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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2001

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 001-14905  
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BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC.

-----  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

47-0813844

-----  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

-----  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification number)

1440 Kiewit Plaza, Omaha, Nebraska 68131

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(Address of principal executive office)  
(Zip Code)

(402) 346-1400

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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(Former name, former address and former fiscal year,  
if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports  
required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of  
1934 during the preceding 12 months and (2) has been subject to such filing  
requirements for the past 90 days.

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YES NO

Number of shares of common stock outstanding as of November 1, 2001:

Class A -- 1,325,790  
Class B -- 6,066,466

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PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(dollars in millions except per share amounts)

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	September 30, 2001	December 31, 2000
	-----	-----
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents .....	\$ 4,981	\$ 5,263
Investments:		
Securities with fixed maturities .....	35,113	32,567
Equity securities .....	27,208	37,619
Other .....	1,990	1,637
Receivables .....	11,858	11,764
Inventories .....	2,354	1,275
Investments in MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company .....	1,827	1,719
Assets of finance and financial products businesses .....	36,267	16,829
Property, plant and equipment .....	4,699	2,699
Goodwill of acquired businesses .....	21,611	18,875
Other assets .....	6,678	5,545
	-----	-----
	\$154,586	\$135,792
	=====	=====
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Losses and loss adjustment expenses .....	\$ 39,457	\$ 33,022
Unearned premiums .....	4,805	3,885
Accounts payable, accruals and other liabilities .....	9,209	8,374
Income taxes, principally deferred .....	6,524	10,125
Borrowings under investment agreements and other debt .....	3,586	2,663
Liabilities of finance and financial products businesses ..	32,509	14,730
	-----	-----
	96,090	72,799
	-----	-----
Minority shareholders' interests .....	1,388	1,269
	-----	-----
Shareholders' equity:		
Common Stock:*		
Class A Common Stock, \$5 par value		
and Class B Common Stock, \$0.1667 par value .....	8	8
Capital in excess of par value .....	25,572	25,524
Accumulated other comprehensive income .....	12,179	17,543
Retained earnings .....	19,349	18,649
	-----	-----
Total shareholders' equity .....	57,108	61,724
	-----	-----
	\$154,586	\$135,792
	=====	=====

\* Class B Common Stock has economic rights equal to one-thirtieth (1/30) of the economic rights of Class A Common Stock. Accordingly, on an equivalent Class A Common Stock basis, there are 1,527,502 shares outstanding at September 30, 2001 versus 1,526,230 shares outstanding at December 31, 2000.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS  
(dollars in millions except per share amounts)

	Third Quarter		
	2001	2000	
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Insurance premiums earned .....	\$ 4,213	\$ 4,872	\$
Sales and service revenues .....	3,900	1,856	
Interest, dividend and other investment income .....	710	648	
Income from MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company .....	51	40	
Income from finance and financial products businesses ....	110	110	
Realized investment gain .....	326	908	
	9,310	8,434	
<b>COST AND EXPENSES:</b>			
Insurance losses and loss adjustment expenses .....	5,763	4,378	
Insurance underwriting expenses .....	885	849	
Cost of products and services sold .....	2,761	1,256	
Selling, general and administrative expenses .....	759	413	
Goodwill amortization .....	145	124	
Interest expense .....	43	38	
	10,356	7,058	
<b>EARNINGS (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES AND MINORITY INTEREST ..</b>	<b>(1,046)</b>	<b>1,376</b>	
Income taxes .....	(361)	479	
Minority interest .....	(6)	100	
<b>NET EARNINGS (LOSS) .....</b>	<b>\$ (679)</b>	<b>\$ 797</b>	<b>\$</b>
Average common shares outstanding * .....	1,527,347	1,524,170	1,
<b>NET EARNINGS (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE * .....</b>	<b>\$ (445)</b>	<b>\$ 523</b>	<b>\$</b>

\* Average shares outstanding include average Class A Common shares and average Class B Common shares determined on an equivalent Class A Common Stock basis. Net earnings per share shown above represents net earnings per equivalent Class A Common share. Net earnings per Class B Common share is equal to one-thirtieth (1/30) of such amount.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(dollars in millions)

	First Nine Months	
	2001	2000
	-----	-----
Net cash flows from operating activities .....	\$ 4,354	\$ 1,883
	-----	-----
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of investments .....	(11,979)	(20,096)
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments .....	12,714	18,434
Loans and investments originated in finance businesses .....	(2,199)	(429)
Principal collection on loans and investments originated in finance businesses .....	1,628	984
Acquisitions of businesses, net of cash acquired .....	(4,480)	(1,123)
Other .....	(526)	(310)
	-----	-----
Net cash flows from investing activities .....	(4,842)	(2,540)
	-----	-----
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from borrowings of finance businesses .....	547	99
Proceeds from other borrowings .....	657	549
Repayments of borrowings of finance businesses .....	(120)	(272)
Repayments of other borrowings .....	(631)	(652)
Change in short term borrowings of finance businesses .....	1,150	--
Changes in other short term borrowings .....	(375)	257
Other .....	17	(109)
	-----	-----
Net cash flows from financing activities .....	1,245	(128)
	-----	-----
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents .....	757	(785)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year * .....	5,604	4,458
	-----	-----
Cash and cash equivalents at end of first nine months* .....	\$ 6,361	\$ 3,673
	=====	=====
Supplemental cash flow information:		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Income taxes .....	\$ 904	\$ 1,037
Interest of finance and financial products businesses .....	518	655
Other interest .....	191	124
Non-cash investing activity:		
Liabilities assumed in connection with acquisitions of businesses ..	4,013	713
Common Stock issued in connection with acquisitions of businesses ..	--	223
Contingent value of Exchange Notes recognized in earnings .....	49	108
Value of equity securities used to redeem Exchange Notes .....	98	259
	-----	-----
* Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of the following:		
Beginning of year --		
Finance and financial products businesses .....	\$ 341	\$ 623
Other .....	5,263	3,835
	-----	-----
End of first nine months --	\$ 5,604	\$ 4,458
	=====	=====

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Finance and financial products businesses .....	\$ 1,380	\$ 903
Other .....	4,981	2,770
	-----	-----
	\$ 6,361	\$ 3,673
	=====	=====

See accompanying Notes to Interim Consolidated Financial Statements

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### NOTES TO INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### NOTE 1. GENERAL

The accompanying unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of Berkshire consolidated with the accounts of all its subsidiaries. Reference is made to Berkshire's most recently issued Annual Report that included information necessary or useful to understanding of Berkshire's businesses and financial statement presentations. In particular, Berkshire's significant accounting policies and practices were presented as Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in that Report.

Financial information in this Report reflects any adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) that are, in the opinion of management, necessary to a fair statement of results for the interim periods in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). Certain amounts in 2000 have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

For a number of reasons, Berkshire's results for interim periods are not normally indicative of results to be expected for the year. The timing and magnitude of catastrophe losses incurred by insurance subsidiaries and the estimation error inherent to the process of determining liabilities for unpaid losses of insurance subsidiaries can be relatively more significant to results of interim periods than to results for a full year. Realized investment gains/losses are recorded when investments are sold, other-than-temporarily impaired or in certain situations, as required by GAAP, when investments are marked-to-market with the corresponding gain or loss included in earnings. Variations in amount and timing of realized investment gains/losses can cause significant variations in periodic net earnings.

As a result of the terrorist attack in the United States on September 11, 2001, Berkshire's reinsurance businesses recorded significant losses. The accompanying Consolidated Statements of Earnings for the third quarter and first nine months of 2001 include a pre-tax charge for the estimated losses of approximately \$2.275 billion. This amount is an estimate and is subject to considerable estimation error. Berkshire's management believes it will literally take years to resolve complicated coverage issues, as well as to develop an accurate estimation of insured losses that will be ultimately incurred.

#### NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS ACQUISITIONS

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During the first nine months of 2001, Berkshire completed four significant business acquisitions. In addition, Berkshire completed six significant acquisitions in 2000. Information concerning nine of these acquisitions follows. Information concerning the other acquisition is contained in Note 4 (Investments in MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company).

### Shaw Industries, Inc. ("Shaw")

On January 8, 2001, Berkshire acquired approximately 87.3% of the common stock of Shaw for \$19 per share. An investment group consisting of Robert E. Shaw, Chairman and CEO of Shaw, Julian D. Saul, President of Shaw, certain family members and related family interests of Messrs. Shaw and Saul, and certain other directors and members of management acquired the remaining 12.7% of Shaw.

Shaw is the world's largest manufacturer of tufted broadloom carpet and rugs for residential and commercial applications throughout the United States and exports to most markets worldwide. Shaw markets its residential and commercial products under a variety of brand names.

### Johns Manville Corporation ("Johns Manville")

On February 27, 2001, Berkshire acquired Johns Manville. Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, Berkshire purchased all of the outstanding shares of Johns Manville common stock for \$13 per share.

Johns Manville is a leading manufacturer of insulation and building products. Johns Manville manufactures and markets products for building and equipment insulation, commercial and industrial roofing systems, high-efficiency filtration media, and fibers and non-woven mats used as reinforcements in building and industrial applications.

### MiTek Inc. ("MiTek")

On July 31, 2001, Berkshire acquired a 90% equity interest in MiTek from Rexam PLC for approximately \$400 million. Existing MiTek management acquired the remaining 10% interest. MiTek, headquartered in Chesterfield, Missouri, produces steel connector products, design engineering software and ancillary services for the building components market.

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NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS ACQUISITIONS (CONTINUED)

### XTRA Corporation ("XTRA")

On September 20, 2001, Berkshire acquired XTRA through a cash tender offer and subsequent statutory merger for all of the outstanding shares. Holders of XTRA common stock received aggregate consideration of approximately \$578 million. XTRA, headquartered in Westport, Connecticut, is a leading operating lessor of transportation equipment, including over-the-road trailers, marine containers and intermodal equipment.

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Aggregate cash consideration for the four business acquisitions consummated during the first nine months of 2001 was \$4,808 million.

### CORT Business Services Corporation ("CORT")

Effective February 18, 2000, Wesco Financial Corporation, an indirect 80.1% owned subsidiary of Berkshire, acquired CORT. CORT is a leading national provider of rental furniture, accessories and related services in the "rent-to-rent" segment of the furniture industry.

### Ben Bridge Jeweler ("Ben Bridge")

Effective July 3, 2000, Berkshire acquired Ben Bridge. Ben Bridge is the leading operator of upscale jewelry stores based in major shopping malls in the Western United States.

### Justin Industries, Inc. ("Justin")

Effective August 1, 2000, Berkshire acquired Justin. Principal businesses of Justin include: Acme Building Brands, a leading manufacturer and producer of face brick, concrete masonry products and ceramic and marble floor and wall tile and Justin Brands, a leading manufacturer of Western footwear under a number of brand names.

### U.S. Investment Corporation ("USIC")

Effective August 8, 2000, Berkshire acquired USIC. USIC is the parent of the United States Liability Insurance Group, one of the premier U.S. writers of specialty insurance.

### Benjamin Moore & Co. ("Benjamin Moore")

Effective December 18, 2000, Berkshire acquired Benjamin Moore. Benjamin Moore is a formulator, manufacturer and retailer of a broad range of architectural and industrial coatings, available principally in the United States and Canada.

Aggregate consideration paid for the five business acquisitions consummated in 2000 totaled \$2,370 million, consisting of \$2,146 million in cash and the remainder in Berkshire Class A and Class B common stock.

The results of operations for each of these entities are included in Berkshire's consolidated results of operations from the effective date of each merger. The following table sets forth certain unaudited consolidated earnings data for the first nine months of 2001 and 2000, as if each of the nine acquisitions discussed above were consummated on the same terms at the beginning of each year. Dollars are in millions except per share amounts.

	2001 -----	2000 -----
Total revenues .....	\$28,577	\$27,582
Net earnings .....	709	2,378
Earnings per equivalent Class A Common Share ..	464	1,560

### NOTE 3. AGREEMENT TO ACQUIRE FRUIT OF THE LOOM'S APPAREL BUSINESS

On November 1, 2001, Berkshire entered into an agreement with Fruit of the Loom LTD. and Fruit of the Loom Inc. (together the "FOL entities") to acquire



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substantially all of the FOL entities apparel business at a cash purchase price of \$835 million, subject to adjustments. The purchase price is subject to significant reduction for certain liabilities, as well as upward or downward adjustment depending on working capital levels. The FOL entities are currently operating as a debtor-in-possession pursuant to its Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing. The closing under the agreement is subject to approval by the bankruptcy court, and other conditions set forth in the agreement. It is expected the closing will occur in the first quarter of 2002.

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### NOTES TO INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### NOTE 4. INVESTMENTS IN MIDAMERICAN ENERGY HOLDINGS COMPANY

On March 14, 2000, Berkshire invested approximately \$1.24 billion in common stock and a non-dividend paying convertible preferred stock of MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company ("MidAmerican"). Such investment gives Berkshire about a 9.7% voting interest and a 76% economic interest in MidAmerican on a fully-diluted basis. Berkshire subsidiaries also acquired approximately \$455 million of an 11% non-transferable trust preferred security. Mr. Walter Scott, Jr., a member of Berkshire's Board of Directors, controls approximately 86% of the voting interest in MidAmerican.

MidAmerican is a global leader in the production of energy from diversified fuel sources including geothermal, natural gas, hydroelectric, nuclear and coal. MidAmerican also is a leader in the supply and distribution of energy in the U.S. and U.K. consumer markets.

Berkshire's aggregate investments in MidAmerican are included in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as Investments in MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company. Berkshire is accounting for the common and non-dividend paying convertible preferred stock pursuant to the equity method. The carrying value of these equity method investments totaled \$1,372 million at September 30, 2001 and \$1,264 million at December 31, 2000.

The Consolidated Statements of Earnings reflect, as Income from MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company, Berkshire's proportionate share of MidAmerican's net income with respect to the investments accounted for pursuant to the equity method, as well as interest earned on the 11% trust preferred security. Income derived from equity method investments totaled \$99 million for the first nine months of 2001 and \$40 million for the period beginning on March 14, 2000 and ending September 30, 2000.

#### NOTE 5. INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES WITH FIXED MATURITIES

Data with respect to investments in securities with fixed maturities (other than securities with fixed maturities held by finance and financial products businesses -- See Note 10) are shown in the tabulation below (in millions).

September 30,      December 31,

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	2001	2000
	-----	-----
Amortized cost .....	\$ 34,366	\$ 32,420
Gross unrealized gains .....	1,011	512
Gross unrealized losses .....	(264)	(365)
	-----	-----
Total fair value .....	\$ 35,113	\$ 32,567
	=====	=====

NOTE 6. INVESTMENTS IN EQUITY SECURITIES

Data with respect to investments in equity securities are shown in the tabulation below (in millions).

	September 30, 2001	December 31, 2000
	-----	-----
Total cost .....	\$ 9,096	\$ 10,402
Gross unrealized gains .....	18,584	27,294
Gross unrealized losses .....	(472)	(77)
	-----	-----
Total fair value .....	\$ 27,208	\$ 37,619
	=====	=====
Fair value:		
American Express Company .....	\$ 4,406	\$ 8,329
The Coca-Cola Company .....	9,370	12,188
The Gillette Company .....	2,861	3,468
Wells Fargo & Company .....	2,368	3,067
Other equity securities .....	8,203	10,567
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Total .....	\$ 27,208	\$ 37,619
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NOTE 7. DEFERRED INCOME TAX LIABILITIES

The tax effects of significant items comprising Berkshire's net deferred tax liabilities as of September 30, 2001 and December 31, 2000 are as follows (in millions).

September 30, 2001	December 31, 2000
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Deferred tax liabilities:		
Relating to unrealized appreciation of investments ..	\$ 6,690	\$ 9,571
Deferred charges reinsurance assumed .....	1,085	916
Investments .....	373	441
Other .....	1,364	717
	-----	-----
	9,512	11,645
	-----	-----
Deferred tax assets:		
Unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses .....	(1,134)	(1,061)
Unearned premiums .....	(264)	(227)
Other .....	(1,622)	(754)
	-----	-----
	(3,020)	(2,042)
	-----	-----
Net deferred tax liability .....	\$ 6,492	\$ 9,603
	=====	=====

NOTE 8. COMMON STOCK

The following table summarizes Berkshire's common stock activity during the first nine months of 2001.

	Class A Common Stock (1,650,000 shares authorized) Issued and Outstanding	Class B Common (55,000,000 shares) Issued and Outstanding
	-----	-----
Balance at December 31, 2000.....	1,343,904	5,469,786
Conversions of Class A Common Stock		
To Class B Common Stock and other.....	(11,492)	382,904
	-----	-----
Balance at September 30, 2001.....	1,332,412	5,852,690
	=====	=====

Each share of Class A Common Stock is convertible, at the option of the holder, into thirty shares of Class B Common Stock. Class B Common Stock is not convertible into Class A Common Stock. Class B Common Stock has economic rights equal to one-thirtieth (1/30) of the economic rights of Class A Common Stock. Accordingly, on an equivalent Class A Common Stock basis, there are 1,527,502 shares outstanding at September 30, 2001 and 1,526,230 shares outstanding at December 31, 2000.

Each Class A Common share is entitled to one vote per share. Each Class B Common share possesses the voting rights of one-two-hundredth (1/200) of the voting rights of a Class A share. Class A and Class B Common shares vote together as a single class.

NOTE 9. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Berkshire's comprehensive income for the third quarter and first nine months of 2001 and 2000 is shown in the table below (in millions). Other comprehensive income consists principally of unrealized gains and losses on investments and foreign currency translation adjustments associated with foreign-based business operations.

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	Third Quarter		Fin
	2001	2000	
Net earnings (loss) .....	\$ (679)	\$ 797	\$ 7
Other comprehensive income:			
Increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation of investments ..	(1,415)	1,132	(8,1
Applicable income taxes and minority interests .....	510	(317)	2,9
Other, principally foreign currency translation adjustments ....	(50)	(50)	(1
Applicable income taxes and minority interests .....	(5)	1	
	(960)	766	(5,3
Comprehensive income .....	\$ (1,639)	\$ 1,563	\$ (4,6

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NOTE 10. FINANCE AND FINANCIAL PRODUCTS BUSINESSES

Assets and liabilities of Berkshire's finance and financial products businesses are summarized below (in millions).

	September 30, 2001	December 31, 2000
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents .....	\$ 1,380	\$ 341
Investments in securities with fixed maturities:		
Held-to-maturity, at cost .....	1,753	1,664
Trading, at fair value .....	2,289	5,244
Available-for-sale, at fair value .....	18,167	880
Trading account assets .....	6,034	5,429
Loans and other receivables .....	1,608	1,186
Securities purchased under agreements to resell ...	761	680
Other .....	4,275	1,405
	\$36,267	\$16,829
	=====	=====
LIABILITIES		
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase ....	\$14,832	\$ 3,386
Securities sold but not yet purchased .....	700	715
Trading account liabilities .....	5,463	4,974
Notes payable and other borrowings .....	4,346	2,116

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Annuity reserves and policyholder liabilities .....	887	868
Other .....	6,281	2,671
	-----	-----
	\$32,509	\$14,730
	=====	=====

On August 21, 2001, Berkshire and Leucadia National Corporation ("Leucadia"), through Berkadia LLC, a newly formed and jointly owned entity formed for this purpose, loaned \$5.6 billion on a senior secured basis (the "Term Loan") to FINOVA Capital Corporation, ("FNV Capital") a subsidiary of The FINOVA Group ("FNV"). The Term Loan was made in connection with a restructuring of all of FNV Capital's outstanding bank debt and publicly traded debt securities.

Berkadia financed the entire Term Loan through a third party lending facility. Both the Term Loan and the Berkadia borrowing are due on August 20, 2006. In October 2001, FNV Capital prepaid \$700 million principal amount of the Term Loan and Berkadia repaid a like amount to its lenders. Berkshire provided Berkadia's lenders with a 90% primary guaranty of such financing and also provided a secondary guaranty to the 10% primary guaranty provided by Leucadia. Berkshire has a 90% economic interest in Berkadia's Term Loan to FNV Capital and Berkadia's borrowings from the lending facility.

In connection with the restructuring and concurrent with the loan to FNV Capital, Berkadia received 61,020,581 shares of FNV common stock representing 50% of the total FNV outstanding shares. Berkadia initially recorded the FNV common stock at fair value and subsequently accounted for the stock pursuant to the equity method. The value assigned to the stock increased the discount on the Term Loan to FNV Capital, which will subsequently be accreted into interest income over the life of the Term Loan. Berkshire and Leucadia each have a 50% economic interest in Berkadia's ownership of the FNV common stock. Due to post-August 21 operating losses of FNV, the investment in FNV stock was completely written-off. Consequently, the equity method was suspended as of September 30, 2001.

Berkshire is accounting for its interests in Berkadia pursuant to the equity method. Berkshire's income from finance and financial products businesses for the third quarter of 2001 includes a pre-tax loss of \$76 million related to its interests in Berkadia. The loss is comprised of its share of Berkadia's losses from Berkadia's application of the equity method of \$94 million related to its investment in FNV stock offset by its share of Berkadia's net interest income.

NOTES TO INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 11. BUSINESS SEGMENT DATA

A disaggregation of Berkshire's consolidated data for the third quarter and first nine months of each of the two most recent years is as follows based on how management views the operations. Accordingly, certain intercompany transactions have not been eliminated. Amounts are in millions.

REVENUES

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OPERATING BUSINESSES:

	Third Quarter	
	2001	2000
	-----	-----
Insurance group:		
Premiums earned:		
GEICO .....	\$ 1,533	\$ 1,446
General Re .....	2,032	2,044
Berkshire Hathaway Reinsurance Group .....	508	1,291
Berkshire Hathaway Primary Insurance Group .....	140	91
Investment income .....	751	683
	-----	-----
Total insurance group .....	4,964	5,555
Shaw Industries .....	1,075	--
Building products * .....	990	71
Flight services .....	669	593
Retail .....	448	442
Scott Fetzer Companies .....	215	231
Other .....	645	651
	-----	-----
	9,006	7,543
RECONCILIATION OF SEGMENTS TO CONSOLIDATED AMOUNT:		
Realized investment gain .....	326	908
Other .....	8	13
Eliminations .....	(6)	--
Purchase-accounting adjustments .....	(24)	(30)
	-----	-----
	\$ 9,310	\$ 8,434
	=====	=====

\* Building products businesses include Acme Building Brands, Benjamin Moore, Johns Manville and MiTek. See Note 2.

OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) BEFORE TAXES  
OPERATING BUSINESSES:

	Third Quarter	
	2001	2000
	-----	-----
Insurance group operating profit:		
Underwriting profit (loss):		
GEICO .....	\$ 130	\$ (43)
General Re .....	(1,904)	(336)
Berkshire Hathaway Reinsurance Group .....	(664)	21
Berkshire Hathaway Primary Insurance Group .....	4	3
Net investment income .....	746	680
	-----	-----
Total insurance group operating profit (loss) .....	(1,688)	325
Shaw Industries .....	89	--
Building products .....	152	14
Flight services .....	40	53
Retail .....	27	36

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Scott Fetzler Companies .....	26	26
Other .....	142	181
	-----	-----
	(1,212)	635
 RECONCILIATION OF SEGMENTS TO CONSOLIDATED AMOUNT:		
Realized investment gain .....	338	908
Interest expense * .....	(24)	(22)
Corporate and other .....	5	9
Goodwill amortization and other purchase-accounting adjustments ..	(153)	(154)
	-----	-----
	\$(1,046)	\$ 1,376
	=====	=====

\* Excludes interest allocated to certain businesses.

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#### NOTE 12. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In June 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued two Statements of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS"). SFAS No. 141 "Business Combinations" requires usage of the purchase method for all business combinations initiated after June 30, 2001, and prohibits the usage of the pooling of interests method of accounting for business combinations. The provisions of SFAS No. 141 relating to the application of the purchase method are generally effective for business combinations completed after July 1, 2001. Such provisions include guidance on the identification of the acquiring entity, the recognition of intangible assets other than goodwill acquired in a business combination and the accounting for negative goodwill.

SFAS No. 142 "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" changes the current accounting model that requires amortization of goodwill, supplemented by impairment tests, to an accounting model that is based solely upon impairment tests. SFAS No. 142 also provides guidance on accounting for identifiable intangible assets that may or may not require amortization. The provisions of SFAS No. 142 related to accounting for goodwill and intangible assets will be generally effective for Berkshire at the beginning of 2002, except, among other things, that goodwill and identifiable intangible assets with indefinite lives arising from combinations completed after July 1, 2001 are not amortized.

In October 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 144 "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets." SFAS No. 144 generally retains the basic accounting model for the identification and measurement of impairments to long-lived assets to be held and such assets to be disposed. SFAS No. 144 also addresses several implementation and financial statement presentation issues not previously addressed under GAAP. The provisions of SFAS No. 144 will be effective for Berkshire at the beginning of 2002.

Although Berkshire has not completed its assessment of these new accounting standards, it expects that the provisions of SFAS No. 142 related to accounting for goodwill will have a significant impact on its consolidated earnings in 2002

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when compared to consolidated earnings for years prior to 2002. The accompanying Consolidated Statement of Earnings for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 includes goodwill amortization of \$491 million, including \$60 million related to Berkshire's investment in MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company.

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#### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Net earnings for the third quarter and first nine months of 2001 and 2000 are disaggregated in the table that follows. Amounts are after deducting minority interests and income taxes. Dollar amounts are in millions.

	Third Quarter		Fir
	2001	2000	200
Insurance group - underwriting .....	\$(1,550)	\$(223)	\$(1,9
Insurance group - investment income .....	520	479	1,4
Non-insurance businesses .....	291	196	8
Interest expense .....	(15)	(13)	(
Goodwill amortization and other purchase-accounting adjustments ...	(145)	(141)	(4
Other .....	4	3	
	(895)	301	(
Earnings (loss) before realized investment gain .....			
Realized investment gain .....	216	496	7
	\$ (679)	\$ 797	\$ 7
Net earnings (loss) .....	=====	=====	=====

#### INSURANCE GROUP -- UNDERWRITING

A summary follows of underwriting results from Berkshire's insurance segments for the third quarter and first nine months of 2001 and 2000. Dollar amounts are in millions.

	Third Quarter		Fir
	2001	2000	200
Underwriting gain (loss) attributable to:			
GEICO .....	\$ 130	\$ (43)	\$ 1
General Re .....	(1,904)	(336)	(2,4
Berkshire Hathaway Reinsurance Group .....	(664)	21	(8



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Berkshire Hathaway Primary Insurance Group .....	4	3	
	-----	-----	-----
Pre-tax underwriting loss .....	(2,434)	(355)	(3,0
Income taxes and minority interest .....	(884)	(132)	(1,0
	-----	-----	-----
Net underwriting loss .....	\$ (1,550)	\$ (223)	\$ (1,9
	=====	=====	=====

Berkshire engages in both primary insurance and reinsurance of property and casualty risks. Through General Re, Berkshire also reinsures life and health risks. In primary insurance activities, Berkshire subsidiaries assume defined portions of the risks of loss from persons or organizations that are directly subject to the risks. In reinsurance activities, Berkshire subsidiaries assume defined portions of similar or dissimilar risks that other insurers or reinsurers have subjected themselves to in their own insuring activities. Berkshire's principal insurance businesses are: (1) GEICO, the sixth largest auto insurer in the United States, (2) General Re, one of the four largest reinsurers in the world, (3) Berkshire Hathaway Reinsurance Group ("BHRG") and (4) Berkshire Hathaway Primary Insurance Group. Berkshire's management views insurance businesses as possessing two distinctive operations - underwriting and investment. Accordingly, Berkshire evaluates performance of underwriting operations without any allocation of investment income.

During the third quarter of 2001, Berkshire's reinsurance businesses recorded significant underwriting losses as a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack. In the aggregate, Berkshire's reinsurance businesses recorded pre-tax losses of \$2.275 billion related to the terrorist attack. The losses recorded are based upon estimates and, therefore, are subject to considerable estimation error. Additional information related to these losses is included in the discussion that follows. Over time, claims will be paid and additional information will be revealed that will result in re-estimation of the ultimate amount of losses incurred. Changes in reserve estimates are included in earnings as a component of losses and loss expenses incurred in the period of the change.

GEICO

GEICO Corporation through its affiliates ("GEICO") provides private passenger auto insurance to customers in 48 states and the District of Columbia. GEICO policies are marketed mainly through direct response methods, in which insureds apply directly to the company for insurance coverage over the telephone, through the mail or via the Internet. This is a significant element in GEICO's strategy to be a low cost insurer and, yet, provide high value to policyholders.

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GEICO (CONTINUED)

GEICO's pre-tax underwriting results for the third quarter and first nine months of 2001 and 2000 are summarized in the table below. Dollar amounts are in millions.

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	Third Quarter				First Nine Months		
	2001		2000		2001		
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount
Premiums earned .....	\$1,533	100.0	\$ 1,446	100.0	\$4,499	100.0	\$ 4,137
Losses and loss expenses .....	1,182	77.1	1,225	84.7	3,656	81.3	3,548
Underwriting expenses .....	221	14.4	264	18.3	713	15.8	783
Total losses and expenses .....	1,403	91.5	1,489	103.0	4,369	97.1	4,331
Net underwriting gain (loss) ..	\$ 130		\$ (43)		\$ 130		\$ (194)

Premiums earned during the third quarter were \$1,533 million in 2001, an increase of 6.0% from \$1,446 million in 2000. For the nine months ended September 30, earned premiums were \$4,499 million in 2001, an increase of 8.8% from \$4,137 million in 2000. The growth in premiums earned reflects an increase in premium rates offset somewhat by a 1.5 % reduction in policies-in-force during the past year.

Policies-in-force over the last twelve months increased 1.7% in the preferred risk auto market and declined 12.9% in the standard and nonstandard auto lines. Voluntary auto new business sales in the first nine months of 2001 decreased 36.1% compared to 2000 due to decreased advertising expenditures and a lower closure ratio, as well as increased rates and tightened underwriting standards. Voluntary auto policies-in-force at September 30, 2001 were 36,000 less than at December 31, 2000 and unchanged from June 30, 2001.

Losses and loss adjustment expenses incurred in the third quarter of 2001 decreased 3.5% to \$1,182 million and for the nine-month period increased 3.0% to \$3,656 million in comparison with 2000 periods. The loss ratio was 81.3% in the first nine months of 2001 compared to 85.8% a year ago. The lower loss ratios in 2001 reflect the effect of rate increases begun in 2000 in response to the higher severity for personal injury protection coverages and increasing cost trends for medical payments and automobile repair costs. Additionally, the rate of increase in claim severity has slowed in 2001 and the frequency of accidents has decreased in several coverages compared to the prior year.

Underwriting expenses in the third quarter of 2001 declined \$43 million (16.3%) from 2000. For the first nine months of 2001, underwriting expenses decreased \$70 million (8.9%) from 2000. Much of the comparative decreases in expenses were due to reductions in advertising expenditures. While advertising expense declined, the unit cost of acquiring new business has increased in 2001 reflecting a lower ratio of new policies written to quotes. Also contributing to the lower comparative expenses in 2001 were lower employee profit-sharing accruals.

GENERAL RE

General Re and its affiliates conduct a global reinsurance business with operations in the United States and 129 other countries around the world. General Re's principal reinsurance operations are: (1) North American property/casualty, (2) international property/casualty, and (3) global life/health. The international property/casualty operations include the direct

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reinsurance operations of Germany-based Cologne Re and certain wholly owned subsidiaries of General Re, including the broker-market reinsurance operations (Faraday / Lloyd's Syndicate 435). At September 30, 2001, General Re held an 88% economic ownership interest in Cologne Re.

Prior to September 11, 2001, the reinsurance industry was contending with difficult underwriting conditions. While pricing had begun to improve in certain markets, many markets remained underpriced relative to the risks assumed. Losses from the terrorist attack in the United States on September 11th have severely impacted the insurance and reinsurance industries' 2001 underwriting results, contributing to dislocation in the insurance/reinsurance markets. The severity of the losses arising from the September 11th attack underscored that risks of this kind are not contemplated in pricing coverage. Lines of business that previously were expected to have little correlation were adversely affected in the same event to an unprecedented degree.

General Re's consolidated underwriting results remained disappointing for the third quarter and first nine months of 2001, which also included \$1.9 billion of gross and \$1.7 billion of net losses arising from the September 11th terrorist attack. During the third quarter of 2001, the traditional North American operations continued to record reserve adjustments on prior years' claims reserves.

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GENERAL RE (CONTINUED)

The underwriting results for each of General Re's business segments follow.

North American property/casualty

General Re's North American property/casualty pre-tax underwriting results for the third quarter and first nine months of 2001 and 2000 are shown below. Dollar amounts are in millions.

	Third Quarter				First Nine Months		
	2001		2000		2001		2000
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount
Premiums earned .....	\$ 894	100.0	\$ 991	100.0	\$ 2,892	100.0	\$ 2,399
Losses and loss expenses ...	2,087	233.4	1,013	102.2	3,953	136.7	2,195
Underwriting expenses .....	253	28.3	224	22.6	737	25.5	623
Total losses and expenses ..	2,340	261.7	1,237	124.8	4,690	162.2	2,818
Net underwriting loss .....	\$ (1,446)		\$ (246)		\$ (1,798)		\$ (419)

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North American property/casualty operations underwrite predominantly excess reinsurance across multiple lines of business. North American property/casualty earned premiums decreased \$97 million (9.8%) for the third quarter and increased \$493 million (20.6%) for the first nine months of 2001 over the same periods in 2000. Earned premiums for the first nine months of 2001 include \$275 million from a retroactive reinsurance contract that incepted in the second quarter. Earned premiums in the third quarter of 2000 included \$183 million from a single aggregate excess treaty that was not renewed in 2001. Otherwise, third quarter 2001 earned premiums grew \$86 million (10.6%) and \$401 million (18.1%) year to date. Rate increases and new business (net of the non-renewal of underperforming business) accounted for the remaining growth.

The North American property/casualty operations produced net underwriting losses of \$1,446 million and \$1,798 million for the third quarter and first nine months of 2001, respectively. These results include \$1.3 billion of gross and net losses from the September 11th terrorist attack. Other underwriting losses were \$151 million and \$503 million for the third quarter and first nine months of 2001, respectively. Underwriting results for the first nine months of 2001 include \$87 million of claims arising from other catastrophes, principally Tropical Storm Allison, and other large individual property losses (\$20 million per loss or greater). Catastrophe and other large individual property losses in the comparable 2000 period were \$26 million, arising from Fort Worth tornadoes. While the potential impact of catastrophes and other large individual property losses is normally factored into reinsurance prices, past pricing did not consider the unprecedented magnitude of losses arising from the September 11th terrorist attack. In general, the timing and magnitude of catastrophic losses can produce volatility in periodic underwriting results.

The North American property/casualty underwriting results for the third quarter and first nine months of 2001 were also negatively impacted by unfavorable reserve adjustments of prior years' claim estimates. This correction of earlier loss estimates in the traditional business increased the third quarter and first nine months of 2001 underwriting loss by approximately \$69 million and \$206 million, respectively. Underreserving occurred principally in the casualty treaty, commercial umbrella and casualty individual risk reinsurance lines, and primarily for accident years from 1998 through 2000. Underwriting losses for the first nine months of 2000 included approximately \$148 million from reserve changes. This underreserving primarily related to business that has since been non-renewed or renewed with improved pricing and coverage terms.

Over time, if property/casualty business is properly priced, the business should generate an underwriting profit. However, this has not occurred during the period subsequent to Berkshire's acquisition of General Re at the end of 1998. Management is continuing to take actions to improve pricing, terms and conditions so as to achieve the targeted underwriting results. The value of "float" generated by the insurance business has decreased in recent years and significant underwriting profits will need to be realized in order to achieve a reasonable return on capital employed.

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)

GENERAL RE (CONTINUED)

International property/casualty

General Re's international property/casualty pre-tax underwriting results for the third quarter and first nine months of 2001 and 2000 are shown below. Dollar amounts are in millions.

	Third Quarter				First Nine Months		
	2001		2000		2001		2000
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount
Premiums earned.....	\$ 663	100.0	\$ 653	100.0	\$ 1,773	100.0	\$ 1,881
Losses and loss expenses....	896	135.1	521	79.8	1,778	100.3	1,631
Underwriting expenses.....	188	28.4	202	30.9	538	30.3	611
Total losses and expenses...	1,084	163.5	723	110.7	2,316	130.6	2,242
Net underwriting loss.....	\$ (421)		\$ (70)		\$ (543)		\$ (361)

The international property/casualty operations write quota-share and excess reinsurance on risks around the world. In recent years, the largest international markets have been in Germany and other parts of Western Europe. For the third quarter and first nine months of 2001, international property/casualty earned premiums increased \$10 million (1.5%) and decreased \$108 million (5.7%), respectively, from the comparable 2000 levels. Adjusting for the effect of foreign exchange, earned premiums increased 7.2% during the third quarter and 3.0 % for the first nine months of 2001, respectively. For the first nine months of 2001, increased participation and growth in Lloyd's Syndicate 435 and growth in U.K. casualty treaty business were partially offset by decreased premiums in Latin America and at Cologne Re. The decrease at Cologne Re is primarily due to the non-renewal of under-performing treaty business. Additionally, premiums earned in the first nine months of 2000 for Cologne Re included premiums from cedants to reinstate coverage as a result of the 1999 European winter storm losses.

Underwriting results of the international property/casualty operations for the third quarter and first nine months of 2001 included \$536 million of gross and \$371 million of net losses related to the September 11th terrorist attack. Other underwriting losses of the international property/casualty operations were \$50 million and \$172 million for the third quarter and first nine months of 2001 respectively. While the results improved over the comparable 2000 periods, they remained disappointing. Results in 2001 benefited from lower catastrophe and other large individual property losses and the effects of recent underwriting initiatives in the direct reinsurance operations. For the first nine months, catastrophe and other large individual property losses were \$21 million in 2001 (1.2 loss ratio points) for losses arising from a chemical plant explosion in Toulouse, France and \$83 million in 2000 (4.4 loss ratio points) from additional losses that emerged from the late December 1999 European winter storms. Partially offsetting improvements in the direct reinsurance operations were deteriorating results in the broker-market operations.

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Global life/health

General Re's global life/health pre-tax underwriting results for the third quarter and first nine months of 2001 and 2000 are shown below. Dollar amounts are in millions.

	Third Quarter				First Nine Months		
	2001		2000		2001		2000
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount
Premiums earned.....	\$ 475	100.0	\$ 400	100.0	\$ 1,457	100.0	\$ 1,259
Losses and loss expenses....	383	80.6	311	77.8	1,176	80.7	1,041
Underwriting expenses.....	129	27.2	109	27.2	346	23.8	294
Total losses and expenses...	512	107.8	420	105.0	1,522	104.5	1,335
Net underwriting loss.....	\$ (37)		\$ (20)		\$ (65)		\$ (76)

General Re's global life/health affiliates reinsure such risks worldwide. Global life/health earned premiums for the third quarter and first nine months of 2001, grew 18.8% and 15.7%, respectively, over the same periods in 2000. Adjusting for the effect of foreign exchange, earned premiums increased 21.9% during the third quarter and 20.3% for the first nine months of 2001. The growth in earned premiums was primarily due to the U.S. individual health operations, resulting from the acquisition of two Medicare supplement blocks of business in 2000, which partially offset decreased premiums in the international health segment. Additionally, earned premiums in the life reinsurance business increased in the U.S., Australia, Asia and Western Europe.

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GENERAL RE (CONTINUED)

Global life/health (Continued)

The global life/health underwriting results for the third quarter and first nine months of 2001 included \$70 million of gross losses and \$34 million of net losses related to the September 11th terrorist attack. Otherwise, the overall global life/health operations improved significantly from the same periods in 2000. Significant improvement in 2001 periods was achieved in the life and health units of the international operations, which for the first nine months posted near breakeven results in 2001 compared to a \$60 million net loss in 2000. Results for the U.S. life reinsurance operations worsened in 2001 reflecting the estimated losses from the terrorist attack and a general increase in mortality in the third quarter. Underwriting results for the first nine

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months of 2001 included net losses of approximately \$25 million from the U.S. health reinsurance business compared to a \$15 million loss in 2000.

### BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY REINSURANCE GROUP

The Berkshire Hathaway Reinsurance Group ("BHRG") underwrites principally excess-of-loss reinsurance coverages for insurers and reinsurers around the world. BHRG is believed to be one of the leading providers of catastrophe excess-of-loss reinsurance. In recent years, the BHRG has also generated a significant amount of business from a few very sizable retroactive reinsurance contracts.

In the third quarter of 2001, the BHRG incurred a net underwriting loss of \$664 million compared to a net gain in 2000 of \$21 million. For the nine months ended September 30, underwriting losses totaled \$802 million in 2001 and \$15 million in 2000. Underwriting losses in the third quarter of 2001 include estimated losses related to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack of approximately \$575 million.

Premiums earned under catastrophe and other non-catastrophe reinsurance contracts for the third quarter were \$480 million in 2001 and \$90 million in 2000. For the first nine months premiums earned from these businesses were \$745 million in 2001 and \$369 million in 2000. Premiums earned in 2001 periods include approximately \$290 million of premiums earned in connection with policies in which the premiums under the policies are based, in part, upon loss experience under the policies. The amounts were recorded as a consequence of the estimated losses recorded from the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack. In 2000 periods, such premiums were minimal.

Premiums earned from retroactive reinsurance policies for the first nine months were \$1,594 million in 2001 and \$1,227 million in 2000. In 2001, substantially all of these amounts were earned from contracts written in the second quarter, whereas amounts earned in 2000 were primarily from contracts written in the third quarter.

Retroactive reinsurance policies indemnify ceding companies with respect to loss events that occurred in previous years. Such policies can provide exceptionally large, but limited, amounts of indemnification in exchange for significant premiums. Premium amounts reflect, in part, discounting for time, because the claim payments are estimated to occur over lengthy time periods. Asbestos and environmental liabilities are often present from claims incurred under these policies. Large underwriting losses are anticipated from these policies, resulting principally from the amortization of deferred charges. However, this business is accepted because of the exceptional amount of policyholder float generated.

Underwriting losses in the third quarter from BHRG's retroactive reinsurance contracts were \$97 million in 2001 and \$51 million in 2000. For the first nine months, this business produced underwriting losses of \$299 million in 2001 and \$130 million in 2000. The underwriting losses resulted from the amortization of deferred charges established at the inception of the contracts. The deferred charges, which represent the difference between the policy premium and the ultimate estimated claim reserves, are amortized over the estimated claim payment period. The increase in amortization charges in 2001 over 2000 periods relates to the significant amount of new business written subsequent to June 30, 2000. Unamortized deferred charges at September 30, 2001 totaled approximately \$3.1 billion, an increase of \$1.7 billion from June 30, 2000.

### BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY PRIMARY INSURANCE GROUP

Premiums earned by Berkshire's numerous other primary insurers of \$140 million and \$361 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2001,

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respectively, exceeded the corresponding prior year amounts by \$49 million (53.8%) and \$133 million (58.3%), respectively. Most of the increase in premiums earned derived from the inclusion of the insurance affiliates of U.S. Investment Corporation ("USIC"), specialty insurers acquired by Berkshire in August 2000 and from increases in business at National Indemnity. Underwriting results for these businesses in 2001 include net underwriting gains at USIC, National Indemnity and Kansas Bankers'.

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INSURANCE GROUP INVESTMENT INCOME

After-tax net investment income produced by Berkshire's insurance and reinsurance businesses for the third quarter and first nine months of 2001 and 2000 is summarized in the table below. Dollars are in millions.

	Third Quarter		First Ni
	2001	2000	2001
	----	----	-----
Net investment income before income taxes and minority interests ....	\$746	\$680	\$2,162
Income taxes and minority interests .....	226	201	664
	----	----	-----
Net investment income .....	\$520	\$479	\$1,498
	====	====	=====

Pre-tax net investment income earned by Berkshire's insurance businesses for the third quarter of 2001 increased \$66 million (9.7%) over the third quarter of 2000. Pre-tax net investment income for the first nine months of 2001 increased \$165 million (8.3%) over the corresponding period in 2000. The comparative increases in pre-tax net investment income in 2001 periods reflect the growth in the portfolio of fixed maturity investments.

Berkshire's insurance operations maintain large levels of invested assets, derived from shareholder capital, as well as policyholder float. Policyholder float is an estimate of the net amount temporarily available for investment from funds provided by policyholders. Such amounts will be eventually returned to policyholders, primarily in the form of claim and benefit payments and other refunds arising out of the insurance contracts.

Policyholder float at September 30, 2001 totaled approximately \$33.3 billion, compared to about \$30.8 billion at June 30, 2001 and \$27.1 billion at September 30, 2000. Most of the increase in the third quarter 2001 derived from loss reserves established in connection with the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack. Accordingly the cost of float, as measured by the annualized underwriting loss as a percentage of the average balance of float, will be exceptionally high in 2001.



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### NON-INSURANCE BUSINESSES

Results of operations of Berkshire's diverse non-insurance businesses for the third quarter and first nine months of 2001 and 2000 are shown in the following table. Dollar amounts are in millions.

	Third Quarter				First Nine Months			
	2001		2000		2001		2000	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	
Revenues .....	\$4,042	100.0	\$1,988	100.0	\$11,428	100.0	\$5,665	
Costs and expenses .....	3,566	88.2	1,678	84.4	10,023	87.7	4,660	
Earnings before income taxes/minority interest .....	476	11.8	310	15.6	1,405	12.3	1,005	
Income taxes/minority interest ..	185	4.6	114	5.7	533	4.7	364	
Net earnings .....	\$ 291	7.2	\$ 196	9.9	\$ 872	7.6	\$ 641	

Berkshire's numerous non-insurance businesses grew significantly through the acquisition of several businesses in 2000 and 2001. As a result, in 2001 there are two new significant non-insurance business segments. One new segment is Shaw Industries ("Shaw"), in which Berkshire acquired an approximately 87.3% interest on January 8, 2001. In addition, the building products segment consists of four recently acquired businesses (MiTek Inc., acquired July 31, 2001, Johns Manville, acquired February 27, 2001, Benjamin Moore, acquired in December 2000 and Acme Building Brands, acquired in August 2000). Berkshire also acquired Ben Bridge Jeweler in July 2000, which is included as part of Berkshire's retailing segment. Other businesses acquired in 2000 include CORT Business Services (February 2000), Justin Brands (August 2000) and MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company (March 2000).

The results of each of the aforementioned businesses are included in Berkshire's earnings from their respective acquisition dates. Additional information regarding each of these acquisitions is contained in Notes 2 and 4 of the accompanying interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

Many of Berkshire's non-insurance businesses have been adversely affected by the general economic slowdown in the United States over the first nine months of 2001. In addition, the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001 had negative effects on the businesses. Certain businesses experienced immediate disruption, such as the flight services businesses as a result of the temporary suspension of air travel in the United States. Other businesses were affected less directly, as a result of changes in general economic conditions resulting from the attack. Nevertheless, Berkshire's management considers that most of its non-insurance businesses have performed well under these difficult conditions.

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#### NON-INSURANCE BUSINESSES (CONTINUED)

Aggregate third quarter revenues of Berkshire's non-insurance businesses totaled \$4,042 million in 2001, an increase of 103.3% over the third quarter of 2000. For the first nine months of 2001, these businesses produced revenues of \$11,428 million, an increase of 101.7% over the corresponding period in 2000. Pre-tax earnings of Berkshire's non-insurance businesses for 2001 exceeded earnings of the corresponding prior year by \$166 million (53.5%) for the third quarter and \$400 million (39.8%) for the first nine months. The increases in revenues and pre-tax earnings were largely attributed to the aforementioned new businesses.

Shaw's carpet and floor coverings business generated revenues of \$1,075 million for the third quarter of 2001 and \$3,106 million for the first nine months. On a comparable year-to-date basis, Shaw's revenues declined about 3.7% during the first nine months of 2001 as compared to 2000 due to lower volume of carpet sold and slightly lower average selling prices. For the third quarter and first nine months of 2001, pre-tax earnings of Shaw totaled \$89 million and \$225 million, respectively. Year-to-date pre-tax operating earnings in 2001 periods are approximately 8% lower than in 2000.

The building products businesses generated third quarter and first nine months revenues in 2001 of \$990 million and \$2,372 million, respectively. On a comparable year-to-date basis, revenues of the building products group in the first nine months of 2001 were essentially unchanged from 2000, as a slight decrease in revenues at Johns Manville, was offset by small revenue increases at Benjamin Moore and Acme. Pre-tax earnings for 2001 were \$152 million for the third quarter and \$344 million for the first nine months. On a full year-to-date comparative basis, the pre-tax earnings in 2001 of the building products group were relatively unchanged from 2000.

Berkshire's retail businesses generated revenues of \$448 million for the third quarter of 2001 and \$1,341 million for the first nine months of 2001 as compared to \$442 million and \$1,236 million in the comparable 2000 periods. The comparative increase in revenues in 2001 was due to business acquisitions occurring during the second half of 2000. Pre-tax earnings in 2001 of \$27 million for the third quarter and \$86 million for the first nine months compared to \$36 million for the third quarter and \$96 million for the first nine months of 2000.

Third quarter revenues of \$669 million from flight service businesses increased \$76 million (12.8%) in 2001 as compared to 2000 and for the first nine months, revenues of \$1,909 million increased \$269 million (16.4%) in 2001 as compared to 2000. The revenue gains in each period of 2001 reflect increases in training revenues at FlightSafety and aircraft sales and flight operations management revenues at Executive Jet. Pre-tax earnings of the flight service businesses in the third quarter of 2001 were \$40 million, a decline of \$13 million (24.5%) from the third quarter of 2000. For the first nine months of 2001, pre-tax earnings declined \$22 million (13.2%) from the corresponding 2000 period. Most of the decline in comparative operating results was due to net operating losses incurred in the 2001 periods by Executive Jet. Deterioration in operating margins at Executive Jet occurred in both its domestic and international operations.

Other non-insurance businesses include several finance and financial products businesses, (including the transportation equipment leasing business of XTRA Corporation, acquired in September 2001). Finance and financial products businesses generated pre-tax earnings for the third quarter of \$97 million in 2001 and \$103 million in 2000. For the first nine months, pre-tax earnings of

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the finance businesses were \$325 million in 2001 and \$466 million in 2000. Earnings of Berkshire's finance and financial products businesses can be volatile due, in part, to the magnitude of investments acquired under proprietary investment strategies. The results of Dexter Shoe Company are also included in other non-insurance businesses. During the third quarter of 2001, Dexter ended the production of shoes in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Dexter's business will be continued under the management of H.H. Brown. A pre-tax charge of about \$25 million was recorded in the third quarter to provide for costs arising from the shutdown. Other non-insurance businesses also include Berkshire's proportionate share of net earnings of MidAmerican, which for the first nine months were \$99 million in 2001 and \$40 million in 2000.

### GOODWILL AMORTIZATION AND OTHER PURCHASE-ACCOUNTING ADJUSTMENTS

Goodwill amortization and other purchase-accounting adjustments reflect the after-tax effect on net earnings with respect to the amortization of goodwill of acquired businesses and the amortization of fair value adjustments to certain assets and liabilities which were recorded at the business acquisition dates.

Amortization of goodwill was \$431 million for the first nine months of 2001 and \$369 million for the corresponding period in 2000. As a result of new accounting standards issued by the FASB in June 2001, accounting for goodwill has changed. Goodwill arising from business acquisitions completed after July 1, 2001, is not subject to systematic amortization. In addition, the systematic amortization of goodwill related to businesses acquired before June 30, 2001, will be discontinued effective January 1, 2002. The new accounting standards require that goodwill of acquired businesses continue to be tested for impairment. Berkshire has not fully completed an assessment of the new standards, however, adoption of the new standards is expected to have a significant impact on periodic consolidated statements of earnings reported beginning in 2002.

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### ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)

#### GOODWILL AMORTIZATION AND OTHER PURCHASE-ACCOUNTING ADJUSTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Other purchase-accounting adjustments consist primarily of the amortization of the excess of market value over historical cost of fixed maturity investments that existed as of the date of certain business acquisitions, primarily General Re. Such excess is included in Berkshire's cost of the investments and is being amortized over the remaining lives of the investments. The unamortized excess remaining in the cost of fixed maturity investments totaled \$594 million at September 30, 2001.

#### REALIZED INVESTMENT GAIN/LOSS

Realized investment gain/loss has been a recurring element in Berkshire's net earnings for many years. Such amounts -- recorded (1) when investments are sold; (2) other-than-temporarily impaired; and (3) in certain situations, as provided under GAAP, when investments are marked-to-market with a corresponding gain or loss included in earnings -- may fluctuate significantly from period to period,

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resulting in a meaningful effect on reported net earnings. The Consolidated Statements of Earnings include after-tax realized investment gains of \$216 million and \$496 million for the third quarter of 2001 and 2000, respectively. For the first nine months, after-tax realized investment gains totaled \$780 million in 2001 and \$1,344 million in 2000.

### FINANCIAL CONDITION

Berkshire's balance sheet continues to reflect significant liquidity and a strong capital base. Shareholders' equity at September 30, 2001, was \$57 billion. Consolidated cash and invested assets, excluding assets of finance and financial products businesses totaled approximately \$69 billion at September 30, 2001. Berkshire deployed approximately \$4.8 billion in cash for business acquisitions in the first nine months of 2001. Cash utilized in these acquisitions was generated internally.

Berkshire's consolidated borrowings under investment agreements and other debt totaled \$3,586 million at September 30, 2001 compared to \$3,660 million at June 30, 2001 and \$2,663 million at December 31, 2000. The increase in borrowings during 2001 relates primarily to the pre-acquisition debt of Shaw and Johns Manville, as well as a \$325 million increase in borrowings by Executive Jet to finance aircraft inventory and core fleet acquisitions. Approximately \$600 million of the \$1.4 billion of debt owed by Shaw and Johns Manville as of their respective acquisition dates has been repaid. During the second quarter of 2001, Berkshire filed a shelf registration to issue up to \$700 million in new debt securities at a future date. The intended purpose of the future issuance of debt is to fund the repayment of currently outstanding borrowings of certain Berkshire subsidiaries. The timing and amount of the debt to be issued under the shelf registration has not yet been determined.

### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Investors are cautioned that certain statements contained in this document as well as some statements in periodic press releases and some oral statements of Berkshire officials during presentations about Berkshire, are "forward-looking" statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Act"). Forward-looking statements include statements which are predictive in nature, which depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, which include words such as "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "believes", "estimates", or similar expressions. In addition, any statements concerning future financial performance (including future revenues, earnings or growth rates), ongoing business strategies or prospects, and possible future Berkshire actions, which may be provided by management are also forward-looking statements as defined by the Act. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and projections about future events and are subject to risks, uncertainties, and assumptions about Berkshire, economic and market factors and the industries in which Berkshire does business, among other things. These statements are not guaranties of future performance and Berkshire has no specific intention to update these statements.

Actual events and results may differ materially from those expressed or forecasted in forward-looking statements due to a number of factors. The principal important risk factors that could cause Berkshire's actual performance and future events and actions to differ materially from such forward-looking statements, include, but are not limited to, changes in market prices of Berkshire's significant equity investees, the occurrence of one or more catastrophic events, such as an earthquake or hurricane that causes losses insured by Berkshire's insurance subsidiaries, changes in insurance laws or regulations, changes in Federal income tax laws, and changes in general economic and market factors that affect the prices of securities or the industries in which Berkshire and its affiliates do business, especially those affecting the property and casualty insurance industry.

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PART II OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

Report on Form 8-K

Item 5. Other Events. Report filed on August 3, 2001, indicated that a Berkshire subsidiary agreed to purchase XTRA Corporation through a cash tender offer.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC.  
(Registrant)

Date November 12, 2001  
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/s/ Marc D. Hamburg  
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(Signature)  
Marc D. Hamburg, Vice President  
and Principal Financial Officer