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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-21727

FIRST TRUST/FIDAC MORTGAGE INCOME FUND

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

1001 Warrenville Road, Suite 300
LISLE, IL 60532

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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LISLE, IL 60532

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (630) 241-4141

Date of fiscal year end: OCTOBER 31

Date of reporting period: JANUARY 31, 2006

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ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

The Schedule(s) of Investments is attached herewith.

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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS
 JANUARY 31, 2006 (UNAUDITED)

PRINCIPAL VALUE	DESCRIPTION	MARKET VALUE
U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES - 86.3%		
FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION (FHLMC) - 41.1%		
\$ 5,645,186	Gold, Pool A35567, 5.50%, 6/01/35	\$ 5,591,883
7,317,068	Gold, Pool A38042, 6.00%, 10/01/35	7,394,586
7,570,201	Gold, Pool A45294, 5.50%, 6/01/35	7,498,722
5,903,791	Gold, Pool A45498, 5.50%, 6/01/35	5,848,046
4,848,485	Gold, Pool G08062, 5.00%, 6/01/35	4,684,471
		31,017,708
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION (FNMA) - 45.2%		
5,863,949	Pool 256007, 6.00%, 10/01/35	5,889,604
7,601,049	Pool 825966, 5.00%, 7/01/35	7,348,647
10,729,332	Pool 831145, 6.00%, 12/01/35	10,841,884
9,932,792	Pool 843971, 6.00%, 11/01/35	10,036,988
		34,117,123
	TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES	65,134,831
	(Cost \$65,894,428)	
COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS - 38.5%		
3,000,000	Banc of America Mortgage Securities, Series 2005-1, Class 1A16, 5.50%, 2/25/35	2,928,357
3,000,000	Citicorp Mortgage Securities, Inc., Series 2005-3, Class 1A3, 5.50%, 4/25/35	2,853,979
16,113,639	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Series 2807, Class SB, IO, 2.98%, 11/15/33+	1,584,238
8,483,748	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Series 2869, Class ST, IO, 2.78%, 3/15/23+	639,228
4,739,600	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Series 2870, Class JI, IO, 5.00%, 10/15/27	944,017
792,000	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Series 2888, Class OI, IO, 5.00%, 1/15/27	161,803
2,884,769	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Series 2906, Class XW, 5.12%, 7/15/34+	2,723,132
1,774,808	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Series 2921, Class IQ, IO, 5.00%, 1/15/29	396,005
2,424,011	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Series 2938, Class PI, IO, 5.00%, 11/15/28	325,600
1,933,440	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Series 2943, Class JI, IO, 5.00%, 1/15/24	270,970
33,520,725	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., STRIP, Series 227, Class IO, IO, 5.00%, 12/01/34	8,112,287
6,959,717	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., STRIP, Series 231, Class IO, IO, 5.50%, 8/01/35	1,675,619

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12,574,306 Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., STRIP, Series 232,
 Class IO, IO, 5.00%, 8/01/35 3,071,208

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PRINCIPAL VALUE	DESCRIPTION	MARKET VALUE
COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS - (CONTINUED)		
\$ 2,627,730	Federal National Mortgage Association, Series 2005-39, Class BI, IO, 5.00%, 6/25/28	\$ 330,929
12,589,961	Federal National Mortgage Association, STRIP, Series 360, Class 2, IO, 5.00%, 8/01/35	3,063,426
	TOTAL COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS	29,080,798
	(Cost \$28,781,149)	
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 124.8%	94,215,629
	(Cost \$94,675,577)*	
(19,235,000)	REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENT - (25.5)% (With UBS Securities 4.50% dated 1/31/06, to be repurchased at \$19,237,404 on 2/01/06, collateralized by \$20,022,767 FHLML Gold 5.50%, FHLML Gold 5.50%, FNMA 6.00%, due 6/01/35, 6/01/35 and 11/01/35, respectively)	(19,235,000)
	NET OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - 0.7%	548,186
	NET ASSETS - 100.0%	\$ 75,528,815

* Aggregate cost for federal income tax and financial reporting purposes.

+ Variable rate security. The interest rate shown reflects the rate in effect at January 31, 2006.

STRIP Separate trading of registered interest and principal of securities
 IO Interest Only

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NOTES TO QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS - (UNAUDITED)

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1. VALUATION AND INVESTMENT PRACTICES

A. PORTFOLIO VALUATION:

The net asset value ("NAV") of the Common Shares of the First Trust/FIDAC Mortgage Income Fund (the "Fund") is computed based upon the value of the Fund's portfolio and other assets less any accrued liabilities. The NAV is determined as of the close of regular session trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, on each day the NYSE is open for trading. Domestic debt securities and foreign securities are priced using data reflecting the earlier closing of the principal markets for those securities. The Fund calculates NAV per Common Share by subtracting the Fund's liabilities (including accrued expenses, dividends payable and all borrowings of the Fund) from the Fund's Managed Assets (the value of the securities and other investments the Fund holds plus cash or other assets, including interest accrued but not yet received minus accrued liabilities other than the principal amount of borrowings) and dividing the result by the total number of Common Shares outstanding.

The Fund's investments are valued daily at market value or, in the absence of market value with respect to any portfolio securities, at fair value according to procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees. Securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued at market value, which is currently determined using the last reported sale price or, if no sales are reported (as in the case of some securities traded over-the-counter), the last reported bid price, except that certain U.S. government securities are valued at the mean between the last reported bid and asked prices. The Fund will value mortgage-backed securities ("MBS") and other debt securities not traded in an organized market on the basis of valuations provided by dealers or by an independent pricing service, approved by the Board of Trustees, which uses information with respect to transactions in such securities, quotations from dealers, market transactions for comparable securities, various relationships between securities and yield to maturity in determining value. Debt securities having a remaining maturity of less than sixty days when purchased and debt securities originally purchased with maturities of sixty days or more but which currently have maturities of less than sixty days are valued at cost adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts. In the event that market quotations are not readily available, the pricing service does not provide a valuation for a particular security, or the valuations are deemed unreliable, or if events occurring after the close of the principal markets for particular securities (e.g., domestic debt and foreign securities), but before the Fund values its assets, would materially affect NAV, First Trust Advisors L.P. ("First Trust") may use a fair value method to value the Fund's securities and investments. The use of fair value pricing by the Fund is governed by valuation procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees, and in accordance with the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

The Fund values exchange-traded options and other derivative contracts at the closing price on the exchange on which they are principally traded, or if not traded, or no closing price is available, at the mean between the last bid and asked prices.

B. SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS:

Securities transactions are recorded as of the trade date. Realized gains and losses from securities transactions are recorded on the identified cost basis.

Securities purchased or sold on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis may be settled a month or more after the trade date; interest income is not accrued

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until settlement date. The Fund instructs the custodian to segregate assets of the Fund with a current value at least equal to the amount of its when-issued purchase commitments.

C. REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS:

A reverse repurchase agreement, although structured as a sale and repurchase obligation, acts as a financing under which the Fund will effectively pledge its assets as collateral to secure a short-term loan. Generally, the other party to the agreement makes the loan in an amount equal to a percentage of the market value of the pledged collateral. At the maturity of the reverse repurchase agreement, the Fund will be required to repay the loan and correspondingly receive back its collateral. While used as collateral, the assets continue to pay principal and interest which are for the benefit of the Fund.

Information for the period October 31, 2005 through January 31, 2006:

Maximum amount outstanding during the period	\$21,325,000
Average amount outstanding during the period*	\$20,526,261
Average monthly shares outstanding during the period ..	4,045,236
Average debt per share outstanding during the period ..	\$ 5.07

* The average amount outstanding during the period was calculated by adding the borrowings at the end of each day and dividing the sum by the number of days in the period ended January 31, 2006.

Interest rates ranged from 4.00% to 4.54% during the period ended January 31, 2006, on borrowings by the Fund under reverse repurchase agreements.

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2. UNREALIZED APPRECIATION/(DEPRECIATION):

As of January 31, 2006, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of value over tax cost was \$1,288,867 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of tax cost over value was \$1,748,815.

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ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR

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270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).

(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.

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.

(Registrant) FIRST TRUST/FIDAC MORTGAGE INCOME FUND

By (Signature and Title)* /S/ JAMES A. BOWEN

James A. Bowen, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer
(principal executive officer)

Date MARCH 24, 2006

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/ JAMES A. BOWEN

James A. Bowen, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer
(principal executive officer)

Date MARCH 24, 2006

By (Signature and Title)* /S/ MARK R. BRADLEY

Mark R. Bradley, Treasurer, Controller, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer
(principal financial officer)

Date MARCH 24, 2006

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* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.