#### CAPITAL & INCOME STRATEGIES FUND INC

Form N-Q

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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 811-21506

Name of Fund: Capital and Income Strategies Fund, Inc.

Fund Address: P.O. Box 9011

Princeton, NJ 08543-9011

Name and address of agent for service: Robert C. Doll, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, Capital and Income Strategies Fund, Inc., 800 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro, NJ, 08536. Mailing address: P.O. Box 9011, Princeton, NJ, 08543-9011

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (609) 282-2800

Date of fiscal year end: 12/31/05

Date of reporting period: 07/01/05 - 09/30/05

 ${\tt Item 1 - Schedule \ of \ Investments}$ 

Capital and Income Strategies Fund, Inc.

Schedule of Investments as of September 30, 2005

Preferred Securities

Industry	Face Amount	Capital Trusts
Commercial Banks - 4.6% \$	1,000,000 2,000,000 3,000,000 3,000,000 2,000,000	Dresdner Funding Trust I, 8.151% due 6/30/2031 (a) Lloyds TSB Bank PLC, 6.90% (d) Mizuho JGB Investment LLC, 9.87% (a) (c) (d) SB Treasury Co. LLC, 9.40% (a) (c) (d) Westpac Capital Trust III, 5.819% (a) (c) (d)
Diversified Financial Services - 0.6%	1,500,000	Svensk Exportkredit AB, 6.375% (a)(d)

Shares

Held Preferred Stocks

Total Capital Trusts (Cost - \$13,382,156) - 5.2%

Capital Markets - 1.6%	80,000 40,000 40,000	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. Series A, 3.91% Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc., 6.50% Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. Series G, 3%
Commercial Banks - 3.1%	60,000 9,662 1,674 80,000 20,000 2,000	Banco Santander Central Hispano SA, 6.41% First Republic Bank, 6.25% First Tennessee Bank NA, 3.90% (a) HSBC USA, Inc., 3.50% Royal Bank of Scotland Group Plc Series L, 5.75% SG Preferred Capital II, 6.302%
Consumer Finance - 1.0%	102,001	MBNA Corp. Series B, 5.50%
Diversified Financial Services - 0.5%	50,000	CIT Group, Inc. Series A, 6.35%
Electric Utilities - 3.4%	11,109 11,394 11,250 40,000 40,000 10,000 20,000	Connecticut Light & Power, 5.28% Delmarva Power & Light, 4.20% Delmarva Power & Light, 4.28% Duquesne Light Co., 6.50% Interstate Power & Light Co. Series B, 8.375% Peco Energy Co. Series D, 4.68% Southern California Edison Co., 5.349%
Food Products - 1.5%	2,000 20	General Mills, Inc., 4.50% HJ Heinz Finance Co., 6.226% (a)
Gas Utilities - 0.3%	35,000	Southern Union Co., 7.55%
Insurance - 5.1%	80,000 8,000 80,000 30,000 72,000 80,000 60,000 2,200	ACE Ltd. Series C, 7.80% Axis Capital Holdings Ltd., 7.25% Aegon NV, 6.375% Genworth Financial, Inc. Series A, 5.25% Metlife, Inc. Series B, 6.50% Prudential Plc, 6.75% RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. Series C, 6.08% Zurich RegCaPS Funding Trust, 6.58% (a)
Multi-Utilities - 1.2%	80,000 12,400	Pacific Gas & Electric Co. Series A, 6% Public Service Electric & Gas Series E, 5.28%
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels - 0.8%	19,500	Apache Corp. Series B, 5.68% (f)
Thrifts & Mortgage Finance - 4.8%	45,000 25,000 59,350 150,000	Fannie Mae, 7% Fannie Mae Series I, 5.375% Fannie Mae Series L, 5.125% Freddie Mac, 3.93%

		Total Preferred Stocks (Cost - \$59,550,559) - 23.3%
Real Estate Investment	52,000	Real Estate Investment Trusts  Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. Series C, 8.37
Trusts - 0.5%		Total Real Estate Investment Trusts (Cost - \$1,300,0
	Face Amount	Trust Preferreds
Commercial Banks - 0.8% \$	2,000,000	ABN AMRO North America Capital Funding Trust I, 6.968% due 9/15/2010 (a)(c)
Gas Utilities - 0.4%	1,000,000	Southwest Gas Capital II, 7.70% due 9/15/2043
		Total Trust Preferreds (Cost - \$3,138,574) - 1.2%
		Total Preferred Securities (Cost - \$77,371,289) - 30
		Corporate Bonds
Automobiles - 0.5%	1,200,000	Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama LLC, 5.30% due 12/19/2008
Beverages - 0.1%	250,000	Coca-Cola Femsa SA de CV, 8.95% due 11/01/2006
Commercial Banks - 3.2%	750,000 450,000 700,000 1,350,000 700,000 750,000 465,000 575,000 1,080,000 1,070,000 465,000	Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Economico e Social 5.83% due 6/16/2008 (c) Bancomext Trust Division, 11.25% due 5/30/2006 Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, 9% due 11/14/2005 Bangkok Bank Public Co. Ltd. (Hong Kong), 8.75% due 3/15/2007 The Export-Import Bank of Korea, 4.25% due 11/27/200 ICICI Bank Ltd., 4.75% due 10/22/2008 Korea Development Bank: 7.25% due 5/15/2006 5.25% due 11/16/2006 MDM Bank, 10.75% due 12/16/2005 Sberbank, 4.92% due 10/24/2006 Siam Commercial Bank Public Co. of Singapore, 7.50% due 3/15/2006
Diversified Financial Services - 1.8%	900,000 750,000 560,000 1,920,000	AC International Finance Ltd., 8.125% due 2/21/2008 Aries Vermoegensverwaltungs GmbH, 9.60% due 10/25/20 Morgan Stanley (Gazprom), 9.625% due 3/01/2013 Salomon Brothers AG for OAO Gazprom, 9.125% due 4/25

Empresa Brasileira de Telecom SA Series B, 11% due 1 Excelcomindo Finance Company BV, 8% due 1/27/2009 Philippine Long Distance Telephone: 9.25% due 6/30/2006 7.85% due 3/06/2007 Telefonica de Argentina SA, 9.875% due 7/01/2006 Telefonos de Mexico SA de CV, 8.25% due 1/26/2006
Companhia Siderurgica Pa, 7.25% due 11/07/2006
MEI Euro Finance Ltd., 10% due 3/19/2007 Petrobras Energia SA, 9% due 1/30/2007 Petroleos Mexicanos, 8.85% due 9/15/2007 Petroliam Nasional Berhad, 7.75% due 8/15/2015 YPF SA Series A, 7.75% due 8/27/2007
SINO-FOREST Corp., 9.125% due 8/17/2011 (a)
SM Investments Corp., 8% due 10/16/2007
MTR Corp., 7.25% due 10/01/2005
Total Access Communication Public Co. Ltd., 8.375% due 11/04/2006
Total Corporate Bonds (Cost - \$24,977,971) - 9.7%  Foreign Government Obligations
Argentina Government International Bond, 4.005% due 8/03/2012 Brazilian Government International Bond:     10.25% due 1/11/2006     10% due 1/16/2007     11.50% due 3/12/2008     14.50% due 10/15/2009     10% due 8/07/2011     5.25% due 4/15/2012     8% due 1/15/2018     10.125% due 5/15/2027     8.25% due 1/20/2034     11% due 8/17/2040 (g) Bulgaria Government International Bond, 8.25% due 1/ Chile Government International Bond:     5.625% due 7/23/2007     5.50% due 1/15/2013 Colombia Government International Bond:     10.50% due 6/13/2006     8.625% due 4/01/2008     10% due 1/23/2012     11.75% due 2/25/2020

Mexico Government International Bond:

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1,170,000
                                        9.875% due 1/15/2007
                               435,000
                                             9.875% due 2/01/2010
                                500,000
                                            8.375% due 1/14/2011
                                360,000
                                            6.375% due 1/16/2013
                                200,000
                                             5.875% due 1/15/2014
                                390,000
                                            8.30% due 8/15/2031
                               725,000
                                             7.50% due 4/08/2033
                                500,000
                                             Series A, 6.625% due 3/03/2015
                                        Panama Government International Bond:
                               975,000
                                            8.25% due 4/22/2008
                               150,000
                                             7.25% due 3/15/2015
                               435,000
                                             8.875% due 9/30/2027
                                         Peru Government International Bond:
                              1,090,000
                                            9.125% due 1/15/2008
                                             9.125% due 2/21/2012
                                240,000
                                             5% due 3/07/2017
                               137,200
                                          Philippine Government International Bond:
                              1,000,000
                                             4.129%* due 10/03/2005
                                250,000
                                             5.625% due 11/19/2006
                                720,000
                                             8.875% due 4/15/2008
                                435,000
                                             9.875% due 3/16/2010
                               175,000
                                             9.875% due 1/15/2019
                                65,000 10.625% due 3/16/2025
                                750,000
                                             9.50% due 2/02/2030
                                        Russia Government International Bond:
                                500,000 10% due 6/26/2007
                              2,095,000
                                             10% due 6/26/2007 (Regulation S)
                               775,000
                                            11% due 7/24/2018 (Regulation S) (g)
                               780,000
                                             5% due 3/31/2030
                               793,000 Santa Fe de Bogota DC, 9.50% due 12/12/2006
                                        Turkey Government International Bond:
                               650,000
                                            11.375% due 11/27/2006
                              1,080,000
                                            10% due 9/19/2007
                                           10% due 9/19/2007 (a)
                              1,000,000
                                            11.50% due 1/23/2012
                                390,000
                                250,000
                                             11% due 1/14/2013
                                             7.375% due 2/05/2025
                                500,000
                                            8% due 2/14/2034
                                500,000
                                         Ukraine Government International Bond:
                              1,036,074
                                             11% due 3/15/2007
                                             6.875% due 3/04/2011
                                200,000
                                             7.65% due 6/11/2013 (a)
                                50,000
                                        Uruguay Government International Bond:
                                200,000
                                          9.25% due 5/17/2017
                                267,960
                                             7.875% due 1/15/2033 (h)
                                        Venezuela Government International Bond:
                              1,230,000
                                          9.125% due 6/18/2007
                                             3.625% due 12/18/2007
                                476,167
                               725,000
                                             10.75% due 9/19/2013
                                325,000
                                             8.50% due 10/08/2014 (g)
                                150,000
                                             9.375% due 1/13/2034
                                          Total Foreign Government Obligations
                                          (Cost - $41,193,055) - 16.3%
                                Shares
                                  Held Common Stocks
Aerospace & Defense - 4.1% 89,800 Honeywell International, Inc.
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	32,100 25,500 108,700	Lockheed Martin Corp. Northrop Grumman Corp. Raytheon Co.
Beverages - 1.0%	140,400	Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc.
Capital Markets - 4.3%	133,500 55,800 102,700	The Bank of New York Co., Inc. Mellon Financial Corp. Morgan Stanley
Chemicals - 1.4%	92,200	E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.
Commercial Banks - 4.0%	83,100 22,100 100,500	Bank of America Corp. Wachovia Corp. Wells Fargo & Co.
Communications Equipment - 1.9%	131,100 140,100 78,400	3Com Corp. (b) Motorola, Inc. Nokia Oyj (f)
Computers & Peripherals - 4.6%	130,700 54,400 97,300 612,200	Hewlett-Packard Co. International Business Machines Corp. Seagate Technology Sun Microsystems, Inc. (b)
Consumer Finance - 0.8%	81,600	MBNA Corp.
Diversified Financial Services - 3.9%	75,490 195,772	Citigroup, Inc. JPMorgan Chase & Co.
Diversified Telecommunication Services - 3.5%	37,400 76,700 167,100 66,200	BCE, Inc. BellSouth Corp. SBC Communications, Inc. Verizon Communications, Inc.
Electric Utilities - 2.7%	65,300 108,500	FPL Group, Inc. The Southern Co.
Electronic Equipment & Instruments - 1.0%	77,000	Agilent Technologies, Inc. (b)
Energy Equipment & Services - 4.3%	81,800 125,400 38,800	BJ Services Co. GlobalSantaFe Corp. Halliburton Co.

Food Products - 3.4%	70,300 74,700 43,200	General Mills, Inc. Kraft Foods, Inc. Unilever NV (f)
Health Care Equipment & Supplies - 1.0%	65,900	Baxter International, Inc.
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure - 1.1%	88,000	McDonald's Corp.
Household Durables - 1.0%	98,400	Koninklijke Philips Electronics NV
Household Products - 1.6%	69,100	Kimberly-Clark Corp.
IT Services - 0.3%	132,200	Unisys Corp. (b)
<pre>Industrial Conglomerates - 3.2%</pre>	101,500 176,000	General Electric Co. Tyco International Ltd.
Insurance - 5.7%	31,000 58,400 127,300 23,500 19,900 67,400	The Allstate Corp. American International Group, Inc. Genworth Financial, Inc. Class A Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. Marsh & McLennan Cos., Inc. The St. Paul Travelers Cos., Inc.
Machinery - 1.0%	42,300	Deere & Co.
Media - 3.9%	202,100 317,700 82,800	<pre>Interpublic Group of Cos., Inc. (b) Time Warner, Inc. Walt Disney Co.</pre>
Metals & Mining - 0.9%	92,600	Alcoa, Inc.
Multi-Utilities - 2.4%	50,600 17,900 88,300	Consolidated Edison, Inc. Dominion Resources, Inc. Energy East Corp.
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels - 5.3%	19,900 139,400 46,700	Anadarko Petroleum Corp. Exxon Mobil Corp. Royal Dutch Shell Plc (f)
Paper & Forest Products - 1.3%	118,200	International Paper Co.
Pharmaceuticals - 5.0%	51,100 63,500 72,300 105,900	AstraZeneca Group Plc (f) GlaxoSmithKline Plc (f) Merck & Co., Inc. Pfizer, Inc.

	137,400	Schering-Plough Corp.
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment - 3.9%	106,100 141,100 260,600 122,900 82,000	Applied Materials, Inc. Fairchild Semiconductor International, Inc. (b) LSI Logic Corp. (b) Micron Technology, Inc. (b) Novellus Systems, Inc. (b)
Specialty Retail - 0.8%	124,600	The Gap, Inc.  Total Common Stocks (Cost - \$196,578,352) - 79.3%
\$	Beneficial Interest 16,201,227	Short-Term Securities  Merrill Lynch Liquidity Series, LLC Cash Sweep Series  Total Short-Term Securities (Cost - \$16,201,227) - 6  Total Investments (Cost - \$356,321,894) - 141.7%
Call Options Written - (0.0%)	Number of Contracts 41	Options Written  McDonald's Corp., expiring October 2005 at USD 37.5  Total Options Written (Premiums Received - \$19,893)  Total Investments, Net of Options Written (Cost - \$356,302,001**) - 141.7%  Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets - (41.7%)

 $^{\star}$  Represents a zero coupon bond; the interest rate shown reflects the effective yield at the time of purchase.

Net Assets - 100.0%

\*\* The cost and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments, net of options written, as of September 30, 2005, as computed for federal income tax purposes, were as follows:

Aggregate cost	\$	356,347,840
	======	
Gross unrealized appreciation Gross unrealized depreciation	\$	24,035,811 (9,885,636)
Net unrealized appreciation	\$ ======	14,150,175

(a) The security may be offered and sold to "qualified institutional buyers" under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933.

- (b) Non-income producing security.
- (c) Floating rate note.
- (d) The security is a perpetual bond and has no definite maturity date.
- (e) Investments in companies considered to be an affiliate of the Fund, for purposes of Section 2(a)(3) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, were as follows:

Net Interest
Affiliate Activity Income

Merrill Lynch Liquidity Series,
LLC Cash Sweep Series I \$ 14,641,504 \$ 106,057

- (f) Depositary receipts.
- (g) Brady Bonds are securities which have been issued to refinance commercial bank loans and other debt. The risk associated with these instruments is the amount of any uncollateralized principal or interest payments since there is a high default rate of commercial bank loans by countries issuing these securities.
- (h) Represents a pay-in-kind security which may pay interest/dividends in additional face/shares.

For Fund compliance purposes, the Fund's industry classifications refer to any one or more of the industry sub-classifications used by one or more widely recognized market indexes or ratings group indexes, and/or as defined by Fund management. This definition may not apply for purposes of this report, which may combine industry sub-classifications for reporting ease. Industries are shown as a percent of net assets.

#### Item 2 - Controls and Procedures

- 2(a) The registrant's certifying officers have reasonably designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure material information relating to the registrant is made known to us by others particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared. The registrant's certifying officers have determined that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are effective based on our evaluation of these controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this report.
- 2(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the last fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3 - Exhibits

Certifications - Attached hereto

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.

Capital and Income Strategies Fund, Inc.

By: /s/ Robert C. Doll, Jr.

Robert C. Doll, Jr.

Chief Executive Officer
Capital and Income Strategies Fund, Inc.

Date: November 17, 2005

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: /s/ Robert C. Doll, Jr.

Robert C. Doll, Jr.

Chief Executive Officer
Capital and Income Strategies Fund, Inc.

Date: November 17, 2005

By: /s/ Donald C. Burke

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Donald C. Burke

Chief Financial Officer

Capital and Income Strategies Fund, Inc.

Date: November 17, 2005