

LAZARD FUNDS INC
Form 40-17G
November 15, 2012

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

VIA EDGAR

Re: Rule 17g-1 Fidelity Bond Filing for the following investment companies (each, a fund):

Lazard Alternative Strategies 1099 Fund (File Nos. 811-22590; 333-175797)
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 Securities and Exchange Commission's records:

1. A copy of a joint Investment Company Bond issued by Federal 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 she attests to the authenticity and accuracy of resolutions adopted by the members of each fund's Board of Directors/Managers/Trustees (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, 2012 to October 30, 2013, 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/ Tamar Goldstein

Tamar Goldstein

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Schedule A

| <u>Fund</u> | <u>Single Insured Bond Coverage</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Lazard Alternative Strategies 1099 Fund | \$ 350,000 |
| Lazard Alternative Strategies Fund, L.L.C. | \$ 450,000 |
| Lazard Global Total Return and Income Fund, Inc. | \$ 600,000 |
| Lazard World Dividend & Income Fund, Inc. | \$ 450,000 |
| Lazard Retirement Series, Inc. | \$ 1,500,000 |
| The Lazard Funds, Inc. | \$ 2,500,000 |
