For the six months ended June 30, 2007, the net asset value per common share increased by 11.3%, while the investment return to our stockholders was 9.2%. By comparison, the rate of return (including income) for our benchmark, the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index, was 7.0%. For the twelve months ended June 30, 2007, the return on the net asset value per Common Share was 23.0%, and the return to our stockholders was 21.6%; these compare with a return of 20.5% for the S&P 500. During each period, the discount at which our shares traded continued to fluctuate and on June 30, 2007, it was 10.2%.

As set forth in the accompanying financial statements (unaudited), as of June 30, 2007, the net assets applicable to the Company's Common Stock were $1,319,084,730 equal to $45.14 per Common Share.

The increase in net assets resulting from operations for the six months ended June 30, 2007 was $133,915,605. During this period, the net realized gain on securities sold was $128,919,725, and the increase in net unrealized appreciation was $3,755,733. Net investment income for the six months was $7,190,147, and distributions to Preferred Stockholders amounted to $5,950,000.

During the six months, 364,300 shares of the Company's Common Stock were repurchased for $14,343,113 at an average discount from net asset value of 10.3%.

The year to date has produced meaningful capital gains, though it may be difficult to sustain this performance over the balance of the year. One of the main concerns is rising interest rates, which reflect the impact of higher fuel and food costs, among other factors, on inflation. Higher borrowing costs could dampen the flow of deals, which is thought to be an important part of the foundation currently supporting equities.

Although it's difficult to argue that stocks are now undervalued, if interest rates are trending up, sufficient liquidity appears to be available, at compelling prices, to generally support financial assets. Despite the housing slump and its attendant subprime loan problems, the U.S. economy seems to be expanding again. Jobless claims and unemployment remain relatively low, the trade deficit appears to have stabilized, the dollar's decline has been orderly, and global growth remains robust.

We are pleased to report that, on July 11, 2007, Messrs. Rodney B. Berens and Daniel M. Neidich were appointed to the Board of Directors. Mr. Berens is founding partner of Berens Capital Management LLC and previously served as Head of Global Equities at Salomon Brothers and as a member of the firm's Operating Committee. Mr. Neidich is founding partner and Co-Chief Executive Officer of Dune Capital Management LP. and previously served as a member of Goldman Sachs' Management Committee, co-head of its Merchant Banking Division, and Chairman of the Whitehall Investment Committee. Messrs. Berens and Neidich each serve as directors or trustees of numerous business, community, and eleemosynary organizations. Their familiarity with investment management and the securities industries should be of great value to the Company in the future.

We are also pleased to report that Joseph T. Stewart, Jr., a member of the Board of Directors of the Company since 1987, has been appointed by his fellow independent directors to serve as the Company's Lead Independent Director in order to maintain good governance practices in view of combining the offices of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at the Company's recent annual meeting.

Information about the Company, including our investment objectives, operating policies and procedures, investment results, record of dividend and distribution payments, financial reports and press releases, is on our website and has been updated through June 30, 2007. It can be accessed on the internet at www.generalamericaninvestors.com.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

General American Investors Company, Inc.

Spencer Davidson
Chairman of the Board
President and Chief Executive Officer

July 11, 2007

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ASSETS		
INVESTMENTS, AT VALUE (NOTE 1a)		
Common and preferred stocks (cost $857,833,159)		$1,491,824,793
Corporate note (cost $24,210,900)		24,812,500
Money market fund (cost $1,054,428)		1,054,428
Total investments (cost $883,098,487)		1,517,691,721
CASH, RECEIVABLES AND OTHER ASSETS		
Cash	$440,895	
Receivable for securities sold	3,234,095	
Deposits with broker for options written	23,085	
Dividends, interest and other receivables	1,115,675	
Pension asset, excess funded	8,908,039	
Prepaid expenses and other assets	214,759	13,936,548
TOTAL ASSETS		1,531,628,269
LIABILITIES		
Payable for securities purchased	2,866,112	
Preferred dividend accrued but not yet declared	231,389	
Outstanding options written, at value (premium received $23,085) (note 1a)	15,610	
Pension benefit liability	3,352,474	
Accrued thrift plan expense	3,306,942	
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	2,771,012	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		12,543,539
5.95% CUMULATIVE PREFERRED STOCK, SERIES B - 8,000,000 shares at a liquidation value of $25 per share (note 2)		200,000,000
NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCK - 29,224,898 shares (note 2)		$1,319,084,730
NET ASSET VALUE PER COMMON SHARE		$45.14
NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCK		
Common Stock, 29,224,898 shares at par value (note 2)	$29,224,898	
Additional paid-in capital (note 2)	524,115,063	
Undistributed realized gain on investments	127,204,676	
Undistributed net investment income	9,409,064	
Accumulated other comprehensive income (note 5)	711,709	
Unallocated distributions on Preferred Stock	(6,181,389)	
Unrealized appreciation on investments and options written	634,600,709	
NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCK		$1,319,084,730

(see notes to financial statements)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS Six Months Ended June 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

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INCOME		
Dividends (net of foreign withholding taxes of $298,820)	$11,946,944	
Interest	1,506,642	$13,453,586
EXPENSES		
Investment research	3,997,967	
Administration and operations	1,550,678	
Office space and general	272,513	
Directors' fees and expenses	136,163	
Auditing and legal fees	105,000	
Transfer agent, custodian and registrar fees and expenses	78,243	
Stockholders' meeting and reports	67,053	
Miscellaneous taxes	55,822	6,263,439
NET INVESTMENT INCOME		7,190,147
REALIZED GAIN AND CHANGE IN UNREALIZED APPRECIATION ON INVESTMENTS AND OPTIONS WRITTEN (NOTES 1d AND 4)		
Net realized gain on investments (long-term, except for $9,198,910)	128,919,725	
Net increase in unrealized appreciation	3,755,733	
NET GAIN ON INVESTMENTS		132,675,458
DISTRIBUTIONS TO PREFERRED STOCKHOLDERS		(5,950,000)
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS		$133,915,605

(see notes to financial statements)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

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OPERATIONS	Six Months Ended June 30, 2007 (Unaudited)	Year Ended December 31, 2006
Net investment income	$7,190,147	$10,007,624
Net realized gain on investments	128,919,725	86,176,349
Net increase in unrealized appreciation	3,755,733	51,196,338
	139,865,605	147,380,311
Distributions to Preferred Stockholders:		
From net income	—	(1,092,608)
From short-term capital gains	—	(168,288)
From long-term capital gains	—	(10,639,104)
Unallocated distributions	(5,950,000)	—
Decrease in net assets from Preferred distributions	(5,950,000)	(11,900,000)
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	133,915,605	135,480,311
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	59,150	652,559
DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS		
From net income	—	(8,230,843)
From short-term capital gains	—	(1,262,677)
From long-term capital gains	—	(79,790,662)
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM COMMON DISTRIBUTIONS	—	(89,284,182)
CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (NOTE 2)		
Value of Common Shares issued in payment of distributions	—	48,748,838
Cost of Common Shares purchased	(14,343,113)	(29,086,092)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS - CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS	(14,343,113)	19,662,746
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	119,631,642	66,511,434
NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCK		
BEGINNING OF PERIOD	1,199,453,088	1,132,941,654
END OF PERIOD (including undistributed net investment income of $9,409,064 and $2,218,917, respectively)	$1,319,084,730	$1,199,453,088

(see notes to financial statements)

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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The following table shows per share operating performance data, total investment return, ratios and supplemental data for the six months ended June 30, 2007 and for each year in the five-year period ended December 31, 2006. This information has been derived from information contained in the financial statements and market price data for the Company's shares.

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2007 (Unaudited)	Year Ended December 31, 2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE						
Net asset value, beginning of period	$40.54	$39.00	$35.49	$33.11	$26.48	$35.14
Net investment income	.25	.34	.19	.32	.03	.19
Net gain (loss) on investments - realized and unrealized	4.55	4.72	5.85	3.48	7.72	(7.88)
Other comprehensive income	—	.03	—	—	—	—
Less distributions on Preferred Stock:						
Dividends from net investment income	—	(.04)	(.03)	(.09)	(.01)	(.12)
Distributions from net short-term capital gains	—	(.01)	(.08)	—	—	—
Distributions from net long-term capital gains	—	(.36)	(.30)	(.32)	(.35)	(.23)
Unallocated	(.20)	—	—	—	—	—
	(.20)	(.41)	(.41)	(.41)	(.36)	(.35)
Total from investment operations	4.60	4.68	5.63	3.39	7.39	(8.04)
Distributions on Common Stock:						
Dividends from net investment income	—	(.29)	(.15)	(.23)	(.02)	(.02)
Distributions from net short-term capital gains	—	(.04)	(.44)	—	—	(.19)
Distributions from net long-term capital gains	—	(2.81)	(1.53)	(.78)	(.52)	(.41)
	—	(3.14)	(2.12)	(1.01)	(.54)	(.62)
Capital Stock transaction - effect of Preferred Stock offering	—	—	—	—	(.22)	—
Net asset value, end of period	$45.14	$40.54	$39.00	$35.49	$33.11	$26.48
Per share market value, end of period	$40.55	$37.12	$34.54	$31.32	$29.73	$23.85
TOTAL INVESTMENT RETURN - Stockholder return, based on market price per share	9.24%*	16.78%	17.40%	8.79%	27.01%	(27.21)%
RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA						
Net assets applicable to Common Stock, end of period (000's omitted)	$1,319,085	$1,199,453	$1,132,942	$1,036,393	$986,335	$809,192
Ratio of expenses to average net assets applicable to Common Stock	1.00%**	1.06%	1.25%	1.15%	1.23%	0.92%
Ratio of net income to average net assets applicable to Common Stock	1.15%**	0.86%	0.51%	0.94%	0.13%	0.61%
Portfolio turnover rate	23.24%*	19.10%	20.41%	16.71%	18.62%	22.67%
PREFERRED STOCK						
Liquidation value, end of period (000's omitted)	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$150,000
Asset coverage	760%	700%	666%	618%	593%	639%
Liquidation preference per share	$25.00	$25.00	$25.00	$25.00	$25.00	$25.00
Market value per share	$24.20	$25.44	$24.07	$24.97	$25.04	$25.85

*Not annualized
**Annualized

Shares	COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCKS		Value (note 1a)
AEROSPACE/DEFENSE (3.9%)			
254,900	Textron Inc.		$28,067,039
325,000	United Technologies Corporation		23,052,250
		(COST $47,844,103)	51,119,289
BUILDING AND REAL ESTATE (6.4%)			
2,280,483	CEMEX, S.A. de C.V. ADR	(COST $31,628,612)	84,149,822
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SERVICES (10.7%)			
346,000	Avaya Inc. (a)		5,826,640
900,000	Cisco Systems, Inc. (a)		25,065,000
525,000	Dow Jones & Company, Inc.		30,161,250
324,100	Lamar Advertising Company Class A (a)		20,340,516
800,000	QUALCOMM Incorporated		34,712,000
1,225,000	Sprint Nextel Corporation		25,369,750
		(COST $109,843,903)	141,475,156
COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND SYSTEMS (6.4%)			
700,000	Activision, Inc. (a)		13,069,000
1,360,000	Dell Inc. (a)		38,828,000
420,000	Microsoft Corporation		12,377,400
55,000	Nintendo Co., Ltd.		20,012,300
		(COST $68,508,936)	84,286,700
CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES (5.9%)			
350,000	Diageo plc ADR		29,158,500
300,000	Heineken N. V.		17,652,000
41,000	Nestle S.A.		15,617,310
235,000	PepsiCo, Inc.		15,239,750
		(COST $56,398,431)	77,667,560
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL (INCLUDING SERVICES) (4.1%)			
881,500	Republic Services, Inc.		27,009,160
680,000	Waste Management, Inc.		26,554,000
		(COST $39,285,764)	53,563,160
FINANCE AND INSURANCE (24.1%)			
BANKING (6.3%)			
350,000	Bank of America Corporation		17,111,500
315,000	M&T Bank Corporation		33,673,500
625,000	Wachovia Corporation		32,031,250
		(COST $21,166,709)	82,816,250
INSURANCE (15.6%)			
275,000	The Allstate Corporation		16,915,250
335,000	American International Group, Inc.		23,460,050
275,000	Annuity and Life Re (Holdings), Ltd. (a)		165,000
335,000	Arch Capital Group Ltd. (a)		24,300,900
365,000	AXIS Capital Holdings Limited		14,837,250
275	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Class A (a)		30,105,625
390,000	Everest Re Group, Ltd.		42,369,600
265,000	MetLife, Inc.		17,087,200
310,000	PartnerRe Ltd.		24,025,000
175,000	Transatlantic Holdings, Inc.		12,447,750
		(COST $78,616,754)	205,713,625
OTHER (2.2%)			
10,000	Epoch Holding Corporation Series A Convertible Preferred 4.6% (d)		22,369,640
913,300	MFA Mortgage Investments, Inc.		6,648,824
		(COST $16,824,776)	29,018,464
		(COST $116,608,239)	317,548,339

Shares	COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCKS (continued)		Value (note 1a)
HEALTH CARE (5.1%)			
PHARMACEUTICALS (4.5%)			
100,000	Alkermes, Inc. (a)		$1,460,000
170,000	Biogen Idec Inc. (a)		9,095,000
604,900	Cytokinetics, Incorporated (a)		3,417,685
200,000	Genentech, Inc. (a)		15,132,000
275,000	Novo Nordisk B		29,991,500
		(COST $30,509,215)	59,096,185
MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS AND DEVICES (0.6%)			
170,000	Medtronic, Inc.	(COST $456,553)	8,816,200
		(COST $30,965,768)	67,912,385
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (2.0%)			
1,150,000	ABB Ltd. ADR	(COST $12,430,211)	25,990,000
METAL (1.4%)			
146,100	Carpenter Technology Corporation	(COST $18,260,714)	19,038,291
MISCELLANEOUS (5.6%)			
	Other (b)	(COST $71,644,755)	74,153,321
OIL & NATURAL GAS (INCLUDING SERVICES) (17.4%)			
600,000	Apache Corporation		48,954,000
850,000	Halliburton Company		29,325,000
1,000,000	Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc.		26,210,000
3,000,000	Talisman Energy Inc.		57,990,000
1,220,000	Weatherford International Ltd. (a)		67,392,800
		(COST $133,870,713)	229,871,800
RETAIL TRADE (16.7%)			
630,000	Costco Wholesale Corporation		36,867,600
591,000	Dollar General Corporation		12,954,720
1,378,000	The Home Depot, Inc. (c)		54,224,300
483,000	Target Corporation		30,718,800
2,100,000	The TJX Companies, Inc.		57,750,000
575,000	Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.		27,663,250
		(COST $85,722,795)	220,178,670
TECHNOLOGY (3.4%)			
130,000	Intermec, Inc. (a)		3,290,300
2,250,000	Xerox Corporation (a)		41,580,000
		(COST $34,820,215)	44,870,300
TOTAL COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCKS (113.1%)		(COST $857,833,159)	1,491,824,793

Principal Amount	CORPORATE NOTE		
CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES (1.9%)			
$25,000,000	General Motors Nova Scotia Finance Company 6.85% Guaranteed Notes due 10/15/08	(COST $24,210,900)	24,812,500

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS June 30, 2007 (Unaudited) - continued

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Shares	SHORT-TERM SECURITY AND OTHER ASSETS		Value (note 1a)
1,054,428	SSgA Prime Money Market Fund (0.1%)	(COST $1,054,428)	$1,054,428
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS (e) (115.1%)	(COST $883,098,487)	1,517,691,721
	Cash, receivables and other assets less liabilities (0.1%)		1,393,009
	PREFERRED STOCK (-15.2%)		(200,000,000)
	NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCK (100%)		$1,319,084,730

(a) Non-income producing security.
(b) Securities which have been held for less than one year.
(c) 1,000,000 shares held by custodian in a segregated custodian account as collateral for short positions, if any.
(d) Restricted security of an affiliate acquired 11/7/06.
(e) At June 30, 2007: (1) the cost of investments for Federal income tax purposes was the same as the cost for financial reporting purposes, (2) aggregate gross unrealized appreciation was $639,170,422, (3) aggregate gross unrealized depreciation was $4,577,188, and (4) net unrealized appreciation was $634,593,234.

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STATEMENT OF CALL OPTIONS WRITTEN June 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

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Contracts (100 shares each)	COMMON STOCK/EXPIRATION DATE/EXERCISE PRICE		Value (note 1a)
	COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SERVICES		
446	Avaya Inc./January '08/$17.50	(PREMIUMS RECEIVED $23,085)	$15,610

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PORTFOLIO DIVERSIFICATION June 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

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The diversification of the Company's net assets applicable to its Common Stock by industry group as of June 30, 2007 and 2006 is shown in the following table.

	June 30, 2007		Percent Common Net Assets* June 30	
Industry Category	Cost(000)	Value(000)	2007	2006
Finance and Insurance				
Banking	$21,167	$82,816	6.3%	9.5%
Insurance	78,617	205,714	15.6	16.4
Other	16,825	29,019	2.2	1.4
	116,609	317,549	24.1	27.3
Oil and Natural Gas (Including Services)	133,871	229,872	17.4	20.1
Retail Trade	85,723	220,179	16.7	18.4
Communications and Information Services	109,844	141,475	10.7	5.4
Consumer Products and Services	80,609	102,481	7.8	5.9
Computer Software and Systems	68,509	84,287	6.4	3.5
Building and Real Estate	31,628	84,150	6.4	5.9
Health Care				
Pharmaceuticals	30,509	59,096	4.5	7.9
Medical Instruments and Devices	456	8,816	0.6	1.9
	30,965	67,912	5.1	9.8
Miscellaneous**	71,645	74,153	5.6	5.1
Environmental Control (Including Services)	39,286	53,563	4.1	4.2
Aerospace/Defense	47,844	51,119	3.9	—
Technology	34,820	44,870	3.4	2.3
Machinery & Equipment	12,430	25,990	2.0	1.3
Metals	18,261	19,038	1.4	—
Electronics	—	—	—	1.4
Semiconductors	—	—	—	0.2
Special Holdings	—	—	—	0.0
	882,044	1,516,638	115.0	110.8
Short-Term Securities	1,054	1,054	0.1	6.9
Total Investments	$883,098	1,517,692	115.1	117.7
Other Assets and Liabilities - Net		1,393	0.1	0.0
Preferred Stock		(200,000)	(15.2)	(17.7)
Net Assets Applicable to Common Stock		$1,319,085	100.0%	100.0%

* Net Assets applicable to the Company's Common Stock.
** Securities which have been held for less than one year, not previously disclosed and not restricted.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - General American Investors Company, Inc. (the "Company"), established in 1927, is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as a closed-end, diversified management investment company. It is internally managed by its officers under the direction of the Board of Directors.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

a. SECURITY VALUATION Securities traded on a national securities exchange are valued at the last reported sales price on the last business day of the period. Securities reported on the NASDAQ national market are valued at the official closing price on that day. Listed and NASDAQ securities for which no sales are reported on that day and other securities traded in the over-the-counter market are valued at the last bid price (asked price for options written) on the valuation date. Securities traded primarily in foreign markets are generally valued at the preceding closing price of such securities on their respective exchanges or markets. If, after the close of the foreign market, conditions change significantly, the price of certain foreign securities may be adjusted to reflect fair value as of the time of the valuation of the portfolio. Investments in money market funds are valued at their net asset value. The restricted security is valued at par value (cost), divided by the conversion price of $6.00 multiplied by the last reported sales price of the publicly traded common stock of the corporation.

b. OPTIONS The Company may purchase and write (sell) put and call options. The risk associated with purchasing an option is that the Company pays a premium whether or not the option is exercised. Additionally, the Company bears the risk of loss of the premium and a change in market value should the counterparty not perform under the contract. Put and call options purchased are accounted for in the same manner as portfolio securities. Premiums received from writing options that expire unexercised are treated by the Company on the expiration date as realized gains from investments. The difference between the premium received and the amount paid on effecting a closing purchase transaction, including brokerage commissions, is also treated as a realized gain, or, if the premium is less than the amount paid for the closing purchase transaction, as a realized loss. If a call option is exercised, the premium is added to the proceeds from the sale of the underlying security in determining whether the Company has realized a gain or loss. If a put option is exercised, the premium reduces the cost basis for the securities purchased by the Company. The Company as writer of an option bears the market risk of an unfavorable change in the price of the security underlying the written option.

c. FEDERAL INCOME TAXES The Company's policy is to fulfill the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute substantially all taxable income to its stockholders. Accordingly, no provision for Federal income taxes is required.

d. INDEMNIFICATIONS In the ordinary course of business, the Company enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The Company's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown. However, the Company has not had prior claims or losses pursuant to these indemnification provisions and expects the risk of loss thereunder to be remote.

e. OTHER As customary in the investment company industry, securities transactions are recorded as of the trade date. Dividend income and distributions to stockholders are recorded as of the ex-dividend dates. Interest income, adjusted for amortization of discount and premium on investments, is earned from settlement date and is recognized on the accrual basis. Cost of short-term investments represents amortized cost.

2. CAPITAL STOCK AND DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTIONS - The authorized capital stock of the Company consists of 50,000,000 shares of Common Stock, $1.00 par value, and 10,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, $1.00 par value, of which 29,224,898 shares and 8,000,000 shares, respectively, were outstanding at June 30, 2007.

On September 24, 2003, the Company issued and sold 8,000,000 shares of its 5.95% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series B in an underwritten offering. The Preferred Shares are noncallable for 5 years and have a liquidation preference of $25.00 per share plus an amount equal to accumulated and unpaid dividends to the date of redemption. The underwriting discount and other expenses associated with the Preferred Stock offering amounted to $6,700,000 and were charged to paid-in capital.

The Company is required to allocate distributions from long-term capital gains and other types of income proportionately among holders of shares of Common Stock and Preferred Stock. To the extent that dividends on the shares of Preferred Stock are not paid from long-term capital gains, they will be paid from ordinary income or net short-term capital gains or will represent a return of capital.

Under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Company is required to maintain an asset coverage of at least 200% for the Preferred Stock. In addition, pursuant to the Rating Agency Guidelines, the Company is required to maintain a certain discounted asset coverage for its portfolio that equals or exceeds the Basic Maintenance Amount under the guidelines established by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. The Company has met these requirements since the issuance of the Preferred Stock. If the Company fails to meet these requirements in the future and does not cure such failure, the Company may be required to redeem, in whole or in part, shares of Preferred Stock at a redemption price of $25.00 per share plus accumulated and unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared). In addition, the Company's failure to meet the foregoing asset coverage requirements could restrict its ability to pay dividends on shares of Common Stock and could lead to sales of portfolio securities at inopportune times.

The holders of Preferred Stock have voting rights equivalent to those of the holders of Common Stock (one vote per share) and, generally, vote together with the holders of Common Stock as a single class.

At all times, holders of Preferred Stock will elect two members of the Company's Board of Directors and the holders of Preferred and Common Stock, voting as a single class, will elect the remaining directors. If the Company fails to pay dividends on the Preferred Stock in an amount equal to two full years' dividends, the holders of Preferred Stock will have the right to elect a majority of the directors. In addition, the Investment Company Act of 1940 requires that approval of the holders of a majority of any outstanding Preferred Shares, voting separately as a class, would be required to (a) adopt any plan of reorganization that would adversely affect the Preferred Stock and (b) take any action requiring a vote of security holders, including, among other things, changes in the Company's subclassification as a closed-end investment company or changes in its fundamental investment policies.

The Company classifies its Preferred Stock pursuant to the requirements of EITF D-98, *Classification and Measurement of Redeemable Securities*, which require that preferred stock for which its redemption is outside of the company's control should be presented outside of net assets in the statement of assets and liabilities.

2. CAPITAL STOCK AND DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTIONS - (Continued from bottom of previous page.)

Transactions in Common Stock during the six months ended June 30, 2007 and the year ended December 31, 2006 were as follows:

	SHARES		AMOUNT	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Treasury shares issued in payment of dividends and distributions	—	1,326,499	—	$1,326,499
Increase in paid-in capital			—	47,422,339
Total increase			—	48,748,838
Shares purchased (at an average discount from net asset value of 10.3% and 9.0%, respectively)	364,300	787,700	($364,300)	(787,700)
Decrease in paid-in capital			(13,978,813)	(28,298,392)
Total decrease			(14,343,113)	(29,086,092)
Net increase (decrease)			($14,343,113)	$19,662,746

At June 30, 2007, the Company held in its treasury 2,006,665 shares of Common Stock with an aggregate cost in the amount of $71,830,884. Distributions for tax and book purposes are substantially the same.

3. OFFICERS' COMPENSATION - The aggregate compensation paid by the Company during the six months ended June 30, 2007 to its officers (identified on back cover) amounted to $3,636,250.

4. PURCHASES AND SALES OF SECURITIES - Purchases and sales of securities (other than short-term securities and options) for the six months ended June 30, 2007 amounted to $334,626,356 and $345,148,409.

5. BENEFIT PLANS - The Company has funded (Qualified) and unfunded (Supplemental) noncontributory defined benefit pension plans that cover its employees. The plans provide defined benefits based on years of service and final average salary with an offset for a portion of social security covered compensation. The components of the net periodic benefit cost of the plans for the six months ended June 30, 2007 were:

Service cost	$150,780
Interest cost	360,149
Expected return on plan assets	(626,687)
Amortization of:	
Prior service cost	11,046
Recognized net actuarial loss (gain)	48,104
Net periodic benefit cost (income)	($56,608)

The Company also has funded and unfunded defined contribution thrift plans that are available to its employees. The aggregate cost of such plans for the six months ended June 30, 2007 was $449,881. The unfunded liability at June 30, 2007 was $3,306,942.

Effective December 31, 2006, the Company adopted the recognition provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 158 "Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans" ("FAS158") which was released on September 2006. FAS 158 improves financial reporting by requiring employers to recognize the overfunded or underfunded status of a defined benefit postretirement plan as an asset or liability in the statement of assets and liabilities and to recognize changes in funded status in the year in which the changes occur through other comprehensive income.

6. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS - In July 1992, the Company entered into an operating lease agreement for office space which expires on December 31, 2007 and provided for future rental payments in the aggregate amount of approximately $5.6 million. The lease agreement contains a clause whereby the Company received a specified number of months of free rent beginning in December 1992 and escalation clauses relating to rent charges, operating costs, and real property taxes.

In January 2003, the Company extended a sublease agreement (originally entered into in March 1996) which expires on December 31, 2007 and provides for future rental receipts. Minimum rental receipts under the sublease are approximately $254,000 in 2007. The Company will also be charged its proportionate share of operating expenses and real property taxes under the sublease.

Net rental expense approximated $156,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2007. On a gross basis, minimum rental commitments under the operating lease are approximately $505,000 in 2007.

In June 2007, the Company entered into an operating lease agreement for new office space which expires in February 2018 and provides for future rental payments in the aggregate amount of approximately $10.8 million. The lease agreement contains clauses whereby the Company receives free rent for a specified number of months and credit towards construction of office improvements, and incurs escalations annually relating to operating costs and real property taxes and to annual rent charges beginning in February 2013. The Company has the option to renew the lease after February 2018 for five years at market rates.

Minimum rental commitments under the operating lease are approximately $0.9 million in 2008 and $1.0 million per annum in 2009 through 2012, $1.1 million in 2013 through 2017 and $0.1 million in 2018.

7. RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS - On September 20, 2006, the FASB released Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 "Fair Value Measurements" ("FAS 157"). FAS 157 establishes an authoritative definition of fair value, sets out a framework for measuring fair value, and requires additional disclosures about fair-value measurements. The application of FAS 157 is required for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years. Management does not believe that the application of this standard will have a material impact on the financial statements of the Company.

MAJOR STOCK CHANGES* Three Months Ended June 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

General American Investors

INCREASES	SHARES OR PRINCIPLE AMOUNT	SHARES OR PRINCIPLE AMOUNT HELD JUNE 30, 2007
NEW POSITIONS		
Carpenter Technology Corporation	146,100	146,100
Dow Jones & Company, Inc..	525,000	525,000
Intermec, Inc.	—	130,000 (a)
Nestle S.A.	41,000	41,000
Target Corporation	483,000	483,000
United Technologies Corporation	325,000	325,000
Waste Management, Inc.	680,000	680,000
ADDITIONS		
Bank of America Corporation	80,000	350,000
Dell Inc.	309,000	1,360,000
M&T Bank Corporation	15,000	315,000
QUALCOMM Incorporated	100,000	800,000
Sprint Nextel Corporation	40,000	1,225,000
Textron Inc.	4,900	254,900
Wachovia Corporation	10,136	625,000

DECREASES		
ELIMINATIONS		
American Tower Corporation	100,000	—
Cephalon, Inc.	50,000	—
MedImmune, Inc.	355,000	—
Pfizer Inc	528,000	—
Rio Tinto plc ADR	65,000	—
SunTrust Banks, Inc.	160,000	—
REDUCTIONS		
The Allstate Corporation	10,000	275,000
Apache Corporation	225,000	600,000
Avaya Inc.	209,000	346,000 (a)
AXIS Capital Holdings Limited	35,000	365,000
Costco Wholesale Corporation	70,000	630,000
Dollar General Corporation	1,384,000	591,000
Everest Re Group, Ltd.	80,000	390,000
General Motors Nova Scotia Finance Company 6.85% Guaranteed Notes Due 10/15/08	$5,000,000	$25,000,000
The Home Depot, Inc.	192,000	1,378,000
Medtronic, Inc.	70,000	170,000
MetLife, Inc.	10,000	265,000
MFA Mortgage Investments, Inc.	11,700	913,300
Microsoft Corporation	300,000	420,000
PartnerRe Ltd.	5,000	310,000
Republic Services, Inc.	881,000	881,500
Transatlantic Holdings, Inc.	30,000	175,000

* Excludes transactions in Common and Preferred Stocks - Miscellaneous - Other.

(a) Shares purchased in prior period and previously carried under Common and Preferred Stocks - Miscellaneous - Other.

OTHER MATTERS (Unaudited)

General American Investors

In addition to purchases of the Company's Common Stock as set forth in Note 2 on page 10, purchases of Common Stock may be made at such times, at such prices, in such amounts and in such manner as the Board of Directors may deem advisable.

The policies and procedures used by the Company to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities and the Company's proxy voting record for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2007 are available: (1) without charge, upon request, by calling us at our toll-free telephone number (1-800-436-8401), (2) on the Company's website at www.generalamericaninvestors.com and (3) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at www.sec.gov.

In addition to distributing financial statements as of the end of each quarter, General American Investors files a Quarterly Schedule of Portfolio Holdings (Form N-Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as of the end of the first and third calendar quarters. The Company's Forms N-Q are available at www.generalamericaninvestors.com and on the SEC's website: www.sec.gov. Also, Forms N-Q may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330. A copy of the Company's Form N-Q may also be obtained by calling us at 1-800-436-8401.

On May 2, 2007, the Company submitted a CEO annual certification to the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") on which the Company's principal executive officer certified that he was not aware, as of that date, of any violation by the Company of the NYSE's Corporate Governance listing standards. In addition, as required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and related SEC rules, the Company's principal executive and principal financial officer made quarterly certifications, included in filings with the SEC on Forms N-CSR and N-Q relating to, among other things, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting, as applicable.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of
GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, INC.

We have reviewed the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of General American Investors Company, Inc., including the statement of investments, as of June 30, 2007, and the related statements of operations and changes in net assets and financial highlights for the six-month period ended June 30, 2007. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Company'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 to financial data, and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, 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 interim financial statements referred to above for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

We have previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, the statement of changes in net assets for the year ended December 31, 2006 and financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended and in our report, dated January 17, 2007, we expressed an unqualified opinion on such financial statements and financial highlights.

New York, New York
August 6, 2007

ERNST & YOUNG LLP

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