

FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE TOTAL RETURN FUND INC
Form N-Q
October 23, 2007

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-21380

Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

301 E. Colorado Boulevard, Suite 720
Pasadena, CA 91101

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Donald F. Crumrine
Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated
301 E. Colorado Boulevard, Suite 720
Pasadena, CA 91101

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 626-795-7300

Date of fiscal year end: November 30

Date of reporting period: August 31, 2007

Form N-Q is to be used by management investment companies, other than small business investment companies registered on Form N-5 (Sections 239.24 and 274.5 of this chapter), to file reports with the Commission, not later than 60 days after the close of the first and third fiscal quarters, pursuant to rule 30b1-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30b1-5). The Commission may use the information provided on Form N-Q in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection, and policymaking roles.

A registrant is required to disclose the information specified by Form N-Q, and the Commission will make this information public. A registrant is not required to respond to the collection of information contained in Form N-Q unless the Form displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") control number. Please direct comments concerning the accuracy of the information collection burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. The OMB has reviewed this collection of information under the clearance requirements of 44 U.S.C. Section 3507.

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

The Schedule(s) of Investments is attached herewith.

FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE TOTAL RETURN FUND

Edgar Filing: FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE TOTAL RETURN FUND INC - Form N-Q

To the Shareholders of the Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund ("FLC"):

Beginning with issues arising in the subprime mortgage loan market, a well-publicized series of events has roiled financial markets over the past several months. The preferred stock market and closed-end funds have been particularly impacted, and, consequently, for the Fund's third fiscal quarter ended August 31, 2007, the Fund had a total return of -4.8% on the net asset value (NAV) of its Common Stock.

As we've discussed in prior letters, problems in the subprime mortgage loan market first bubbled up in January of this year. Throughout this year, the Fund has had no direct exposure to subprime loans, and we avoided investing in companies that had meaningful risks associated with the product. Our research team closely monitors the loan quality and underwriting standards of each financial company in the portfolio, and we invest only in companies that meet our quality thresholds. We're not perfect, but we believe that the Fund's portfolio is comprised of holdings in fundamentally sound companies.

In isolation, the impact of this weakness in the subprime loan market should have been limited to direct participants in this market; unfortunately, given the complexity of the financial system, few things happen in isolation. When the subprime problems became more pronounced several months ago, the fallout from this subprime weakness has been widespread and severe.

Fueled by low interest rates and relatively relaxed financing terms, a great deal more leverage had become built into the system than even just a few years ago. As investments directly associated with subprime mortgages declined significantly in value during the quarter, they became very illiquid. Highly-leveraged investors then were forced to sell other more liquid types of assets like investment-grade preferred and debt securities to meet redemptions or margin calls. Risk and liquidity premiums surged, indiscriminately taking yields on all credit instruments with them. In short, excess leverage created the financial powder keg and subprime loan problems provided the spark.

With yields on preferred securities rising more than yields on more senior debt securities, the prices of the securities in our portfolio fell as the supply of preferred securities exceeded demand. The rearview mirror is still a bit foggy, but it appears that much of the selling pressure came from hedge funds. Hedge funds had become the 800-pound gorilla in the credit markets recently, and although they've been forced to slim down, they can still have a big impact.

Hedge funds were not the only investors selling, but since they aren't required to disclose their preferred securities holdings, no one knows how extensive their selling pressure was. As a result, prospective buyers were extremely cautious because they feared additional selling would further depress prices. Wall Street brokers and dealers normally stand ready to provide liquidity to sellers, but they appeared reluctant to buy. Long-term investors like the Fund, as well as individual investors, insurance companies and pension funds, also stayed on the sidelines for the most part. During the quarter, and since it ended, we have added some positions at attractive levels, but we are continuing to take a go-slow approach.

Subprime fallout also extended to the market for short-term, or money-market, securities such as commercial paper and auction-rate securities. This market was in a state of disarray throughout August and into early September. Investors in money-market securities don't like risk, and, at the slightest hint of trouble, they pull their money out and invest in short-term government securities. While the perception of risk is real for a small segment of borrowers, the reaction seems to be disproportionate.

These disruptions in the short-term market impacted the Fund in two meaningful ways. First, they contributed to price weakness in many of the Fund's investments, particularly in financial companies. While banks can fulfill their short-term financing needs with customer deposits and through the Federal

Reserve, finance companies like broker-dealers need to rely on the short-term securities market to run their day-to-day operations. This market is like oxygen to most financial companies, and restricting their borrowing makes it more expensive for them to operate. We continue to believe that none of the financial companies in our portfolio face significant risks of default as a result of this increased cost of borrowing, but it has clearly impacted their earnings outlooks and the prices of their preferred securities.

Second, the rates paid by the Fund on its own auction-rate Preferred Stock have risen significantly as a direct result of liquidity problems in the financial markets. The frustrating irony is that the Fund's own Preferred Stock is of very high quality with a rating of AAA and logic would dictate that rates should fall as investors seek out higher quality investments. This high quality is a function of the Investment Company Act (which governs the Fund) and the guidelines imposed by the rating agencies. As Kevin Conery, Merrill Lynch's Preferred Stock Strategist, recently observed about the Investment Company Act, "while some have criticized it for being too conservative for its 200% asset coverage test, at times like these in the market, we respect this discipline." While we are beginning to see some improvement in the auction rates of our Preferred Stock, and the recent interest rate cut by the Federal Reserve should help over the coming months, we haven't yet returned to more normalized auction rates.

The higher cost of our auction-rate Preferred Stock comes directly out of money available for distribution as the monthly Common Stock dividend. On the plus side, higher yields on preferred stock mean that we have been able to increase the income earned on the portfolio. It will take some time to see how these two offsetting factors affect income; in the meantime we are doing our best to manage both. We are comfortable with the current dividend, but we strive to pay out a rate that is sustainable and will make adjustments as conditions warrant.

We have been through periods of fear and volatility before, and we remain optimistic about long-term prospects for the Fund. Such periods create opportunities to buy securities of sound companies at discounted prices, as many shorter-term investors exit the market by selling both good and bad investments. We expect both more rational pricing and reduced risk of early redemption of our portfolio securities as markets settle down - both of which should benefit future returns for long-term investors. In addition, our Preferred Stock auction rates are likely to normalize in due course, as the market begins to better recognize the credit quality of our Preferred Stock. While we cannot say with certainty when, or if, these things will happen, as managers we are doing our best to position the Fund to ride out the current storm and prepare for better days ahead.

In volatile market conditions like these, we may provide more frequent updates about the preferred securities market and the Fund's portfolio. We did so this past quarter by adding special Questions and Answers regarding the market price of the Fund's shares to the Fund's website at WWW.FCCLAYMORE.COM. We encourage you to stay informed as shareholders by periodically visiting the website for additional information about your Fund.

Sincerely,

Edgar Filing: FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE TOTAL RETURN FUND INC - Form N-Q

/s/ Donald F. Crumrine

/s/ Robert M. Ettinger

Donald F. Crumrine
Chairman of the Board

Robert M. Ettinger
President

October 17, 2007

Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated
PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW
AUGUST 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

FUND STATISTICS ON 08/31/07

Net Asset Value	\$	21.07
Market Price	\$	18.69
Discount		11.30%
Yield on Market Price		8.19%
Common Stock Shares Outstanding		9,776,333

MOODY'S RATINGS % OF PORTFOLIO

AA	5.5%
A	17.9%
BBB	54.9%
BB	13.6%
Not Rated	5.0%
Below Investment Grade*	15.0%

* BELOW INVESTMENT GRADE BY BOTH MOODY'S AND S&P.

[THE FOLLOWING TABLE WAS REPRESENTED BY A PIE CHART IN THE PRINTED MATERIAL.]

INDUSTRY CATEGORIES % OF PORTFOLIO

Banking	29%
Utilities	27%
Insurance	21%
Energy	7%
Financial Services	6%
REITs	5%
Other	5%

TOP 10 HOLDINGS BY ISSUER % OF PORTFOLIO

Midamerican Energy	5.0%
Banco Santander	4.1%
Liberty Mutual Group	3.9%
Energry Louisiana	3.8%
Wachovia Corp	3.4%
AON Corp	3.0%
Wisconsin Energy	2.8%
Nexen	2.5%
Interstate Power & Light	2.3%
Capital One Financial	2.2%

Edgar Filing: FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE TOTAL RETURN FUND INC - Form N-Q

% OF PORTFOLIO**

Holdings Generating Qualified Dividend Income (QDI) for Individuals	25%
Holdings Generating Income Eligible for the Corporate Dividend Received Deduction (DRD)	16%

** THIS DOES NOT REFLECT YEAR-END RESULTS OR ACTUAL TAX CATEGORIZATION OF FUND DISTRIBUTIONS. THESE PERCENTAGES CAN, AND DO, CHANGE, PERHAPS SIGNIFICANTLY, DEPENDING ON MARKET CONDITIONS. INVESTORS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISOR REGARDING THEIR PERSONAL SITUATION.

Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated
 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS
 AUGUST 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES/\$ PAR

PREFERRED SECURITIES -- 79.3%
 BANKING -- 29.4%

\$	5,750,000	Astoria Capital Trust I, 9.75% 11/01/29, Series B
		Banco Santander:
	381,000	6.50% Pfd., 144A****
	214,920	6.80% Pfd., 144A****
	50,900	Bank One Capital Trust VI, 7.20% Pfd.
\$	6,865,000	Capital One Capital III, 7.686% 08/15/36
\$	6,800,000	CBG Florida REIT Corporation, 7.114%, 144A****
	40,000	Citizens Funding Trust I, 7.50% Pfd. 09/15/66
	40,000	Cobank, ACB, 7.00% Pfd., 144A****
	20,000	Colonial Capital Trust IV, 7.875% Pfd.
\$	4,950,000	Comerica Capital Trust II, 6.576% 02/20/37
	7,000	FBOP Corporation, Adj. Rate Pfd., 144A****
\$	400,000	First Empire Capital Trust I, 8.234% 02/01/27
\$	1,900,000	First Hawaiian Capital I, 8.343% 07/01/27, Series B
		First Republic Bank:
	160,000	6.25% Pfd.
	23,898	7.25% Pfd.
	2,000	First Republic Preferred Capital Corporation, 10.50% Pfd., 144A****
	20,000	Fleet Capital Trust VIII, 7.20% Pfd. 03/15/32
	2	FT Real Estate Securities Company, 9.50% Pfd., 144A****
\$	855,000	HSBC USA Capital Trust II, 8.38% 05/15/27, 144A****
		ING Groep NV:
	36,000	7.05% Pfd.
	10,000	7.20% Pfd.
\$	1,100,000	JPMorgan Chase Capital XXIII, Adj. Rate 05/15/47
	82,000	Keycorp Capital IX, 6.75% Pfd. 12/15/66
\$	1,000,000	Lloyds TSB Group PLC, 6.267% 144A****
	4,995	National City Capital Trust II, 6.625% Pfd. 11/15/36
\$	810,000	North Fork Capital Trust II, 8.00% 12/15/27
	151,059	PFGI Capital Corporation, 7.75% Pfd.

Edgar Filing: FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE TOTAL RETURN FUND INC - Form N-Q

\$	700,000	Regions Financing Trust II, 6.625% 05/15/47
		Roslyn Real Estate:
	25	8.95% Pfd., Series C, 144A****
	10	Adj. Rate Pfd., Series D, 144A****
	33,100	Sovereign Bancorp, 7.30% Pfd., Series C
	191,525	Sovereign Capital Trust V, 7.75% Pfd. 05/22/36

 Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated
 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
 AUGUST 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES/\$ PAR

PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)
 BANKING -- (CONTINUED)

\$	500,000	Sovereign Capital Trust VI, 7.908% 06/13/36
		U.S Bancorp, Auction Pass-Through Trust, Cl. B:
	15	Series 2006-5, Variable Rate Pfd., 144A****
	15	Series 2006-6, Variable Rate Pfd., 144A****
	14,320	USB Capital X, 6.50% Pfd. 04/12/66
\$	5,000,000	Wachovia Capital Trust I, 7.64% 01/15/27, 144A****
\$	670,000	Wachovia Capital Trust V, 7.965% 06/01/27, 144A****
	217,200	Wachovia Preferred Funding, 7.25% Pfd., Series A
\$	2,300,000	Webster Capital Trust IV, 7.65% 06/15/37
	15,300	Wells Fargo Capital Trust IV, 7.00% Pfd. 09/01/31

 FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 4.3%

\$	5,350,000	CIT Group, Inc., 6.10%
		Goldman Sachs:
	20,000	Adj. Rate Pfd., Series A
	36,000	Cabco Trust Capital 1, Adj. Rate Pfd. 02/15/34
	1,500	STRIPES Custodial Receipts, Pvt.
\$	3,000,000	Gulf Stream-Compass 2005 Composite Notes, 144A****
		Merrill Lynch:
	80,000	Adj. Rate Pfd., Series 5
	20,000	Fixed Income Pass-through 2007-A, Cl. B, Adj. Rate Pfd, 144A****
	3,000	Series II STRIPES Custodial Receipts, Pvt.
	11,000	SLM Corporation, Adj. Rate Pfd, Series B

 INSURANCE -- 15.8%

	189,680	ACE Ltd., 7.80% Pfd., Series C
\$	450,000	AMBAC Financial Group, Inc., 6.15% 02/15/37
\$	9,511,000	AON Capital Trust A, 8.205% 01/01/27
		Arch Capital Group Ltd.:

Edgar Filing: FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE TOTAL RETURN FUND INC - Form N-Q

	28,650	7.875% Pfd., Series B
	47,100	8.00% Pfd.
		AXA SA:
\$	3,000,000	6.379%, 144A****
\$	500,000	6.463%, 144A****
		Axis Capital Holdings:
	58,350	7.25% Pfd., Series A
	54,300	7.50% Pfd., Series B

5

 Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated
 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
 AUGUST 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES/\$ PAR

PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)
 INSURANCE -- (CONTINUED)

	65,200	Berkley W.R. Capital Trust II, 6.75% Pfd. 07/26/45
	145,000	Delphi Financial Group, 7.376% Pfd. 05/15/37
	60,700	Everest Re Capital Trust II, 6.20% Pfd., Series B
\$	3,500,000	Everest Re Holdings, 6.60% 05/15/37
\$	6,500,000	Liberty Mutual Group, 7.80% 03/15/37, 144A****
	109,000	Scottish Re Group Ltd., 7.25% Pfd.
	26,000	Torchmark Capital Trust III, 7.10% Pfd.
\$	3,615,000	USF&G Capital, 8.312% 07/01/46, 144A****
		XL Capital Ltd.:
\$	2,150,000	6.50% Series E
	10,067	7.625% Pfd., Series B
	1,500,000	ZFS Finance USA Trust V, 6.50% 05/09/37, 144A****

 UTILITIES -- 21.1%

	45,700	Baltimore Gas & Electric Company, 6.70% Pfd., Series 1993
	347,000	Calenergy Capital Trust III, 6.50% Pfd. 09/01/27
\$	500,000	COMED Financing II, 8.50% 01/15/27, Series B
\$	2,375,000	COMED Financing III, 6.35% 03/15/33
\$	4,500,000	Dominion Resources Capital Trust I, 7.83% 12/01/27
	145,000	Energy Arkansas, Inc., 6.45% Pfd.
	50,000	Energy Louisiana, Inc., 6.95% Pfd.
	133,500	FPC Capital I, 7.10% Pfd., Series A
		FPL Group Capital, Inc.:
\$	750,000	6.35% 10/01/66
\$	750,000	6.65% 06/15/67
	30,445	Indianapolis Power & Light Company, 5.65% Pfd.
		Interstate Power & Light Company:
	90,000	7.10% Pfd., Series C
	38,600	8.375% Pfd., Series B
\$	5,000,000	PECO Energy Capital Trust IV, 5.75% 06/15/33

Edgar Filing: FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE TOTAL RETURN FUND INC - Form N-Q

\$	1,000,000	Puget Sound Energy, Inc., 6.974% 06/01/67
	22,500	Southern California Edison, 6.00% Pfd.
	130,550	Southern Union Company, 7.55% Pfd.
	10,000	Southwest Gas Capital II, 7.70% Pfd.
	5,000	Union Electric Company, \$7.64 Pfd.
	5,000	Virginia Electric & Power Company, \$6.98 Pfd.
	101,200	Virginia Power Capital Trust, 7.375% Pfd. 07/30/42

6

 Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated
 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
 AUGUST 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES/\$ PAR

PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)
 UTILITIES -- (CONTINUED)

\$	5,200,000	Wisconsin Energy Corporation, 6.25% 05/15/67
	85,137	Wisconsin Power & Light Company, 6.50% Pfd.

ENERGY -- 2.6%

		Enterprise Products Partners:
\$	4,000,000	7.034% 01/15/68
\$	2,000,000	8.375% 08/01/66
	2,750	EOG Resources, Inc., 7.195% Pfd., Series B

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT) -- 4.5%

85,000	Equity Residential Properties, 8.29% Pfd., Series K
	PS Business Parks, Inc.:
15,400	6.70% Pfd., Series P
5,700	6.875% Pfd., Series I
71,920	7.20% Pfd., Series M
23,538	7.375% Pfd., Series O
43,200	7.60% Pfd., Series L
45,000	7.95% Pfd., Series K
	Public Storage, Inc.:
21,650	6.45% Pfd., Series F
76,300	6.625% Pfd., Series M
30,000	6.85% Pfd., Series Y
95,300	7.25% Pfd., Series K

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIES -- 1.6%

Edgar Filing: FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE TOTAL RETURN FUND INC - Form N-Q

1,395	Centaur Funding Corporation, 9.08% Pfd. 04/21/20, 144A****	.....
40,000	Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., 6.25% Pfd., 144A****	.....

TOTAL PREFERRED SECURITIES
(Cost \$271,775,331)

7

Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated
PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
AUGUST 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES/\$ PAR

CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES -- 19.5%
FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 1.9%

\$	4,822,339	Lehman Brothers, Guaranteed Note, Variable Rate, 12/16/16, 144A****	.....
\$	2,500,000	Lehman Brothers Holdings, 6.875% 07/17/37, Sub. Note	.....

INSURANCE -- 5.1%

	15,000	AAG Holding Company, Inc., 7.25% Pfd.	.....
	20,000	American Financial Group, Inc., 7.125% 02/03/34, Senior Note	.....
\$	2,000,000	Farmers Exchange Capital, 7.20% 07/15/48, 144A****	.....
\$	7,577,000	Liberty Mutual Insurance, 7.697% 10/15/97, 144A****	.....
\$	7,000,000	UnumProvident Corporation, 7.25% 03/15/28, Senior Notes	.....

UTILITIES -- 6.0%

	27,200	Corp-Backed Trust Certificates, 7.875% 02/15/32, Series Duke Capital	.....
\$	1,000,000	Duke Capital Corporation, 8.00% 10/01/19, Senior Notes	.....
		Entergy Louisiana LLC:	
\$	7,562,000	6.30% 09/01/35, 1st Mortgage	.....
	15,000	7.60% 04/01/32, 1st Mortgage	.....
	5,000	Entergy Mississippi, Inc., 7.25%, 1st Mortgage	.....
\$	4,000,000	Interstate Power & Light Company, 6.45% 10/15/33, Senior Notes	.....
	46,900	PPL Capital Funding, Inc., 6.85% 07/01/47	.....
\$	1,015,000	Westar Energy, Inc., 5.95% 01/01/35	.....
\$	4,000,000	Wisconsin Electric Power Company, 6.875% 12/01/95	.....

ENERGY -- 4.3%

\$	2,500,000	KN Energy, Inc., 7.45% 03/01/98
----	-----------	---------------------------------	-------

Edgar Filing: FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE TOTAL RETURN FUND INC - Form N-Q

	328,300	Nexen, Inc., 7.35% Subordinated Notes
\$	4,000,000	Noble Energy, Inc., 7.25% 08/01/97

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIES -- 2.2%

	10,000	CBS Corporation, 6.75% 03/27/56
	20,000	Corp-Backed Trust Certificates, 7.00% 11/15/28, Series Sprint
	19,625	Ford Motor Company, 7.50% 06/10/43, Senior Notes
\$	4,265,000	General Motors Corporation, 8.80% 03/01/21

8

Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated
 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
 AUGUST 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES/\$ PAR

CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)
 MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIES -- (CONTINUED)

		Pulte Homes, Inc.:
	25,844	7.375% 06/01/46
\$	2,160,000	7.875% 06/15/32

TOTAL CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES
 (Cost \$68,430,316)

OPTION CONTRACTS -- 0.0%

	785	December Put Options on December U.S. Treasury Bond Futures, Expiring 11/20/07
	1,575	October Put Options on December U.S. Treasury Bond Futures, Expiring 09/21/07

TOTAL OPTION CONTRACTS
 (Cost \$293,243)

9

Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated
 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
 AUGUST 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

Edgar Filing: FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE TOTAL RETURN FUND INC - Form N-Q

SHARES/\$ PAR

MONEY MARKET FUND -- 0.2%

 728,037 BlackRock Provident Institutional, TempFund

 TOTAL MONEY MARKET FUND
 (Cost \$728,037)

SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL -- 0.3%

 1,059,200 Institutional Money Market Trust

 TOTAL SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL
 (Cost \$1,059,200)

TOTAL INVESTMENTS (Cost \$342,286,127***)
 OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (Net)
 TOTAL NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK AND PREFERRED STOCK
 AUCTION MARKET PREFERRED STOCK (AMPS) REDEMPTION VALUE
 TOTAL NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK

-
- * Securities eligible for the Dividends Received Deduction and distributing Qualified Dividend Income.
 - ** Securities distributing Qualified Dividend Income only.
 - *** Aggregate cost of securities held.
 - **** Securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration to qualified institutional buyers. These securities have been determined to be liquid under the guidelines established by the Board of Directors.
 - (1) Foreign Issuer.
 - (2) Security on loan.
 - + Non-income producing.
 - ++ The percentage shown for each investment category is the total value of that category as a percentage of net assets available to Common and Preferred Stock.

ABBREVIATIONS:
 PFD. -- Preferred Securities
 PVT. -- Private Placement Securities

OPERATIONS:

Net investment income	\$ 16
Net realized gain/(loss) on investments sold during the period	
Change in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments held during the period	(21)
Distributions to AMPS* Shareholders from net investment income, including changes in accumulated undeclared distributions	(5)
NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	(10)

DISTRIBUTIONS:

Dividends paid from net investment income to Common Stock Shareholders (2)	(11)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS	(11)

FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS:

Increase from shares issued under the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan	
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK RESULTING FROM FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS	

NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK

FOR THE PERIOD	\$ (21)
----------------------	---------

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK:

Beginning of period	\$ 227
Net decrease in net assets during the period	(21)
End of period	\$ 205

* Auction Market Preferred Stock.

- (1) These tables summarize the nine months ended August 31, 2007 and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's audited financial statements, including footnotes, in its Annual Report dated November 30, 2006.
- (2) May include income earned, but not paid out, in prior fiscal year.

Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated
 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS(1)
 FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1, 2006 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED)
 FOR A COMMON STOCK SHARE OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD.

Edgar Filing: FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE TOTAL RETURN FUND INC - Form N-Q

PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:

Net asset value, beginning of period \$

INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:

Net investment income

Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments.

DISTRIBUTIONS TO AMPS* SHAREHOLDERS:

From net investment income

From net realized capital gains

Total from investment operations

DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:

From net investment income

From net realized capital gains

Total distributions to Common Stock Shareholders

Net asset value, end of period \$

Market value, end of period \$

Common Stock shares outstanding, end of period 9

RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:

Net investment income+

Operating expenses

SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:++

Portfolio turnover rate

Total net assets available to Common and Preferred Stock, end of period (in 000's) ... \$

Ratio of operating expenses to total average net assets available to
Common and Preferred Stock

(1) These tables summarize the nine months ended August 31, 2007 and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's audited financial statements, including footnotes, in its Annual Report dated November 30, 2006.

* Auction Market Preferred Stock.

** Annualized.

*** Not annualized.

+ The net investment income ratios reflect income net of operating expenses and payments to AMPS* Shareholders.

++ Information presented under heading Supplemental Data includes AMPS*.

	TOTAL DIVIDENDS PAID	NET ASSET VALUE	NYSE CLOSING PRICE	DIVIDE REINVEST PRICE (
	-----	-----	-----	-----
December 31, 2006	\$0.1275	\$22.99	\$21.48	\$21.6
January 31, 2007	0.1275	23.01	21.70	21.7
February 28, 2007	0.1275	23.37	21.62	21.8
March 31, 2007	0.1275	22.87	22.35	22.2
April 30, 2007	0.1275	22.98	21.63	21.6
May 31, 2007	0.1275	22.53	20.81	20.9
June 30, 2007	0.1275	22.24	20.39	20.4
July 31, 2007	0.1275	21.44	19.36	19.1
August 31, 2007	0.1275	21.07	18.69	18.8

(1) Whenever the net asset value per share of the Fund's Common Stock is less than or equal to the market price per share on the reinvestment date, new shares issued will be valued at the higher of net asset value or 95% of the then current market price. Otherwise, the reinvestment shares of common stock will be purchased in the open market.

Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

1. AGGREGATE INFORMATION FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES

At August 31, 2007 the aggregate cost of securities for federal income tax purposes was \$344,264,967, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there is an excess of value over tax cost was \$2,132,608, and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there is an excess of tax cost over value was \$14,394,639.

[This page intentionally left blank]

DIRECTORS

Donald F. Crumrine, CFA
 Chairman of the Board
 David Gale
 Morgan Gust
 Karen H. Hogan
 Robert F. Wulf, CFA

OFFICERS

Donald F. Crumrine, CFA
 Chief Executive Officer

Edgar Filing: FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE TOTAL RETURN FUND INC - Form N-Q

Robert M. Ettienger, CFA
President
R. Eric Chadwick, CFA
Chief Financial Officer,
Vice President and Treasurer
Chad C. Conwell
Chief Compliance Officer,
Vice President and Secretary
Bradford S. Stone
Vice President and
Assistant Treasurer
Nicholas Dalmaso
Vice President and Assistant Secretary
Laurie C. Lodolo
Assistant Compliance Officer,
Assistant Treasurer and
Assistant Secretary

INVESTMENT ADVISER

Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated
e-mail: flaherty@pfdincome.com

SERVICING AGENT

Claymore Securities, Inc.
1-866-233-4001

QUESTIONS CONCERNING YOUR SHARES OF FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE
TOTAL RETURN FUND?

- o If your shares are held in a Brokerage Account, contact your Broker.
- o If you have physical possession of your shares in certificate form, contact the Fund's Transfer Agent --
PFPC Inc. 1-800-331-1710

THIS REPORT IS SENT TO SHAREHOLDERS OF FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE TOTAL RETURN FUND INCORPORATED FOR THEIR INFORMATION. IT IS NOT A PROSPECTUS, CIRCULAR OR REPRESENTATION INTENDED FOR USE IN THE PURCHASE OR SALE OF SHARES OF THE FUND OR OF ANY SECURITIES MENTIONED IN THIS REPORT.

Flaherty & Crumrine/Claymore
[LOGO] =====
TOTAL RETURN FUND

Quarterly
Report

August 31, 2007

www.fcclaymore.com

ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation

Edgar Filing: FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE TOTAL RETURN FUND INC - Form N-Q

of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).

(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

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

(Registrant) Flaherty & Crumrine/claymore Total Return Fund Incorporated

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Donald F. Crumrine

Donald F. Crumrine, Director, Chairman of the Board
and Chief Executive Officer
(principal executive officer)

Date October 16, 2007

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

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Donald F. Crumrine

Donald F. Crumrine, Director, Chairman of the Board
and Chief Executive Officer
(principal executive officer)

Date October 16, 2007

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ R. Eric Chadwick

R. Eric Chadwick, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer
and Vice President
(principal financial officer)

Date October 16, 2007

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