PUTNAM MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITIES TRUST Form N-Q

September 28, 2004

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments:
Putnam Municipal Opportunities Trust
QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS
7-31-04
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Putnam Municipal Opportunities Trust
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The fund's portfolio (unaudited)
July 31, 2004
KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS
 AMBAC -- AMBAC Indemnity Corporation
 COP -- Certificate of Participation
 FGIC -- Financial Guaranty Insurance Company
 FNMA Coll. -- Federal National Mortgage Association Collateralized
 FSA -- Financial Security Assurance
 GNMA Coll. -- Government National Mortgage Association Collateralized
 G.O. Bonds -- General Obligation Bonds
 IFB -- Inverse Floating Rate Bonds
 IF COP -- Inverse Floating Rate Certificate of Participation
 MBIA -- MBIA Insurance Company
 PSFG -- Permanent School Fund Guaranteed
 U.S. Govt. Coll. -- U.S. Government Collateralized
 VRDN -- Variable Rate Demand Notes
Municipal bonds and notes (100.0%) (a)
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Principal amount
                                                                      Rating (RAT)
______
Alabama (2.9%)
             Jefferson Cnty., Swr. Rev. Bonds
    $7,000,000 Ser. D, FGIC, 5 3/4s, 2/1/27
                                                                       Aaa
      325,000 Ser. A, FGIC, 5s, 2/1/41
                                                                       Aaa
     1,175,000 Ser. A, FGIC, U.S. Govt. Coll., 5s,
              2/1/41
                                                                       Aaa
Arizona (1.1%)
       750,000 AZ Hlth. Fac. Auth. Hosp. Syst. Rev.
              Bonds (John C. Lincoln Hlth. Network), 6
                                                                       BBB
              3/8s, 12/1/37
       950,000 Casa Grande, Indl. Dev. Auth. Rev. Bonds
              (Casa Grande Regl. Med. Ctr.), Ser. A, 7
              5/8s, 12/1/29
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485,000	Cochise Cnty., Indl. Dev. Auth. Rev. Bonds (Sierra Vista Cmnty. Hosp.), Ser. A, 6 3/4s, 12/1/26	BB+/P
1,300,000	Scottsdale, Indl. Dev. Auth. Rev. Bonds (Westminster Village), 7 7/8s, 6/1/09	AAA/P
Arkansas (1.2%)		
2,815,000	AR Dev. Fin. Auth. Rev. Bonds, Ser. D,	
1,000,000	GNMA/FNMA Coll., 3s, 1/1/24 Northwest Regl. Arpt. Auth. Rev. Bonds, 7 5/8s, 2/1/27	AAA BB/P
California (12.1	1%) 	
	CA State G.O. Bonds	I
	5 1/8s, 4/1/23	A3
750,000	5.1s, 2/1/34 CA State Dept. of Wtr. Resources Rev.	A3
	CA State Dept. of Wtr. Resources Rev. Bonds, Ser. A	
2,000,000	6s, 5/1/15	A2
2,000,000	•	Aaa
	CA State Econ. Recvy. G.O. Bonds, Ser. A	
	FGIC, 5 1/4s, 7/1/14	Aaa
	5s, 7/1/16	Aa3
1,750,000	-	
4 200 000	Internext Group), 5 3/8s, 4/1/30	BBB-
4,000,000	· · · ·	Aaa
1,475,000	Gilroy, Rev. Bonds (Bonfante Gardens Park), 8s, 11/1/25	D/P
3,000,000		υ/ Γ
J, 000, 000	Waterworks), 10.171s, 8/10/18	Aa2
2,000,000		110.2
≅, ,	G.O. Bonds (Election 1999), Ser. D, FSA,	
	5s, 7/1/28	Aaa
5,000,000		
	Fin.), Ser. A, MBIA, 6 1/2s, 8/1/17	Aaa
	San Diego Cnty., IF COP, AMBAC	
3,000,000		Aaa
3,000,000		Aaa
2,500,000		
	(Merged Area Redev. Project), MBIA, 5s, 8/1/32	Aaa
3,000,000		Aaa
0,000,000	B, AMBAC, zero %, 9/1/23	AAA
790,000		
	Rev. Bonds, 7.65s, 8/1/21	BB-/P
1,300,000		
	7.2s, 2/1/26	BBB-/P
Colorado (3.7%)		
7,700,000		
• •	zero %, 9/1/33	Aaa
10,000,000		
	Ser. A, MBIA, 5.7s, 11/15/25	Aaa

Connecticut (1.5%)

5,000,000	CT State Hlth. & Edl. Fac. Auth. VRDN (Yale U.), Ser. U2, 0.96s, 7/1/33	VMIG1
District of Colu	mbia (6.0%)	
	DC G.O. Bonds, Ser. A, 6s, 6/1/26	A2
3,330,000	DC Wtr. & Swr. Auth. Pub. Util. Rev. Bonds, 5s, 10/1/28	Aaa
Florida (1.9%)		
1,750,000	Escambia Cnty., Poll. Control Rev. Bonds (Champion Intl. Corp.), 6.9s, 8/1/22	Baa2
1,000,000	Lee Cnty., Indl. Dev. Auth. Rev. Bonds (Alliance Cmnty. Project), Ser. C, 5	DDD
600,000	1/2s, 11/15/29 Miami Beach, Hlth. Fac. Auth. Hosp. Rev. Bonds (Mount Sinai Med. Ctr.), Ser. A,	BBB-
2.700.000	6.8s, 11/15/31 Palm Coast, Util. Syst. Rev. Bonds,	ВВ
2,,,00,,000	MBIA, 5s, 10/1/33	Aaa
Georgia (2.7%)		
3,000,000	Atlanta, Arpt. Rev. Bonds, Ser. B, FGIC, 5 5/8s, 1/1/30	Aaa
1,500,000	Burke Cnty., Poll. Control Dev. Auth. Mandatory Put Bonds (GA Power Co.),	
1,400,000	4.45s, 12/1/08 Effingham Cnty., Indl. Dev. Auth. Rev.	A2
1,215,000	Bonds (Pacific Corp.), 6 1/2s, 6/1/31 Rockdale Cnty., Dev. Auth. Solid Waste Disp. Rev. Bonds (Visay Paper, Inc.),	Ba3
1,500,000	7.4s, 1/1/16 Savannah, Econ. Dev. Auth. Poll. Control	BB+/P
	Rev. Bonds (Intl. Paper Co.), Ser. A, 5.1s, 8/1/14	Baa2
Hawaii (0.4%)		_
1,225,000	HI State Hsg. Fin. & Dev. Corp. Rev. Bonds, Ser. A, FNMA Coll., 5 3/4s, 7/1/30	Aaa
Illinois (3.9%)		
6,520,000	IL Hsg. Dev. Auth. Multi-Fam. Hsg. Rev. Bonds, Ser. 91-A, 8 1/4s, 7/1/16	A1
	IL State G.O. Bonds, MBIA, 5 1/2s, 8/1/17	AAA
3,000,000	Metropolitan Pier & Exposition Auth. Rev. Bonds (McCormick Place Convention), 7s, 7/1/26	Aaa
Indiana (3.0%)		
3,000,000	Fairfield, School Bldg. Corp. Ind. Rev.	

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	Bonds, FGIC, 5s, 7/15/24	AAA
3,000,000	IN State Dev. Fin. Auth. Env. Impt. Rev.	
	Bonds (USX Corp.), 5.6s, 12/1/32	Baa1
2,500,000	Indianapolis, Arpt. Auth. Rev. Bonds	
1 000 000	(Federal Express Corp.), 5.1s, 1/15/17	Baa2
1,300,000	Rockport, Poll. Control Mandatory Put	
	Bonds (Indiana Michigan Pwr. Co.), Ser. C, 2 5/8s, 10/1/06	Baa2
	3, - 3, 33, -3, -1, -3	
Iowa (0.4%)		
985,000	IA Fin. Auth. Hlth. Care Fac. Rev. Bonds	
	(Care Initiatives), 9 1/4s, 7/1/25	BBB-/P
Louisiana (1.0%)		
	LA Local Govt. Env. Fac. Cmnty. Dev.	
2,000,000	Auth. Rev. Bonds (St. James Place), Ser.	
	A, 8s, 11/1/19	B-/P
2,000,000	Port of New Orleans, Indl. Dev. Rev.	
	Bonds (Continental Grain Co.), 7 1/2s,	
	7/1/13	BB-
Maine (0.2%)		
600,000	Rumford, Solid Waste Disp. Rev. Bonds	
,	(Boise Cascade Corp.), 6 7/8s, 10/1/26	Ba2
Massachusetts (4	6%)	
	MA State Hlth. & Edl. Fac. Auth. Rev.	
	Bonds	
2,515,000	(Rehab. Hosp. Cape & Islands), Ser. A,	
1 055 000	U.S. Govt. Coll., 7 7/8s, 8/15/24	AAA/P
1,875,000 1,300,000	(UMass Memorial), Ser. C, 6 1/2s, 7/1/21	Baa2
1,300,000	(Berkshire Hlth. Syst.), Ser. E, 6 1/4s, 10/1/31	BBB+
1,800,000	(Hlth. Care Syst. Covenant Hlth.), Ser.	DDD 1
_, _ 5 0 , 6 0 0	E, 6s, 7/1/31	A-
3,685,000	MA State Hsg. Fin. Agcy. Rev. Bonds,	
	Ser. 53, MBIA, 6.15s, 12/1/29	Aaa
1,000,000	MA State Indl. Fin. Agcy. Rev. Bonds	
	(1st Mtge. Brookhaven), Ser. A, 7s,	DDD /D
1,000,000	1/1/15 MA State Wtr. Resource Auth. Rev. Bonds,	BBB/P
1,000,000	Ser. J, FSA, 5 1/2s, 8/1/20	Aaa
1,200,000	MA State Wtr. Resource Auth. VRDN	
•	(Multi-Modal), Ser. C, 1.12s, 8/1/20	VMIG1
Michigan (2.7%)		
4,500,000	Detroit, G.O. Bonds, Ser. A, FGIC, 5s,	7
500,000	7/1/30 MI Higher Ed. Fac. Auth. Rev. Bonds	Aaa
500,000	(Kalamazoo College), 5 1/2s, 12/1/18	A1
1,000,000	MI State Hosp. Fin. Auth. Rev. Bonds	
,	(Oakwood Hosp.), Ser. A, 5 3/4s, 4/1/32	A2
1,650,000	MI State Strategic Fund, Ltd. Rev. Bonds	
	(Worthington Armstrong Venture), U.S.	

1,000,000	Govt. Coll., 5 3/4s, 10/1/22 Midland Cnty., Econ. Dev. Corp. Rev. Bonds, 6 3/4s, 7/23/09	AAA/P Ba3
Mississippi (1.2	2%)	
	Clairborne Cnty., Poll. Control Rev. Bonds (Syst. Energy Resources, Inc.), 7.3s, 5/1/25 Mississippi Bus. Fin. Corp. Poll. Control Rev. Bonds (Syst. Energy Resources, Inc.) 5.9s, 5/1/22	BBB
	5 7/8s, 4/1/22	BBB
Missouri (1.9%)		
1,750,000	Cape Girardeau Cnty., Indl. Dev. Auth. Hlth. Care Fac. Rev. Bonds (St. Francis Med. Ctr.), Ser. A, 5 1/2s, 6/1/16	A
2,500,000	MO State Hlth. & Edl. Fac. Auth. Rev. Bonds (Washington U.), Ser. A, 5s, 2/15/33	Aa1
2,000,000	MO State Hlth. & Edl. Fac. Auth. VRDN (Christian Brothers), Ser. A, 1.15s, 10/1/32	A-1+
Montana (0.4%)		
	Forsyth, Poll. Control Mandatory Put Bonds (Avista Corp.), AMBAC, 5s, 12/30/08	Aaa
Nevada (3.7%)		
3,505,000	Clark Cnty., G.O. Bonds (Pk. & Regl. Justice Ctr.), FGIC, 5 5/8s, 11/1/19	Aaa
5,000,000	Clark Cnty., Arpt. Rev. Bonds, Ser. A-2, FGIC, 5 1/8s, 7/1/26	Aaa
3,000,000	Clark Cnty., Indl. Dev. Rev. Bonds (Southwest Gas Corp.), Ser. A, 6 1/2s,	
	12/1/33	Baa2
New Hampshire (1	.1%)	
1 450 000	NH Higher Ed. & Hlth. Fac. Auth. Rev. Bonds	
	(Riverwoods at Exeter), Ser. A, 6 1/2s, 3/1/23	BB/P
	(NH College), 6 3/8s, 1/1/27 NH State Bus. Fin. Auth. Poll. Control Rev. Bonds, 3 1/2s, 7/1/27	BBB- Baa1
New Jersey (5.4%		
1,000,000	Newark, Hsg. Auth. Rev. Bonds (Port Auth. Newark Marine Terminal), MBIA, 5	

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1,000,000	1/4s, 1/1/20 NJ Econ. Dev. Auth. Special Fac. Rev.	AAA
1,000,000	Bonds (Continental Airlines, Inc.), 6	
	1/4s, 9/15/29	В
500,000	NJ State Ed. Fac. Auth. Rev. Bonds	
	(Stevens Inst. of Tech.), Ser. C, 5	DDD1
1,840,000	1/8s, 7/1/22 NJ State Edl. Fac. Auth. Rev. Bonds	BBB+
- / · · · / ·	(Rowan U.), Ser. C, MBIA, 5s, 7/1/23	Aaa
1,400,000	NJ State Edl. Fac. Auth. VRDN (Princeton	
10,000,000	U.), Ser. B, MBIA, 1.1s, 7/1/21 Salem Cnty., Indl. Poll Ctrl. Fin. Auth.	VMIG1
10,000,000	Rev. Bonds, 11.858s, 10/1/29 (acquired	
	10/28/94, cost \$9,750,000) (RES)	Aaa
1,150,000	Tobacco Settlement Fin. Corp. Rev.	
	Bonds, 6 3/4s, 6/1/39	BBB
New Mexico (0.2%		
820.000	Farmington, Poll. Control Mandatory Put	
020,000	Bonds (Pub. Svc. San Juan), Class B,	
	2.1s, 4/1/06	Baa2
New York (4.6%)		
1,000,000	Buffalo, G.O. Bonds, Ser. D, FGIC, 5	
2 000 000	1/2s, 12/15/13	Aaa
3,000,000	NY City, G.O. Bonds, Ser. C, 5 1/4s, 8/1/11	A2
1,000,000	NY City, City Transitional Fin. Auth.	112
	Rev. Bonds, AMBAC, 5 1/4s, 8/1/15	Aaa
2,100,000	NY City, Indl. Dev. Agcy. Special Arpt.	
	Fac. Rev. Bonds (Airis JFK I LLC), Ser. A, 5 1/2s, 7/1/28	Baa3
700,000		Daas
· • • • • •	Rev. Bonds (British Airways), 5 1/4s,	
	12/1/32	BB+
1,500,000		DDD
2 000 000	6s, 6/1/43 NY State Dorm. Auth. Rev. Bonds, Ser. A,	BBB
2,000,000	5 1/2s, 3/15/13	AA
800,000		
	Bonds (Solvay Paperboard, LLC), 7s,	
	11/1/30 (acquired 6/30/04, cost	DD /D
2,500,000	\$830,184) (RES) Triborough Bridge & Tunnel Auth. Rev.	BB-/P
2,000,000	Bonds, Ser. A, 5s, 1/1/32	Aa3
North Carolina (2 በ%ነ	
	NC Eastern Muni. Pwr. Agcy. Syst. Rev.	
2 000 000	Bonds	7.22
2,000,000	Ser. B, MBIA, 6s, 1/1/22 AMBAC, 6s, 1/1/18	Aaa Aaa
1,500,000		
	(No. 1, Catawba Elec.), Ser. B, 6 1/2s,	
	1/1/20	Baa1

Ohio (2.9%)

5,700,000	Cleveland, Muni. School Dist. G.O.	700
1,000,000	Bonds, FSA, 5s, 12/1/27 Montgomery Cnty., Hosp. Rev. Bonds (Kettering Med. Ctr.), 6 3/4s, 4/1/22	Aaa
500,000	OH State Wtr. Dev. Auth. Poll. Control Fac. Mandatory Put Bonds (OH Edison	A3
2,165,000	Co.), Ser. A, 2 1/4s, 6/1/05 Rickenbacker, Port Auth. Rev. Bonds	Baa1
2,103,000	(OASBO Expanded Asset Pooled), Ser. A, 5 3/8s, 1/1/32	A2
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Oklahoma (0.3%) 		
950,000	OK Dev. Fin. Auth. Rev. Bonds (Hillcrest Hlth. Care), Ser. A, 5 5/8s, 8/15/29	В1
Pennsylvania (7.	6%)	
5,000,000	Allegheny Cnty., Hosp. Dev. Auth. Rev.	
	Bonds (Pittsburgh Mercy Hlth. Syst.), AMBAC, 5 5/8s, 8/15/26	Aaa
1,350,000	Beaver Cnty., Indl. Dev. Auth. Poll. Control Mandatory Put Bonds (Cleveland	
890,000	Elec.), 1.08s, 10/1/08 Carbon Cnty., Indl. Dev. Auth. Rev.	Baa2
890,000	Bonds (Panther Creek Partners), 6.65s,	
750,000	5/1/10 Delaware Cnty., Indl. Dev. Auth.	BBB-
	Resource Recvy. Rev. Bonds, Ser. A, 6.1s, 7/1/13	BBB
4,000,000	Hempfield, Area School Dist. G.O. Bonds (Westmoreland Cnty.), Ser. A, FGIC, 5	
1,500,000	1/4s, 3/15/21 Lancaster Cnty., Hosp. Auth. Rev. Bonds	AAA
1,000,000	(Gen. Hosp.), 5 1/2s, 3/15/26 Lehigh Cnty., Gen. Purpose Auth. Rev.	A-
	Bonds (Lehigh Valley Hosp. Hlth. Network), Ser. A, 5 1/4s, 7/1/32	A2
100,000	PA Econ. Dev. Fin. Auth. Resource Recvy.	
	Rev. Bonds (Colver), Ser. D, 7.15s, 12/1/18	BBB-
3,000,000	PA Econ. Dev. Fin. Auth. Wastewtr. Treatment Rev. Bonds (Sun Co., Inc.),	
3,000,000	Ser. A, 7.6s, 12/1/24 PA State Econ. Dev. Fin. Auth. Resource	Baa2
,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	Recvy. Rev. Bonds (Colver Proj.), Ser.	DDD_ /D
1,700,000	E, 8.05s, 12/1/15 Philadelphia, Indl. Dev. Auth. VRDN (Fox	BBB-/P
1,450,000	Chase Cancer Ctr.), 1.1s, 7/1/10 Sayre, Hlth. Care Fac. Auth. Rev. Bonds	VMIG1
	(Guthrie Hlth.), Ser. A, 5 7/8s, 12/1/31	A-
Rhode Island (0.		
	Tobacco Settlement Fin. Corp. Rev.	
	Bonds, Ser. A, 6 1/4s, 6/1/42	BBB
South Carolina (1.7%)	

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750,000	Lexington Cnty. Hlth. Svcs. Dist. Inc. Hosp. Rev. Bonds, 5 1/2s, 5/1/37	A2
1,250,000	SC Jobs Econ. Dev. Auth. Hosp. Fac. Rev. Bonds (Palmetto Hlth. Alliance), Ser. C,	
3,000,000	6s, 8/1/20 SC Tobacco Settlement Rev. Mgt. Rev.	Baa2
1,000,000	Bonds, Ser. B, 6 3/8s, 5/15/30 Spartanburg Cnty., Solid Waste Disp. Rev. Bonds (BMW Project), 7.55s, 11/1/24	BBB A1
South Dakota (0.	·	
450,000	SD Edl. Enhancement Funding Corp. Rev. Bonds, Ser. B, 6 1/2s, 6/1/32	ВВВ
Tennessee (1.0%)		
	Johnson City, Hlth. & Edl. Fac. Board Hosp. Rev. Bonds (Mountain States	
	Hlth.), Ser. A, 7 1/2s, 7/1/33	BBB+
Texas (8.9%)		
2,000,000	Alliance, Arpt. Auth. Rev. Bonds (American Airlines, Inc.), 7 1/2s, 12/1/29	Caa2
12,000,000	Bexar Cnty., Hlth. Fac. Dev. Corp. Rev. Bonds (St. Luke's Hlth. Syst.), FSA, 6.1s, 11/15/23	Aaa
1,000,000	Comal Cnty. Hlth. Fac. Dev. Corp. Rev. Bonds (Hlth. Care Syst McKenna Memorial Project), Ser. A, 6 1/4s,	naa
2,345,000	2/1/32	Baa2
750,000	Ser. A, PSFG, 5 1/4s, 8/15/21 Gateway, Pub. Fac. Corp. Rev. Bonds	AAA
610 000	(Stonegate Villas Apt.), FNMA Coll., 4.55s, 7/1/34 Harris Cnty., Hlth. Fac. Dev. Corp.	Aaa
010,000	Hosp. Rev. Bonds (Memorial Hermann Hlth. Care Syst.), Class A, 5 1/4s, 12/1/18	A2
2,000,000	Bonds, PSFG, 5 1/2s, 8/15/10	Aaa
3,000,000	Lower Neches Valley Indl. Dev. Swr. Auth. Rev. Bonds (Mobil Oil Refining Corp.), 6.4s, 3/1/30	Aaa
600,000	North Central TX Hlth. Fac. Dev. Corp. VRDN (Hosp. Presbyterian Med. Ctr.),	VMT C1
2,000,000	Ser. D, MBIA, 1.08s, 12/1/15 San Antonio Wtr. Rev. Bonds, Ser. A, FSA, 5s, 5/15/32	VMIG1 Aaa
2,000,000		Baa3
Utah (0.3%)		
1,000,000	Salt Lake City, Hosp. IFB (IHC Hosp.	
	Inc.), AMBAC, 11.847s, 5/15/20 (acquired 6/06/97, cost \$1,168,906) (RES)	Aaa

1,000,000 Henrico Cnty. Econ. Dev. Auth. Rev. Bonds (United Methodist), Ser. A, 6.7s, 6/1/27 2,500,000 VA College Bldg. Auth. Rev. Bonds (Washington and Lee U.), MBIA, 5 1/4s,	A3 BB+/P AAA
Bonds (United Methodist), Ser. A, 6.7s, 6/1/27 2,500,000 VA College Bldg. Auth. Rev. Bonds (Washington and Lee U.), MBIA, 5 1/4s, 1/1/26	
(Washington and Lee U.), MBIA, 5 1/4s, 1/1/26	AAA
Washington (3.6%)	
	A2
	Aa1
	BBB
4,000,000 WA State G.O. Bonds (Motor Vehicle Fuel), Ser. B, MBIA, 5s, 7/1/24	Aaa
West Virginia (0.3%)	
1,300,000 Princeton, Hosp. Rev. Bonds (Cmnty.	в2
Wisconsin (2.2%)	
	BBB BBB
	A2
Total Municipal bonds and notes (cost \$316,954,828)	

NOTES

(a) Percentages indicated are based on portfolio market value of \$325,047,574.

Total Investments (cost \$316,954,828)(b)

- (b) The aggregate identified cost on a tax basis is \$317,011,494 resulting in gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of \$12,989,842 and \$4,953,762, respectively, or net unrealized appreciation of \$8,036,080.
- (RAT) The Moody's or Standard & Poor's ratings indicated are believed to be the most recent ratings available at July 31, 2004 for the securities listed. Ratings are generally ascribed to securities at the time of issuance. While the agencies may from time to time revise such ratings, they undertake no obligation to do so, and the ratings do not necessarily represent what the agencies would ascribe to these securities at July 31,

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2004. Securities rated by Putnam are indicated by "/P".

(RES) Restricted, excluding 144A securities, as to public resale. The total market value of restricted securities held at July 31, 2004 was \$12,770,050 or 3.9% of portfolio market value.

The rates shown on VRDN and mandatory put bonds are the current interest rates at July 31, 2004.

The rates shown on IFB and IF COP, which are securities paying interest rates that vary inversely to changes in the market interest rates, are the current interest rates at July 31, 2004.

The fund had the following industry group concentrations greater than 10% at July 31, 2004 (as a percentage of portfolio market value):

Healthcare 16.8% Utilities 14.7 Education 10.6

The fund had the following insurance concentrations greater than 10% at July 31, 2004 (as a percentage of portfolio market value):

MBIA 14.6% FGIC 10.7

The dates shown on Mandatory Put Bonds are the next mandatory put dates.

Security valuation Tax-exempt bonds and notes are valued at fair value on the basis of valuations provided by an independent pricing service, approved by the Trustees. Such services use information with respect to transactions in bonds, quotations from bond dealers, market transactions in comparable securities and various relationships between securities in determining value. Other investments including restricted securities are valued at fair value following procedures approved by the Trustees. Such valuations and procedures are reviewed periodically by the Trustees.

For additional information regarding the fund please see the fund's most recent annual or semi-annual shareholder report filed on the Securities and Exchange Commission's Web site, www.sec.gov., or visit Putnam Individual Investor Website at www.putnaminvestments.com.

Item 2. Controls and Procedures:

- (a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded, based on their evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report, that the design and operation of such procedures are generally effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the registrant in this report is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms.
- (b) Changes in internal control over financial reporting: Not applicable

Item 3. Exhibits:

A separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, are filed herewith.

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.

NAME OF REGISTRANT

By (Signature and Title): /s/ Michael T. Healy

Michael T. Healy

Principal Accounting Officer

Date: September 28, 2004

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/ Charles E. Porter

Charles E. Porter

Principal Executive Officer

Date: September 28, 2004

By (Signature and Title): /s/ Steven D. Krichmar

Steven D. Krichmar

Principal Financial Officer

Date: September 28, 2004