

ZWEIG TOTAL RETURN FUND INC
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 DICKERSON DAVID

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 THE ZWEIG TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC., 900 THIRD AVE
 (Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ZWEIG TOTAL RETURN FUND INC [ZTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/02/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| The Zweig Total Return Fund, Inc. | 05/02/2006 | | P | 2,400 | A | \$ 4.8 7,140 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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