -	$ -	$ 0.371875	$0.083947	$ -	$ -	$ 0.083947	$ 0.083947	$ 0.287928	$-	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Preferred	368802401	GAM PR B				12/07/2004	12/27/2004	$ 0.371875	$ -	$ -	$ 0.371875	$0.083947	$ -	$ -	$ 0.083947	$ 0.083947	$ 0.287928	$-	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTALS								**$ 1.487500**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 1.487500**	**$0.335788**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 0.335788**	**$ 0.335788**	**$ 1.151712**	**$-**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**

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