

LAZARD FUNDS INC  
Form 40-17G  
February 12, 2010  
February 11, 2010

VIA EDGAR

Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Rule 17g-1 Fidelity Bond Filing for the following investment companies (each, a "fund"):  
Lazard Alternative Strategies Fund, L.L.C. (File No. 811-10415)  
Lazard Global Total Return and Income Fund, Inc. (File Nos. 811-21511; 333-112768)  
Lazard Retirement Series, Inc. (File Nos. 811-8071; 333-22309)  
Lazard World Dividend & Income Fund, Inc. (File Nos. 811-21751; 333-124045)  
The Lazard Funds, Inc. (File Nos. 811-6312; 33-40682)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed for filing, pursuant to Rule 17g-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), please find the following information with respect to the above-captioned funds. Please note the following for the Commission's records:

1. A copy of a joint Investment Company Bond issued by Vigilant Insurance Company (the "Bond"), which lists the funds as insureds, is enclosed under Exhibit 99-1.
2. A certificate of the funds' Assistant Secretary in which he attests to the authenticity and accuracy of resolutions adopted by the members of each fund's Board of Directors/Managers (including those members who are not "interested persons," as defined in the 1940 Act, of the fund) which authorize the purchase of a joint bond in a form and in an amount which is consistent with Rule 17g-1 under the 1940 Act, is enclosed under Exhibit 99-2.
3. The Bond premium has been paid for the coverage period from October 30, 2008 to October 30, 2009, and the Bond is written for a \$8,750,000 limit of liability. Had each fund not been named as an insured under the Bond, each of the funds would have provided and maintained a separate bond in an amount at least equal to the amount listed in Schedule A, attached hereto.
4. A copy of the agreement among the funds entered into pursuant to paragraph (f) of Rule 17g-1 is enclosed under Exhibit 99-3.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Brian D. Simon  
Brian D. Simon

---

**Schedule A**

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Single Insured Bond Coverage</u>
Lazard Alternative Strategies Fund, L.L.C.	\$ 525,000
Lazard Global Total Return and Income Fund, Inc.	\$ 600,000
Lazard World Dividend & Income Fund, Inc.	\$ 450,000
Lazard Retirement Series, Inc.	\$ 900,000
The Lazard Funds, Inc.	\$ 2,500,000

---