

Neel Carlton
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Neel Carlton

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ZWEIG TOTAL RETURN FUND
INC [ZTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ZWEIG FUNDS, 900 THIRD AVE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/08/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive VP

NEW YORK, NY 10022

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 10/08/2008 | | P | 5,000 A \$ 3.14 | 5,000 | I | On behalf of child |
| Common Stock | 10/08/2008 | | P | 5,000 A \$ 3.15 | 5,000 | I | On behalf of child |
| Common Stock | 10/08/2008 | | P | 3,000 A \$ 2.93 | 8,000 | I | On behalf of Child |
| Common Stock | 10/08/2008 | | P | 3,000 A \$ 2.93 | 8,000 | I | On Behalf of Child |
| Common Stock | | | | | 16,248 | D | |

