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SUMMARY OF GENERAL INFORMATION

THE FUND

The Germany Fund, Inc. is a non-diversified, actively-managed Exchange-Traded Closed-End Fund listed on the New York Stock Exchange with the symbol "GER". The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation primarily through investment in German equities. It is managed and advised by wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Deutsche Bank Group.

SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

Prices for the Fund's shares are published daily in the New York Stock Exchange Composite Transactions section of newspapers. Net asset value and market price information are published each Monday in THE WALL STREET JOURNAL and THE NEW YORK TIMES, and each Saturday in BARRON'S and other newspapers in a table called "Closed End Funds". Daily information on the Fund's net asset value is available from NASDAQ (symbol XGERX). It is also available by calling: 1-800-GERMANY (in the U.S.) or 617-443-6918 (outside of the U.S.). In addition, a schedule of the Fund's largest holdings, dividend data and general shareholder information may be obtained by calling these numbers.

The foregoing information is also available on our Web site: www.germanyfund.com.

THERE ARE THREE EXCHANGE-TRADED CLOSED-END FUNDS INVESTING IN EUROPEAN EQUITIES MANAGED BY THE DEUTSCHE BANK GROUP:

- o Germany Fund--investing primarily in equities of major German corporations. It may also invest up to 20% in equities of other Western European companies (with no more than 15% in any single country).
- o New Germany Fund--investing primarily in the middle-market German companies and up to 20% elsewhere in Western Europe (with no more than 10% in any single country).
- o Central European Equity Fund--investing primarily in Central and Eastern European companies as well as in Russia.

Please consult your broker for advice on any of the above or call 1-800-GERMANY (in the U.S.) or 617-443-6918 (outside of the U.S.) for shareholder reports.

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THE GERMANY
FUND, INC.
SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT
JUNE 30, 2002

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LETTER TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

August 15, 2002

Dear Shareholder,

During the last quarter, and through the month of July, equity markets worldwide have been undergoing a major sell-off, led by the US equity market. Concerns of further accounting scandals have added to the pre-existing fears of a slowdown in economic growth, more terrorist actions, problems in the Middle East, and a perception that the US market is still overvalued despite the two-year decline in equity prices. Equity markets are presently focusing on emotions, and not economic fundamentals, which are mainly positive. Investors have turned away from equities and towards other investments such as gold, real estate, and fixed income securities. With the DAX Index trading at 1997's level, the equity valuations in Germany are very attractive given that corporate earnings are at a turning point. In addition, interest rates and inflation are very low, both positive factors for economic growth.

For the six months ended June 30, 2002, the net asset value per share of the Germany Fund declined 6.4% and its share price declined 2.1%. The Fund's benchmark, the DAX Index, declined 5.4% in US dollar terms during the same period. The Fund's 1% underperformance in net asset value terms was attributable mainly to the Fund's restriction to own Deutsche Bank shares and to a smaller extent to the Fund's overweight position in the telecommunication sector during the first quarter of the year. Investors can take some comfort that the German equity market performed much better than the US during the first six months as the S&P 500 fell almost 14%. European equity markets should continue to do better as global investors have turned skeptical with the US market. This is also evidenced by the rally in the Euro that took place during the second quarter. Since reaching its low for the year in February, the Euro has risen over 17% against the US dollar.

The Germany Fund continued its open-market purchases of its shares, buying 106,100 shares during the first six months of the year. The Fund's discount to its net asset value averaged 6.8% during the first six months, the same as last year.

Sincerely,

/s/ CHRISTIAN STRENGER

Christian Strenger
Chairman

/s/ RICHARD T. HALE

Richard T. Hale
President

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND INCLUDING PERFORMANCE, DIVIDENDS,
PRESENTATIONS, PRESS RELEASES, DAILY NAV AND SHAREHOLDER REPORTS, PLEASE VISIT
WWW.GERMANYFUND.COM

FUND HISTORY AS OF JUNE 30, 2002

STATISTICS:
Net Assets \$124,491,951

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Shares Outstanding 16,574,081
NAV Per Share \$7.51

DIVIDEND AND CAPITAL GAIN DISTRIBUTIONS:

| RECORD DATE ----- | ORDINARY INCOME ----- | LT CAPITAL GAINS ----- | TOTAL ----- |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 11/19/01 | \$0.06 | \$ -- | \$0.06 |
| 9/3/01 | -- | \$0.02 | \$0.02 |
| 11/20/00 | -- | \$2.18 | \$2.18 |
| 9/1/00 | \$0.19 | \$0.12 | \$0.31 |
| 11/19/99 | \$0.29 | \$0.90 | \$1.19 |
| 9/1/99 | -- | \$0.56 | \$0.56 |
| 11/16/98 | \$1.47 | \$1.75 | \$3.22 |
| 9/1/98 | \$0.17 | \$0.45 | \$0.62 |
| 11/17/97 | \$0.62 | \$2.23 | \$2.85 |
| 9/3/97 | \$0.07 | \$0.24 | \$0.31 |

TOTAL RETURNS:

| | FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2002 ----- | FOR THE YEARS ENDED DEC ----- | | |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | 2001 ----- | 2000 ----- | 1999 ----- |
| Net Asset Value | (6.36)% | (25.57)% | (20.66)% | 18.08% |
| Market Value | (2.13)% | (24.95)% | (21.09)% | 23.83% |
| DAX | (5.41)% | (23.20)% | (14.67)% | 19.98% |

OTHER INFORMATION:

NYSE Ticker Symbol GER
NASDAQ Symbol XGERX
Dividend Reinvestment Plan Yes
Voluntary Cash Purchase Program Yes
Annual Expense Ratio 1.58%

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PORTFOLIO BY MARKET SECTOR AS OF JUNE 30, 2002 (as % of Portfolio)

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EDGAR DATA POINTS TO FOLLOW:

Chemicals 12.1%
Communications Equipment 1.2%
Banks 9.9%
Construction & Engineering 0.9%
Air Freight & Couriers 1.0%
Industrial Conglomerates 10.5%
Semiconductor Equipment & Products 3.2%
Media 1.6%
Insurance 19.8%

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| | |
|--|-------|
| Automobiles | 14.9% |
| Pharmaceuticals | 1.0% |
| Airlines | 2.9% |
| Machinery | 1.7% |
| Diversified Telecommunications Services | 4.2% |
| Healthcare Providers & Services | 1.8% |
| Multiline Retail | 2.3% |
| Software | 4.4% |
| Multi Utilities | 6.6% |

10 LARGEST EQUITY HOLDINGS AS OF JUNE 30, 2002

| | % of Portfolio |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Siemens | 10.5 |
| 2. Allianz | 8.6 |
| 3. Munchener Ruckversicherungs | 8.5 |
| 4. DaimlerChrysler | 7.9 |
| 5. E.ON | 6.6 |
| | % of Portfolio |
| 6. BASF | 4.6 |
| 7. Bayer | 4.4 |
| 8. SAP | 4.4 |
| 9. Volkswagen | 4.3 |
| 10. Deutsche Telekom | 4.2 |

INTERVIEW WITH THE CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER

QUESTION: What impact will the upcoming elections in Germany have on its equity markets?

ANSWER: On September 22nd, Germany will hold elections that will decide its next chancellor. At the present time, the election is too close to predict a winner, but opinion polls give a slight edge to Edmund Stoiber, the leader of the German conservative coalition. If Stoiber does defeat the current chancellor, Gerhard Schroeder, it will complete a shift from the left to the right on the political spectrum that has taken place across Europe over the past few years. Over the past two years, parties of the political right have won victories in France, Austria, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Denmark and the Netherlands. A victory for the conservative party could be significant as it could set the stage for an aggressive program of structural and tax reform. Stoiber has promised to reduce the top marginal tax rate to 40% from 48% and reduce the level of social welfare taxes. While he has also stated that he wants to reverse one of the achievements of the current government by reintroducing the capital gains tax on the sale of corporate cross-shareholdings, it has prompted companies to speed up their plans to unwind their positions knowing that the tax advantage may not be there in the future. Furthermore, Stoiber wants to replace it with a reduction in the corporate tax rate that benefits smaller companies, as well as the large multinationals. In a poll of 531 business managers, 68% expected Stoiber to defeat the ruling Social Democratic

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Party, and 67% also said they preferred a Stoiber victory.

QUESTION: What are your views on the major industries the Fund has invested in?

ANSWER: After the strong sell-off in equity prices over the past two and one-half years, we think there is now value in some parts of the technology sector. For example, Nokia is trading at valuations that imply the company is no longer growing. We believe this is not the case and have taken a position in the company. In other areas of technology, such as the telecom operators, we maintain an underweight. The Fund plans to maintain an underweight position in the banking sector due to deteriorating credit quality and loan exposures to WorldCom and other big potential bankruptcies. The share prices of the large-cap German insurance companies have suffered in part due to the MSCI and DAX free float adjustment. The insurance sector now trades at 1.3 times embedded value and we have used share price weakness in Allianz and Munich Re to increase this sector to an overweight position. For now, the Fund plans to maintain a neutral position in the pharmaceutical sector. Pharmaceutical companies have been substantially de-rated as the well known problems of patent expirations, generic competition and poor product pipelines should continue to be a dark cloud hanging of the sector. As we believe that an economic recovery is at hand, we maintain an overweight position in the consumer goods and retail sector. Similarly, the automotive sector is at valuations that are not far above the lows seen in 1993. This suggests that a lot of bad news is discounted and we have thus increased the sector to an overweight.

QUESTION: Now that Germany has made progress with tax and pension reforms, will labor market reforms be next?

ANSWER: Lowering unemployment has been the central issue in this year's election, and we believe that Germany is now serious about reforming the structural impediments to job creation. The main obstacle to employment growth in Germany is the excessive regulation of the labor market, namely the protection against dismissal. Companies do not have the ability to respond to economic cycles with flexible and affordable adjustments to work contracts. As a result, companies are reluctant to hire new staff in the first place. There are also laws limiting the right to hire part-time workers. Now however, there are signs that things may be changing. This past spring, the government has developed a package of proposals for labor market reforms. The centerpiece of the reform package is the creation of federal temporary employment agencies that will be added to the local branches of the Federal Labor Office. Under this new model, job-seekers are placed on the payroll of the Personal Service Agencies (PSA), which will hire them out to companies for limited periods. Those unemployed who are not willing to work with the PSA would see their unemployment benefits cut after six months. The aim is to double the number of temporary workers within three years. Furthermore, measures will be taken to increase the pressures on the unemployed to take a job. The rules for what constitutes a job that the unemployed can be expected to accept with regards to pay and commuting distance are to be made more aggressive. In our analysis, the government's proposals are a step in the right direction and could certainly reduce unemployment significantly.

HANSPETER ACKERMANN, Chief Investment Officer of the Germany Fund

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OUTLOOK FOR THE GERMAN ECONOMY

While the world economy is clearly on the road to recovery, the upturn remains shaky and regional developments differ. Growth in the US recently lost steam, but should pickup speed again in the third quarter, while Japan is still far away from a sustained upturn. Europe, however, is in a good position to experience an expansion led by domestic demand. In Germany, economic growth got off to a subdued start in 2002. The beginning of the year was characterized by another strong rundown in inventories, which should lead to an expansion in manufacturing activity in the second half of the year. However, the reduction in inventories was nearly compensated by a considerable contribution to growth from net exports. Growth looks to be slightly positive in the second quarter, but should accelerate sharply in the second half of the year, growing at a rate of about 4% in the fourth quarter. Private consumption is likely to become one of the main pillars of GDP growth in the course of the year. The assumption is supported by a rise in real disposable income of 2%. In addition to recent declines in German consumer prices, wage agreements reached earlier in the year with Germany's largest labor union led to a larger than expected increase in real income. Despite that, inflation data has developed favorably in the last few months, helped by a marked decline in food prices. In July, the inflation rate decreased to 1% from 2.1% at the beginning of the year.

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THE GERMANY FUND, INC.
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS-- JUNE 30, 2002 (unaudited)

| SHARES ----- | DESCRIPTION ----- | VALUE ----- |
|---|--|----------------|
| INVESTMENTS IN GERMAN SECURITIES--89.1% | | |
| COMMON STOCKS--86.0% | | |
| AIR FREIGHT & COURIERS--1.0% | | |
| 100,000 | Deutsche Post | \$ 1,299,183 |
| ----- | | |
| AIRLINES--2.9% | | |
| 250,000 | Deutsche Lufthansa* | 3,573,000 |
| ----- | | |
| AUTOMOBILES--14.7% | | |
| 80,000 | Bayerische Motoren Werke | 3,264,134 |
| 200,000 | DaimlerChrysler | 9,754,290 |
| 110,000 | Volkswagen | 5,327,740 |
| ----- | | |
| | | 18,346,164 |
| ----- | | |
| BANKS--5.3% | | |
| 95,000 | Bayerische Hypothekenbank Und Vereinsbank | 3,111,487 |
| 230,000 | Commerzbank | 3,469,780 |
| ----- | | |
| | | 6,581,267 |
| ----- | | |
| CHEMICALS--8.9% | | |
| 120,000 | BASF | 5,615,565 |
| 170,000 | Bayer | 5,475,126 |
| ----- | | |
| | | 11,090,691 |
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| | | |
|---------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| 70,000 | CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING--0.9% | |
| | Thyssen Krupp | 1,062,967 |
| | | ----- |
| | DIVERSIFIED TELECOMMUNICATION | |
| | SERVICES--4.2% | |
| 550,000 | Deutsche Telekom | 5,185,812 |
| | | ----- |
| | HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS & | |
| | SERVICES--1.8% | |
| 50,000 | Fresenius Medical Care | 2,245,531 |
| | | ----- |
| | INDUSTRIAL | |
| | CONGLOMERATES--10.4% | |
| 215,000 | Siemens | 12,969,692 |
| | | ----- |
| | INSURANCE--16.9% | |
| 52,000 | Allianz | 10,551,665 |
| 44,000 | Munchener Ruckversicherungs | 10,480,800 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 21,032,465 |
| | | ----- |
| | MACHINERY--1.7% | |
| 100,000 | MAN | 2,120,973 |
| | | ----- |
| | MULTI UTILITIES--6.6% | |
| 140,000 | E.ON | 8,163,313 |
| | | ----- |
| | MULTILINE RETAIL--2.2% | |
| 90,000 | Metro | 2,782,474 |
| | | ----- |
| | | |
| SHARES | DESCRIPTION | VALUE |
| ----- | ----- | ----- |
| | PHARMACEUTICALS--1.0% | |
| 20,000 | Schering | \$ 1,266,033 |
| | | ----- |
| | SEMICONDUCTOR EQUIPMENT & | |
| | PRODUCTS--3.2% | |
| 250,000 | Infineon Technologies* | 3,965,038 |
| | | ----- |
| | SOFTWARE--4.3% | |
| 55,000 | SAP | 5,417,809 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total Common Stocks | |
| | (cost \$102,920,236) | 107,102,412 |
| | | ----- |
| | PREFERRED STOCK--3.1% | |
| | CHEMICALS--3.1% | |
| 55,000 | Henkel KGaA | |
| | (cost \$3,216,146) | 3,859,336 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total Investments in | |
| | German Securities | |
| | (cost \$106,136,382) | 110,961,748 |
| | | ----- |
| | INVESTMENTS IN DUTCH | |
| | COMMON STOCKS--4.3% | |
| | INSURANCE--2.7% | |
| 130,000 | ING Groep | 3,354,650 |
| | | ----- |

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| | | |
|--|--|---------------|
| | MEDIA--1.6% | |
| 70,000 | VNU | 1,955,027 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total Investments in Dutch Common Stocks (cost \$6,403,609) | 5,309,677 |
| | | ----- |
| INVESTMENT IN FINNISH COMMON STOCK--1.2% | COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT--1.2% | |
| 100,000 | Nokia (cost \$1,260,239) | 1,470,885 |
| | | ----- |
| INVESTMENTS IN FRENCH COMMON STOCKS--4.5% | BANKS--4.5% | |
| 65,000 | BNP Paribas | 3,612,700 |
| 30,000 | Societe Generale | 1,985,992 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total Investments in French Common Stocks (cost \$4,494,437) | 5,598,692 |
| | | ----- |
| | Total Investments--99.1% (cost \$118,294,667) | 123,341,002 |
| | Cash and other assets in excess of liabilities--0.9% .. | 1,150,949 |
| | | ----- |
| | NET ASSETS--100.0% | \$124,491,951 |
| | | ===== |

*Non-income producing security.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

THE GERMANY FUND, INC.
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
JUNE 30, 2002 (unaudited)

ASSETS

| |
|--|
| Investments, at value (cost \$118,294,667) |
| Cash and foreign currency (cost \$1,392,275) |
| Foreign withholding tax refund receivable |
| Dividend receivable |
| Interest receivable |
| Other assets |

Total assets

LIABILITIES

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Payable for securities purchased
 Management fee payable
 Investment advisory fee payable
 Payable for Directors' fees and expenses
 Accrued expenses and accounts payable

Total liabilities

NET ASSETS

Net assets consist of:

Paid-in capital, \$.001 par (Authorized 80,000,000 shares)
 Cost of 275,195 shares held in treasury
 Undistributed net investment income
 Accumulated net realized loss on investments and foreign currency transactions
 Net unrealized appreciation of investments and foreign currency

Net assets

Net asset value per share (\$124,491,951 [DIVIDE] 16,574,081 shares of common stock issued and out

See Notes to Financial Statements.

THE GERMANY FUND, INC.
 STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
 JUNE 30, 2002 (unaudited)

FOR THE
 SIX MONTHS ENDE
 JUNE 30, 2002

NET INVESTMENT INCOME

Investment income
 Dividends (net of foreign withholding taxes of \$268,381) \$ 1,599,154
 Interest 10,706
 Securities lending, net 40,259

Total investment income 1,650,119

Expenses

Management fee 378,651
 Investment advisory fee 210,537
 Reports to shareholders 112,554
 Custodian and Transfer Agent's fees and expenses 87,335
 Directors' fees and expenses 74,006
 Legal fee 41,972
 Audit fee 23,750
 NYSE listing fee 22,817
 Miscellaneous 60,350

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| | |
|---|----------------|
| Total expenses before custody credits* | 1,011,972 |
| Less: custody credits | (1,518) |
| Net expenses | 1,010,454 |
| Net investment income | 639,665 |
| REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS | |
| Net realized gain (loss) on: | |
| Investments | (11,534,056) |
| Foreign currency transactions | 99,559 |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on: | |
| Investments | 2,233,061 |
| Translation of other assets and liabilities from foreign currency | 31,922 |
| Net loss on investments and foreign currency transactions | (9,169,514) |
| NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS | \$ (8,529,849) |

* The custody credits are attributable to interest earned on U.S. cash balances.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

THE GERMANY FUND, INC.
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (unaudited)

| | |
|---|---|
| | FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 200 |
| ----- | |
| INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS | |
| Operations | |
| Net investment income | \$ 639,665 |
| Net realized gain (loss) on: | |
| Investments | (11,534,056) |
| Foreign currency transactions | 99,559 |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on: | |
| Investments | 2,233,061 |
| Translation of other assets and liabilities from foreign currency | 31,922 |
| Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations | (8,529,849) |

Distributions to shareholders from:

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| | |
|---|---------------|
| Net investment income | --- |
| Net realized foreign currency gains | --- |
| Net realized long term capital gains | --- |
| Total distributions to shareholders (a) | ----- |
| Capital share transactions: | |
| Net proceeds from reinvestment of dividends (0 and 89,005 shares, respectively) | --- |
| Cost of shares repurchased (106,100 and 258,100 shares, respectively) | (771,242) |
| Net decrease in net assets from capital share transactions | (771,242) |
| Total decrease in net assets | (9,301,091) |
| NET ASSETS | |
| Beginning of period | 133,793,042 |
| End of period (including undistributed net investment income of \$639,665 and \$0 as of June 30, 2002 and December 31, 2001, respectively) | \$124,491,951 |
| ----- | ----- |
| (a) For U.S. tax purposes, total distributions to shareholders consisted of: | |
| Ordinary income | --- |
| Long term capital gains | --- |
| | ----- |
| | ----- |

See Notes to Financial Statements.

THE GERMANY FUND, INC.
NOTESTOFINANCIALSTATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2002 (unaudited)

NOTE 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Germany Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") was incorporated in Delaware on April 8, 1986 as a diversified, closed-end management investment company. Investment operations commenced on July 23, 1986. Pursuant to shareholder approvals, the Fund reincorporated in Maryland on August 29, 1990 and on October 16, 1996 the Fund changed from a diversified to a non-diversified company.

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

SECURITY VALUATION: Investments are stated at value. All securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the last sales price on the primary exchange on which they are traded prior to the time of valuation. If no sales price is available at that time, and both bid and ask prices are available, the securities are valued at the mean between the last current bid and ask prices; if no quoted asked prices are available, they are valued at the

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last quoted bid price. All securities for which market quotations are not readily available will be valued as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of the Fund.

SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS AND INVESTMENT INCOME: Securities transactions are recorded on the trade date. Cost of securities sold is calculated using the identified cost method. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date and interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Such dividend income is recorded net of unrecoverable foreign withholding tax.

LOANS OF PORTFOLIO SECURITIES: The Fund may lend portfolio securities while it continues to earn dividends on such securities loaned. The market value of government securities received as collateral is required to be at least equal to 105 percent of the market value of the securities loaned, which are marked-to-market daily. Securities lending fees, net of rebates and agency fees, are earned by the Fund and are identified separately in the Statement of Operations.

FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION: The books and records of the Fund are maintained in United States dollars. Assets and liabilities denominated in euros and other foreign currency amounts are translated into United States dollars at the 10:00 A.M. mid-point of the buying and selling spot rates quoted by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Purchases and sales of investment securities, income and expenses are reported at the rate of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. The resultant gains and losses arising from exchange rate fluctuations are identified separately in the Statement of Operations, except for such amounts attributable to investments which are included in net realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments.

Foreign investments may involve certain considerations and risks not typically associated with those of domestic origin as a result of, among others, the possibility of political and economic developments and the level of governmental supervision and regulation of foreign securities markets.

TAXES: No provision has been made for United States Federal income tax because the Fund intends to meet the requirements of the United States Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute all of its taxable income to shareholders.

DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS: The Fund records dividends and distributions to its shareholders on the ex-dividend date. Income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with Federal income tax regulations which may differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These differences, which could be temporary or permanent in nature, may result in reclassification of distributions; however, net investment income, net realized gains and net assets are not affected.

NOTE 2. MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENTS

The Fund has a Management Agreement with Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. (the "Manager"), and an Investment Advisory Agreement with Deutsche Asset Management International GmbH (the "Investment Adviser"). The Manager and the Investment Adviser are affiliated companies.

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The Management Agreement provides the Manager with a fee, computed weekly and payable monthly, at the annual rates of .65% of the Fund's average weekly net assets up to \$50 million, and .55% of such assets in excess of \$50 million. The Investment Advisory Agreement provides the Investment Adviser with a fee, computed weekly and payable monthly, at the annual rates of .35% of the Fund's average weekly net assets up to \$100 million and .25% of such assets in excess of \$100 million.

Pursuant to the Management Agreement, the Manager is the corporate manager and administrator of the Fund and, subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors and pursuant to recommendations made by the Fund's Investment Adviser, determines the suitable securities for investment by the Fund. The Manager also provides office facilities and certain administrative, clerical and bookkeeping services for the Fund. Pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement, the Investment Adviser, in accordance with the Fund's stated investment objectives, policies and restrictions, makes recommendations to the Manager with respect to the Fund's investments and, upon instructions given by the Manager as to suitable securities for investment by the Fund, transmits purchase and sale orders, and selects brokers and dealers to execute portfolio transactions on behalf of the Fund.

NOTE 3. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

For the six months ended June 30, 2002, Deutsche Bank AG, the German parent of the Manager and Investment Adviser, and its affiliates received \$46,361 in brokerage commissions as a result of executing agency transactions in portfolio securities on behalf of the Fund.

Certain officers of the Fund are also officers of either the Manager or Deutsche Bank AG.

NOTE 4. PORTFOLIO SECURITIES

Purchases and sales of investment securities, other than short-term investments, for the six months ended June 30, 2002 were \$55,856,509 and \$55,343,613, respectively.

During the period November 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001, the Fund incurred capital losses of \$3,062,736. This loss was deferred for federal income tax purposes to January 1, 2002.

For United States Federal income tax purposes, the Fund had a capital loss carry forward at December 31, 2001 of approximately \$26.5 million which will expire in 2009. No capital gains distribution is expected to be paid to shareholders until future net gains have been realized in excess of such carry forward.

NOTE 5. PORTFOLIO SECURITIES LOANED

At June 30, 2002, the market values of the securities loaned and government securities received as collateral for such loans were \$11,220,513 and \$11,835,416, respectively. For the six months ended June 30, 2002, the Fund earned \$40,259 as securities lending fees, net of rebates and agency fees.

NOTE 6. CAPITAL

During the six months ended June 30, 2002 and the year ended December 31, 2001, the Fund purchased 106,100 and 258,100 of its shares of common stock on the open market at a total cost of \$771,242 and \$2,157,972, respectively. The weighted average discount of these purchases comparing the purchase price to the net asset value at the time of purchase was 9.2% and 9.6%, respectively.

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THE GERMANY FUND, INC.
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (unaudited)

Selected data for a share of common stock outstanding throughout each of the periods indicated:

| | FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2002 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Per share operating performance: | | | | |
| Net asset value: | | | | |
| Beginning of period | \$ 8.02 | \$ 10.89 | \$ 16.93 | \$ 16.93 |
| Net investment income (loss) | .04 | .05 | (.02) | .02 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions ... | (.56) | (2.84) | (3.48) | 2.84 |
| Increase (decrease) from investment operations | (.52) | (2.79) | (3.50) | 2.84 |
| Increase resulting from share repurchases | .01 | .01 | .05 | .05 |
| Distributions from net investment income | -- | (.05) | -- | (0.05) |
| Distributions from net realized foreign currency gains | -- | (.01) | -- | (0.01) |
| Distributions from net realized short-term capital gains | -- | -- | (.19) | (0.19) |
| Distributions from net realized long-term capital gains | -- | (.02) | (2.30) | (2.32) |
| Total distributions+ | -- | (.08) | (2.49) | (2.56) |
| Dilution in NAV from dividend reinvestment | -- | (.01) | (.10) | (0.10) |
| Net asset value: | | | | |
| End of period | \$ 7.51 | \$ 8.02 | \$ 10.89 | \$ 16.93 |
| Market value: | | | | |
| End of period | \$ 6.90 | \$ 7.05 | \$ 9.50 | \$ 15.00 |
| Total investment return for the period:++ | | | | |
| Based upon market value | (2.13)% | (24.95)% | (21.09)% | 23.00% |
| Based upon net asset value | (6.36)% | (25.57)% | (20.66)% | 18.00% |
| Ratio to average net assets: | | | | |
| Total expenses before custody credits* | 1.58%** | 1.47% | 1.29% | 1.29% |
| Net investment income (loss) | (.17)** | .53% | (.17)% | .53% |
| Portfolio turnover | 43.13% | 121.37% | 137.70% | 71.43% |
| Net assets at end of period (000's omitted) | \$124,492 | \$133,793 | \$183,541 | \$249,000 |

+ For U.S. tax purposes, total distributions consisted of:

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|----|--------|--------|--------|
| Ordinary income | -- | \$.06 | \$.19 | \$.19 |
| Long term capital gains | -- | .02 | 2.30 | 1.10 |

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|------|-------|--------|------|
| ---- | ---- | ----- | ---- |
| -- | \$.08 | \$2.49 | \$1 |
| ---- | ---- | ----- | ---- |

- ++ Total investment return is calculated assuming that shares of the Fund's common stock were purchased at the closing market price as of the beginning of the period, dividends, capital gains and other distributions were reinvested as provided for in the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan and then sold at the closing market price per share on the last day of the period. The computation does not reflect any sales commission investors may incur in purchasing or selling shares of the Fund. The total investment return based on the net asset value is similarly computed except that the Fund's net asset value is substituted for the closing market price.
- * The custody credits are attributable to interest earned on U.S. cash balances. The ratio of total expenses after custody credits to average net assets would have been 1.58%, 1.46%, 1.27%, 1.25%, 1.15% and 1.19% for 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998 and 1997, respectively.
- ** Annualized.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

THE GERMANY FUND, INC.
 REPORT OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING
 (unaudited)

The Fund held its Annual Meeting of Stockholders on June 13, 2002. The two matters voted upon by stockholders and the resulting votes for each matter were as follows:

| | VOTING RESULTS* | | |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|
| | FOR | AGAINST/ WITHHELD | ABSTAINED |
| | --- | ----- | ----- |
| 1. Election of the following Directors: | | | |
| Christian H. Strenger | 14,114 | 321 | -- |
| Werner Walbrol | 14,127 | 308 | -- |
| 2. Selection of Independent Accountants | 14,155 | 134 | 148 |

*In thousands of shares

PRIVACY POLICY AND PRACTICES

The Fund collects nonpublic personal information about its customers (stockholders) with respect to their transactions in shares of the Fund but only for those stockholders whose shares are registered in their names. We do not have knowledge of or collect personal information about stockholders who hold Fund shares in "street name" such as brokers or banks.

We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about our stockholders or former stockholders to anyone, except as permitted by law.

We restrict access to nonpublic personal information about our stockholders to those employees who need to know that information to provide services to our

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stockholders. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards that comply with federal standards to guard our stockholders' nonpublic personal information.

AMENDMENT OF
THE NON-FUNDAMENTAL POLICY
(unaudited)

The Board of Directors adopted the following nonfundamental policy for the Fund at its April 26, 2002 meeting:

1. The Fund will invest, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of the value of its net assets (plus 80% of any borrowings made for investment purposes) in securities of issuers domiciled in Germany;
2. For this purpose, an issuer is "domiciled" in Germany if
 - (a) It is organized under the laws of Germany,
 - (b) It maintains its principal place of business in Germany,
 - (c) It derives 50% or more of its annual revenues or profits from goods produced or sold, investments made or services performed in Germany, as determined in good faith by the Manager,
 - (d) It has 50% or more of its assets in Germany, as determined in good faith by the Manager, or
 - (e) Its equity securities are traded principally in Germany.

If an issuer could be considered domiciled in more than one country under the above criteria, the Manager shall determine the appropriate domicile in the issuer's circumstances based on the predominant criterion or criteria.

3. The Fund will provide its shareholders with at least 60 days' prior notice of any change in the above policy.

The effective date of the above non-fundamental policy is July 31, 2002.

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All investment management decisions are made by a committee of United States and German advisors.

VOLUNTARY CASH PURCHASE PROGRAM AND DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

The Fund offers stockholders a Voluntary Cash Purchase Program and Dividend Reinvestment Plan ("Plan") which provides for optional cash purchases and for the automatic reinvestment of dividends and distributions payable by the Fund in additional Fund shares. Plan participants may invest as little as \$100 in any month and may invest up to \$36,000 annually. Share purchases are combined to receive a beneficial brokerage fee. A brochure is available on the Fund's website or by writing or telephoning the plan agent:

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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 at market prices from time to time shares of its common stock in the open market.

Comparisons between changes in the Fund's net asset value per share and changes in the DAX index should be considered in light of the Fund's investment policy and objectives, the characteristics and quality of the Fund's investments, the size of the Fund and variations in the foreign currency/dollar exchange rate.

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