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Dreyfus
Municipal Income, Inc.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Shareholder:

This semiannual report for Dreyfus Municipal Income, Inc. covers the six-month period from October 1, 2002, through March 31, 2003. Inside, you'll find valuable information about how the fund was managed during the reporting period, including a discussion with the fund's portfolio manager, Joseph Darcy.

A number of economic and political factors continued to support higher municipal bond prices during the reporting period. Faced with escalating tensions leading to the start of the war in Iraq, many investors preferred fixed-income securities over stocks. We believe that rising geopolitical tensions also contributed to the ongoing sluggishness of the U.S. economy, as many corporations apparently decided to wait until the situation in Iraq is resolved before committing to new capital spending. For its part, the Federal Reserve Board contributed to the municipal bond market's strength by further reducing short-term interest rates in November 2002.

The result of these influences has been generally attractive total returns from high-quality, tax-exempt bonds. While history suggests that bond prices should moderate if the economy strengthens, we believe that the economy is unlikely to make significant gains until current uncertainties are resolved.

In the meantime, we believe it is more important than ever to follow a disciplined approach to investing. While it may be tempting to shift assets between stocks and bonds in response to near-term economic and market forces, adherence to your longstanding asset allocation strategy may be the most prudent course for the long term. Your financial advisor can help you to ensure that

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your portfolio reflects your investment needs, long-term goals and attitudes toward risk.

Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Sincerely,

Stephen E. Canter
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
The Dreyfus Corporation
April 15, 2003

DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Joseph Darcy, Portfolio Manager

How did Dreyfus Municipal Income, Inc. perform during the period?

For the six-month period ended March 31, 2003, the fund achieved a total return of 0.65%. (1) Over the same period, the fund provided income dividends of \$0.3200 per share, which is equal to a distribution rate of 6.73%. (2)

During the reporting period, the fund's performance was positively influenced by our focus on certain income-oriented bonds in an unsettled economic environment. The fund benefited during the reporting period by locking in low prevailing rates on some of its auction-rate preferred notes, the proceeds of which were used to buy long-term, tax-exempt securities.

What is the fund's investment approach?

The fund seeks to maximize current income exempt from federal income tax to the extent consistent with the preservation of capital from a portfolio that, under normal market conditions, invests at least 80% of the value of its net assets in municipal obligations. Under normal market conditions, the fund invests in municipal obligations which, at the time of purchase, are rated investment-grade or the unrated equivalent as determined by Dreyfus in the case of bonds, and rated in the two highest rating categories or the unrated equivalent as determined by Dreyfus in the case of short-term obligations having, or deemed to have, maturities of less than one year.

We generally employ two primary strategies. First, we attempt to add value by evaluating interest-rate trends and supply-and-demand factors. Based on that assessment, we look for bonds that we believe can potentially provide high current levels of income. We look at such criteria as the bond's yield, price, age, the creditworthiness of its issuer and any provisions for early redemption

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DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Second, we actively manage the fund's average duration -- a measure of sensitivity to changes in interest rates -- in anticipation of temporary supply-and-demand changes. For example, if we expect the supply of newly issued bonds to increase temporarily, we may reduce the fund's average duration to make cash available for the purchase of what we believe can potentially be higher-yielding securities. Conversely, if we expect demand for municipal bonds to surge at a time when we anticipate little issuance, we may increase the

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fund's average duration to maintain then-current yields for as long as we deem appropriate.

When bonds held by the fund mature or are redeemed by their issuers, we generally attempt to replace them with newly issued comparable securities. We also may look to upgrade the portfolio investments, when we deem appropriate, with newly issued bonds that, in our opinion, have better structural or income characteristics than existing holdings.

What other factors influenced the fund's performance?

During the reporting period, the fund benefited from its emphasis on income-oriented municipal bonds with maturities between 25 and 30 years. These bonds continued to generate what we regarded as competitive levels of income, even as the Federal Reserve Board reduced short-term interest rates by 50 basis points in November 2002. In addition, because the yield difference, or "spread," between 25-year and 30-year bonds was relatively wide when the reporting period began, prices of bonds toward the long end of this range rose as they moved closer to maturity.

In addition, the fund benefited from our efforts to improve its credit-quality profile, including a reduction to less than 1% of total assets in bonds issued on behalf of airlines. As a result, the fund avoided the brunt of further price declines in airline bonds. Instead, we focused primarily on bonds rated in the single-A range that we believed offered strong income characteristics. This focus often led us to securities selling at premiums to their face values, which historically have

held more of their value during market declines but may lag during rallies. We also attempted to reduce credit risk through broad diversification across issuers and securities.(3)

Finally, the fund's performance benefited from our leveraging strategy. Taking advantage of the reporting period's low interest rates, we locked in low borrowing costs until 2005 on one of the fund's issues of auction-rate preferred notes. We used the proceeds to invest in additional income-oriented municipal bonds.

What is the fund's current strategy?

As the fund's higher-yielding, seasoned bonds mature or are redeemed early by their issuers, it has become increasingly difficult to replace the income they provided. Nonetheless, we have found a number of then-current income opportunities among bonds issued on behalf of health care facilities. In addition, we have been watching the general obligation bonds of certain states, many of which have been punished for their issuers' deteriorating fiscal condition in the weak economy. If and when these bonds reach price levels we consider oversold, we may add them to the fund.

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- (1) TOTAL RETURN INCLUDES REINVESTMENT OF DIVIDENDS AND ANY CAPITAL GAINS PAID, BASED UPON NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE. PAST PERFORMANCE IS NO GUARANTEE OF FUTURE RESULTS. MARKET PRICE PER SHARE, NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE AND INVESTMENT RETURN FLUCTUATE. INCOME MAY BE SUBJECT TO STATE AND LOCAL TAXES, AND SOME INCOME MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE FEDERAL ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX (AMT) FOR CERTAIN INVESTORS. CAPITAL GAINS, IF ANY, ARE FULLY TAXABLE.
- (2) DISTRIBUTION RATE PER SHARE IS BASED UPON DIVIDENDS PER SHARE PAID FROM NET INVESTMENT INCOME DURING THE PERIOD, ANNUALIZED, DIVIDED BY THE MARKET PRICE PER SHARE AT THE END OF THE PERIOD.

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(3) DIVERSIFICATION DOES NOT INSURE A PROFIT OR GUARANTEE AGAINST A LOSS.

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

March 31, 2003 (Unaudited)

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS--141.6%

ALABAMA--8.4%

Courtland Industrial Development Board, SWDR

(Champion International Corp. Project)
6.50%, 9/1/2025

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Amo

2,5

Jefferson County, Sewer Revenue, Capital Improvement

5.75%, 2/1/2038 (Insured; FGIC)
(Prerefunded 2/1/2009)

7,5

The Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama, HR

(University of Alabama at Birmingham)

5.875%, 9/1/2031 (Insured; MBIA)

4,6

ALASKA--5.0%

Alaska Housing Finance Corp., General Mortgage Revenue

6.05%, 6/1/2039 (Insured; MBIA)

6,8

Valdez, Marine Terminal Revenue

(British Petroleum Pipeline Inc. Project)
5.50%, 10/1/2028

2,3

CALIFORNIA--9.0%

Abag Financial Authority For Nonprofit Corporations:

Insured Revenue, COP

(Odd Fellows Home of California) 6%, 8/15/2024

5,0

MFHR

(Civic Center Drive Apartments)
5.875%, 9/1/2032 (Insured; FSA)

3,7

California Health Facilities Financing Authority,
Revenue (Sutter Health)

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6.25%, 8/15/2035	2,5
California Statewide Communities Development Authority, COP (Catholic Healthcare West)	
6.50%, 7/1/2020	5,0
COLORADO--3.5%	
Colorado Springs, HR 6.375%, 12/15/2030	5,7
City and County of Denver, Airport Revenue	
(Special Facilities-United Airlines Inc. Project)	
6.875%, 10/1/2032	2,4
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA--3.5%	
District of Columbia, Revenue	
(Catholic University America Project)	
5.625%, 10/1/2029 (Insured; AMBAC)	2,0
District of Columbia Tobacco Settlement Financing Corp.,	
Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds	
6.75%, 5/15/2040	5,0
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LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)	Amo

FLORIDA--3.4%	
Orange County Health Facilities Authority, Revenue	
(Orlando Regional Healthcare System) 6%, 10/1/2026	1,5
Pinellas County Housing Finance Authority,	
SFMR (Multi-County Program) 6.70%, 2/1/2028	2,8
South Lake County Hospital District, Revenue	
(South Lake Hospital Inc.) 5.80%, 10/1/2034	2,0
GEORGIA--1.4%	
Private Colleges and Universities Facilities Authority, Revenue (Clark Atlanta University Project)	
8.25%, 1/1/2015 (Prerefunded 7/1/2003)	2,6
ILLINOIS--11.2%	
Chicago 6.125%, 1/1/2028 (Insured; FGIC)	4,0
Illinois Development Finance Authority, Revenue	
(Community Rehabilitation Providers Facilities Acquisition Program):	

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8.75%, 3/1/2010	
5.50%, 7/1/2012	1,4
Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue:	
(Advocate Health Care Network) 6.125%, 11/15/2022	5,8
(OSF Healthcare System) 6.25%, 11/15/2029	7,0
(Swedish American Hospital) 6.875%, 11/15/2030	2,0
INDIANA--1.6%	
Franklin Township School Building Corp.	
(Marion County) First Mortgage	
6.125%, 1/15/2022 (Prerefunded 7/15/2010)	2,5
KENTUCKY--1.9%	
Perry County, SWDR (TJ International Project)	
7%, 6/1/2024	3,5
MARYLAND--4.3%	
Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities	
Authority, Revenue (The John Hopkins University Issue)	
6%, 7/1/2039 (Prerefunded 7/1/2009)	7,0
MASSACHUSETTS--4.3%	
Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority,	
Revenue Healthcare System (Covenant Health)	
6%, 7/1/2031	2,5
Massachusetts Industrial Finance Agency, Revenue	
(Water Treatment-American Hingham)	
6.95%, 12/1/2035	5,6
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (CONTINUED)	
LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)	Pri Amo

MICHIGAN--8.3%	
Hancock Hospital Finance Authority, Mortgage Revenue	
(Portgage Health) 5.45%, 8/1/2047 (Insured; MBIA)	2,2
Michigan Hospital Finance Authority, HR	

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(Genesys Health System Obligated Group)	
8.125%, 10/1/2021 (Prerefunded 10/1/2005)	7,6
Michigan Strategic Fund, SWDR (Genesee Power Station Project)	
7.50%, 1/1/2021	4,9
MINNESOTA--1.4%	
Minnesota Agricultural and Economic Development Board, Health Care System Revenue	
(Fairview Health Services) 6.375%, 11/15/2029	2,5
MISSISSIPPI--3.0%	
Mississippi Business Finance Corp., PCR (System Energy Resource Inc. Project)	
5.875%, 4/1/2022	6,0
MISSOURI--4.3%	
Health and Educational Facilities Authority of the State of Missouri, Health Facilities Revenue (Saint Anthony's Medical Center)	
6.25%, 12/1/2030	2,5
The Industrial Development Authority of the City of Saint Louis, Senior Lien Revenue (Saint Louis Convention Center Headquarters Hotel Project):	
7.20%, 12/15/2028	1,5
7.25%, 12/15/2035	3,0
Missouri Housing Development Commission, Mortgage Revenue (Single Family-Homeownership Loan)	
6.30%, 9/1/2025	1,2
NEVADA--6.7%	
Clark County, IDR (Southwest Gas Corp.):	
7.50%, 9/1/2032 (Prerefunded 4/21/2003)	3,0
6.50%, 12/1/2033	5,3
6.10%, 12/1/2038 (Insured; AMBAC)	4,0
NEW MEXICO--1.6%	
Farmington, PCR (Public Service Co. San Juan)	

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6.30%, 12/1/2016	3,0
NORTH CAROLINA--1.3%	
North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (Home Ownership)	
6.25%, 1/1/2029	2,4
LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)	Pri Amo

OHIO--5.1%	
Cuyahoga County, Hospital Improvement Revenue	
(The Metrohealth System Project)	
6.125%, 2/15/2024	5,0
Ohio Housing Finance Agency, Residential Mortgage Revenue 5.75%, 9/1/2030	9
Rickenbacker Port Authority, Capital Funding Revenue	
(OASBO Expanded Asset Pooled) 5.375%, 1/1/2032	3,5
OKLAHOMA--1.4%	
Oklahoma Development Finance Authority, Revenue	
(Saint John Health System) 6%, 2/15/2029	2,5
PENNSYLVANIA--5.9%	
Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority,	
RRR (Northampton Generating Project)	
6.60%, 1/1/2019	3,5
Sayre Health Care Facilities Authority, Revenue	
(Guthrie Health) 5.875%, 12/1/2031	7,7
SOUTH CAROLINA--6.7%	
Medical University, Hospital Facilities Revenue	
6%, 7/1/2019 (Prerefunded 7/1/2009)	2,5
Piedmont Municipal Power Agency, Electric Revenue:	
6.55%, 1/1/2016	8
5.25%, 1/1/2021	3,5
Tobacco Settlement Revenue Management Authority,	
Tobacco Settlement Asset--Backed Bonds:	
6.375%, 5/15/2028	2,9

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6.375%, 5/15/2030	3,7
TEXAS--11.4%	
Austin Convention Enterprises Inc., Convention Center	
Hotel First Tier Revenue	
6.70%, 1/1/2032	2,0
Brazos River Authority, PCR (TXU Electric Co. Project)	
5.75%, 11/1/2011	2,0
Gregg County Health Facilities Development Corp., HR	
(Good Shepherd Medical Center Project)	
6.375%, 10/1/2025	2,5
Harris County Health Facilities Development Corp., HR	
(Memorial Hermann Healthcare) 6.375%, 6/1/2029	3,5
Port of Corpus Christi Authority, Nueces County,	
General Revenue (Union Pacific)	
5.65%, 12/1/2022	4,0

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (CONTINUED)

LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

TEXAS (CONTINUED)	
Texas, Veterans Housing Assistance Program	
6.10%, 6/1/2031	7,0
UTAH--2.7%	
Carbon County, SWDR (Sunnyside Cogeneration)	
7.10%, 8/15/2023	3,1
Utah Housing Finance Agency, Single Family Mortgage	
6%, 1/1/2031	1,9
VERMONT--1.5%	
Vermont Housing Finance Agency, Single Family Housing	
6.40%, 11/1/2030 (Insured; FSA)	2,6
WASHINGTON--3.8%	
Public Utility District Number 1 of Pend Orielle County,	
Electric Revenue 6.375%, 1/1/2015	2,0

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Washington Higher Education Facilities Authority, Revenue
 (Whitman College Project) 5.875%, 10/1/2029 5,0

WEST VIRGINIA--6.5%

Braxton County, SWDR (Weyerhaeuser Co. Project):

6.50%, 4/1/2025 5,0

5.80%, 6/1/2027 7,4

WISCONSIN--4.4%

Badger Tobacco Asset Securitization Corp.,

Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds
 7%, 6/1/2028 2,5

Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority,
 Revenue (Aurora Health Care, Inc.)
 5.60%, 2/15/2029 4,7

Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority,

Home Ownership Revenue 5.75%, 9/1/2028 1,6

WYOMING--.9%

Sweetwater County, SWDR (FMC Corp. Project)
 7%, 6/1/2024 2,0

U.S. RELATED--7.2%

Puerto Rico Highway and Transportation Authority,

Transportation Revenue:

8.74%, 7/1/2038 (Insured; MBIA) 4,0

8.74%, 7/1/2038 5,0

LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) Pri Amo

U.S. RELATED (CONTINUED)

Puerto Rico Infrastructure Financing Authority,

Special Tax Revenue, Residual Certificates

8.585%, 7/1/2015 4,0

TOTAL LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS

(cost \$261,345,469)

SHORT-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS--7.4%

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PENNSYLVANIA--4.2%

Geisinger Authority Health System, Revenue, VRDN

(Geisinger Health Systems) 1.20%

6,0

Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development, Revenue

VRDN (Fox Chase Cancer Center Project)

1.20% (LOC; Morgan Guaranty Trust)

2,1

TEXAS--3.2%

Harris County Health Facilities Development Corp.,
Revenue, VRDN:

(Methodist Hospital) 1.20%

5,1

(Saint Lukes Episcopal Hospital) 1.20%

1,2

TOTAL SHORT-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS

(cost \$14,400,000)

TOTAL INVESTMENTS (cost \$275,745,469)

CASH AND RECEIVABLES (NET)

PREFERRED STOCK, AT REDEMPTION VALUE

NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (CONTINUED)

Summary of Abbreviations

AMBAC	American Municipal Bond Assurance Corporation
COP	Certificate of Participation
FGIC	Financial Guaranty Insurance Company
FSA	Financial Security Assurance
HR	Hospital Revenue
IDR	Industrial Development Revenue
LOC	Letter of Credit
MBIA	Municipal Bond Investors Assurance Insurance Corporation
MFHR	Multi-Family Housing Revenue

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PCR	Pollution Control Revenue
RRR	Resources Recovery Revenue
SFMR	Single Family Mortgage Revenue
SWDR	Solid Waste Disposal Revenue
VRDN	Variable Rate Demand Notes

Summary of Combined Ratings (Unaudited)

Fitch	or	Moody's	or	Standard & Poor's
AAA		Aaa		AAA
AA		Aa		AA
A		A		A
BBB		Baa		BBB
BB		Ba		BB
CCC		Ccc		CCC
F1		MIG1/P1		SP1/A1
Not Rated (e)		Not Rated (e)		Not Rated (e)

- (A) BONDS WHICH ARE PREREFUNDED ARE COLLATERALIZED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES WHICH ARE HELD IN ESCROW AND ARE USED TO PAY PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE MUNICIPAL ISSUE AND TO RETIRE THE BONDS IN FULL AT THE EARLIEST REFUNDING DATE.
- (B) SECURITIES EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER RULE 144A OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933. THESE SECURITIES MAY BE RESOLD IN TRANSACTIONS EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION, NORMALLY TO QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS. AT MARCH 31, 2003, THESE SECURITIES AMOUNTED TO \$13,971,450 OR 7.2% OF NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS.
- (C) INVERSE FLOATER SECURITY--THE INTEREST RATE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE PERIODICALLY.
- (D) SECURITIES PAYABLE ON DEMAND. VARIABLE INTEREST RATE--SUBJECT TO PERIODIC CHANGE.
- (E) SECURITIES WHICH, WHILE NOT RATED BY FITCH, MOODY'S AND STANDARD & POOR'S, HAVE BEEN DETERMINED BY THE MANAGER TO BE OF COMPARABLE QUALITY TO THOSE RATED SECURITIES IN WHICH THE FUND MAY INVEST.
- (F) AT MARCH 31, 2003, THE FUND HAD \$106,950,567 OR 55.1% OF NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS INVESTED IN SECURITIES WHOSE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST IS DEPENDENT UPON REVENUES GENERATED FROM HEALTH CARE PROJECTS.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

March 31, 2003 (Unaudited)

	Cost	Value
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ASSETS (\$):		
Investments in securities--See Statement of Investments	275,745,469	288,983,920
Cash		60,084
Interest receivable		5,080,479
Prepaid expenses		255,740
		294,380,223
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LIABILITIES (\$):		
Due to The Dreyfus Corporation and affiliates		193,494
Dividend payable to Preferred Shareholders		71,851
Commissions payable		8,091
Accrued expenses		149,567
		423,003
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AUCTION PREFERRED STOCK, Series A and B, par value \$.001 per share (4,000 shares issued and outstanding at \$25,000 per share liquidation preference)--Note 1		100,000,000
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NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS (\$)		193,957,220
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COMPOSITION OF NET ASSETS (\$):		
Common Stock, par value, \$.001 per share (20,393,571 shares issued and outstanding)		20,394
Paid-in capital		188,714,556
Accumulated undistributed investment income--net		3,588,446
Accumulated net realized gain (loss) on investments		(11,604,627)
Accumulated net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments		13,238,451
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NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS	193,957,220
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SHARES OUTSTANDING

(110 million shares of \$.001 par value Common Stock authorized)	20,393,571
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NET ASSET VALUE, per share of Common Stock (\$)	9.51
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SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Six Months Ended March 31, 2003 (Unaudited)

INVESTMENT INCOME (\$):

INTEREST INCOME	8,770,821
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EXPENSES:

Management fee--Note 3(a)	1,026,787
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Commission fees--Note 1	132,616
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Professional fees	38,489
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Shareholders' reports	26,247
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Shareholder servicing costs--Note 3(b)	24,719
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Custodian fees--Note 3(b)	10,731
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Registration fees	9,296
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Directors' fees and expenses--Note 3(c)	6,822
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Miscellaneous	12,047
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TOTAL EXPENSES	1,287,754
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INVESTMENT INCOME--NET	7,483,067
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REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS--NOTE 4 (\$):

Net realized gain (loss) on investments	(2,973,244)
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Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(2,725,087)
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NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS	(5,698,331)
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DIVIDENDS ON PREFERRED STOCK	(766,243)
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NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	1,018,493
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Six Months Ended March 31, 2003 (Unaudited)	Year Ended September 30, 2002

OPERATIONS (\$):		
Investment income--net	7,483,067	15,394,701
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	(2,973,244)	(446,764)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(2,725,087)	600,180
Dividends on Preferred Stock	(766,243)	(1,643,057)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	1,018,493	13,905,060

DIVIDENDS TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS FROM (\$):		
INVESTMENT INCOME--NET	(6,523,175)	(11,495,971)

CAPITAL STOCK TRANSACTIONS (\$):		
DIVIDENDS REINVESTED	101,223	--
TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	(5,403,459)	2,409,089

NET ASSETS (\$):		
Beginning of Period	199,360,679	196,951,590
END OF PERIOD	193,957,220	199,360,679
Undistributed investment income--net	3,588,446	3,342,621

CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (SHARES):		
INCREASE IN SHARES OUTSTANDING AS A RESULT OF DIVIDENDS REINVESTED	10,644	--
SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.		

The Fund

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following table describes the performance for the fiscal periods indicated. Total return shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during each period, assuming you had reinvested all dividends and distributions. These figures have been derived from the fund's financial statements, and with respect to common stock, market price data for the fund's common shares.

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	Six Months Ended March 31, 2003		Year Ended Sep	
	(Unaudited)	2002 (a)	2001	2000
PER SHARE DATA (\$):				
Net asset value, beginning of period	9.78	9.66	8.82	8.90
Investment Operations:				
Investment income--net	.37 (b)	.76 (b)	.74	.74
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(.28)	.00 (c)	.79	(.08)
Dividends on Preferred Stock from investment income--net	(.04)	(.08)	(.16)	(.20)
Total from Investment Operations	.05	.68	1.37	.46
Distributions to Common Shareholders:				
Dividends from investment income--net	(.32)	(.56)	(.53)	(.53)
Capital Stock transaction--net effect of Preferred Stock offering	--	--	.00 (c)	(.01)
Net asset value, end of period	9.51	9.78	9.66	8.82
Market value, end of period	9.51	9.60	8.71	7 7/8
TOTAL RETURN (%) (D)	2.54 (e)	17.28	17.55	10.71

	Six Months Ended March 31, 2003		Year Ended S	
	(Unaudited)	2002 (a)	2001	2
RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA (%):				
Ratio of expenses to average net assets applicable to Common Stock	1.33 (f, g, h,)	1.33 (g, h)	1.39 (g, h)	1
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets applicable to Common Stock	7.73 (f, g, h,)	7.93 (g, h)	7.97 (g, h)	8

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Portfolio Turnover Rate	.56(e)	5.32	15.27	22
Asset coverage of Preferred Stock, end of period	294	299	297	

Net Assets, net of Preferred stock, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	193,957	199,361	196,952	179,
Preferred Stock outstanding, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,

- (A) AS REQUIRED, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2001, THE FUND HAS ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF THE AICPA AUDIT AND ACCOUNTING GUIDE FOR INVESTMENT COMPANIES AND BEGAN AMORTIZING DISCOUNT OR PREMIUM ON A SCIENTIFIC BASIS, FOR DEBT SECURITIES ON A DAILY BASIS. THE EFFECT OF THIS CHANGE FOR THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 WAS TO INCREASE NET INVESTMENT INCOME PER SHARE AND DECREASE NET REALIZED AND REALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS PER SHARE BY LESS THAN \$.01 AND INCREASE THE RATIO OF NET INVESTMENT INCOME TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS BY LESS THAN .01%. PER SHARE DATA AND RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 2001 HAVE NOT BEEN RESTATED TO REFLECT THIS CHANGE IN PRESENTATION.
- (B) BASED ON AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING AT EACH MONTH END.
- (C) AMOUNT REPRESENTS LESS THAN \$.01 PER SHARE.
- (D) CALCULATED BASED ON MARKET VALUE.
- (E) NOT ANNUALIZED.
- (F) ANNUALIZED.
- (G) DOES NOT REFLECT THE EFFECT OF DIVIDENDS TO PREFERRED STOCK SHAREHOLDERS.
- (H) THE RATIO OF EXPENSES TO TOTAL AVERAGE NET ASSETS AND THE RATIO OF NET INVESTMENT INCOME TO TOTAL AVERAGE NET ASSETS WERE .88% AND 5.10%, RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2003, .87% AND 5.23%, RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2002, .91% AND 5.21%, RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2001, .94% AND 5.49%, RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 AND .84% AND 5.63%, RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999.

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The Fund

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

NOTE 1--Significant Accounting Policies:

Dreyfus Municipal Income, Inc. (the "fund") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Act"), as a non-diversified closed-end management investment company. The fund's investment objective is to maximize current income exempt from federal income tax to the extent consistent with the preservation of capital. The Dreyfus Corporation (the "Manager") serves as the fund's investment adviser. The Manager is a direct subsidiary of Mellon Bank, N.A. ("Mellon"), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mellon Financial

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Corporation. The fund's Common Stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol DMF.

The fund has outstanding 2,000 shares of Series A and 2,000 shares of Series B Auction Preferred Stock ("APS"), with a liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share (plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends upon liquidation). APS dividend rates are determined pursuant to periodic auctions. Bankers Trust, as Auction Agent, receives a fee from the fund for its services in connection with such auctions. The fund also compensates broker-dealers generally at an annual rate of .25% of the purchase price of the shares of APS placed by the broker-dealer in an auction.

The fund is subject to certain restrictions relating to the APS. Failure to comply with these restrictions could preclude the fund from declaring any distributions to common shareholders or repurchasing common shares and/or could trigger the mandatory redemption of APS at liquidation value.

The holders of the APS, voting as a separate class, have the right to elect at least two directors. The holders of the APS will vote as a separate class on certain other matters, as required by law. The fund has designated Whitney I. Gerard and George L. Perry to represent holders of APS on the fund's Board of Directors.

The fund's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, which may require the use of management estimates and assumptions. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(a) Portfolio valuation: Investments in municipal debt securities (excluding options and financial futures on municipal and U.S. Treasury securities) are valued daily by an independent pricing service (the "Service") approved by the Board of Directors. Investments for which quoted bid prices are readily available and are representative of the bid side of the market in the judgment of the Service are valued at the mean between the quoted bid prices (as obtained by the Service from dealers in such securities) and asked prices (as calculated by the Service based upon its evaluation of the market for such securities). Other investments (which constitute a majority of the portfolio securities) are carried at fair value as determined by the Service, based on methods which include consideration of: yields or prices of municipal securities of comparable quality, coupon, maturity and type; indications as to values from dealers; and general market conditions. Options and financial futures on municipal and U.S. Treasury securities are valued at the last sales price on the securities exchange on which such securities are primarily traded or at the last sales price on the national securities market on each business day.

(b) Securities transactions and investment income: Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gain and loss from securities transactions are recorded on the identified cost basis. Interest income, adjusted for amortization of premiums and discounts on investments, is earned from settlement date and recognized on the accrual basis. Securities purchased or sold on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis may be settled a month or more after the trade date.

(c) Dividends to shareholders of Common Stock ("Common Shareholder(s)": Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividends from investment income-net are declared and paid monthly. Dividends from net realized capital gain, if any, are normally declared and paid annually, but the fund may make distributions on a more frequent basis to comply with the distribution requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). To the extent that net realized capital gain can be offset by capital loss carryovers, it is the policy of the fund not to distribute such gain.

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For Common Shareholders who elect to receive their distributions in additional shares of the fund, in lieu of cash, such distributions will be reinvested at the lower of the market price or net asset value per share (but not less than 95% of the market price) based on the record date's respective prices. If the net asset value per share on the record date is lower than the market price per share, shares will be issued by the fund at the record date's net asset value on the payable date of the distribution. If the net asset value per share is less than 95% of the market value, shares will be issued by the fund at 95% of the market value. If the market price is lower than the net asset value per share on the record date, Mellon will purchase fund shares in the open market commencing on the payable date and reinvest those shares accordingly. As a result of purchasing fund shares in the open market, fund shares outstanding will not be affected by this form of reinvestment.

On March 31, 2003, the Board of Directors declared a cash dividend to Common Shareholders of \$.06 per share from investment income-net, payable on April 28, 2003 to Common Shareholders of record as of the close of business on April 14, 2003.

(d) Dividends to shareholders of APS: For APS, dividends are currently reset every 7 days for Series A. The dividend rate for Series B will be in effect until February 17, 2005. The dividend rates in effect at March 31, 2003 were as follows: Series A 1.00% and Series B 1.58%.

(e) Federal income taxes: It is the policy of the fund to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company, which can distribute tax exempt dividends, by complying with the applicable provisions of the Code, and to make distributions of income and net realized capital gain sufficient to relieve it from substantially all federal income and excise taxes.

The fund has an unused capital loss carryover of \$8,181,604 available for federal income tax purposes to be applied against future net securities profits, if any, realized subsequent to September 30, 2002. If not applied, \$4,999,899 of the carryover expires in fiscal 2004, \$1,148,413 expires in fiscal 2008, \$619,742 expires in fiscal 2009 and \$1,413,550 expires in fiscal 2010.

The tax character of distributions paid to shareholder during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2002, was as follows: tax exempt income \$13,139,028. The tax character of current year distributions will be determined at the end of the current fiscal year.

NOTE 2--Bank Line of Credit:

The fund participates with other Dreyfus-managed funds in a \$100 million unsecured line of credit primarily to be utilized for temporary or emergency purposes. Interest is charged to the fund based on prevailing market rates in effect at the time of borrowings. During the period ended March 31, 2003, the fund did not borrow under the line of credit.

NOTE 3--Management Fee and Other Transactions With Affiliates:

(a) Pursuant to a management agreement ("Agreement") with the Manager, the management fee is computed at the annual rate of .70 of 1% of the value of the fund's average daily net assets and is payable monthly. The Agreement provides that if in any full fiscal year the aggregate expenses of the fund, exclusive of taxes, interest on borrowings, brokerage fees and extraordinary expenses, exceed

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the expense limitation of any state having jurisdiction over the fund, the fund may deduct from payments to be made to the Manager, or the Manager will bear the amount of such excess to the extent required by state law. During the period ended March 31, 2003, there was no expense reimbursement pursuant to the Agreement.

(b) The fund compensates Mellon under a transfer agency agreement for providing personnel and facilities to perform transfer agency services for the fund. During the period ended March 31, 2003, the fund was charged \$24,290 pursuant to the transfer agency agreement.

The fund compensates Mellon under a custody agreement for providing custodial services for the fund. During the period ended March 31, 2003, the fund was charged \$10,731 pursuant to the custody agreement.

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(c) Each Board member also serves as a Board member of other funds within the Dreyfus complex (collectively, the "Fund Group"). Through December 31, 2002, each Board member who is not an "affiliated person" as defined in the Act receives an annual fee of \$45,000 and an attendance fee of \$5,000 for each in person meeting and \$500 for telephone meetings. Effective January 1, 2003, the number of funds in the Fund Group, comprising the fund increased and the annual fee was increased to \$60,000 while the attendance fee was increased to \$7,500 for each in person meeting. These fees are allocated among the funds in that Fund Group. The Chairman of the Board receives an additional 25% of such compensation. Subject to the fund's Emeritus Program Guidelines, Emeritus Board members, if any, receive 50% of the annual retainer fee and per meeting fee paid at the time the Board member achieves emeritus status.

NOTE 4--Securities Transactions:

The aggregate amount of purchases and sales of investment securities, excluding short-term securities, during the period ended March 31, 2003, amounted to \$1,574,140 and \$12,163,518, respectively.

At March 31, 2003, accumulated net unrealized appreciation on investments was \$13,238,451 consisting of \$17,330,283 gross unrealized appreciation and \$4,091,832 gross unrealized depreciation.

At March 31, 2003, the cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was substantially the same as the cost for financial reporting purposes (see the Statement of Investments).

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