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Form N-Q  
January 31, 2005

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: 811-4893  
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THE TAIWAN FUND, INC.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

225 FRANKLIN STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02110  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(Name and Address of Agent for Service)

Copy to:

The Taiwan Fund, Inc.  
c/o State Street Bank and Trust Company  
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (800) 636-9242

Date of fiscal year end: August 31, 2004

Date of reporting period: November 30, 2004

ITEM 1: SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

THE TAIWAN FUND, INC.

INVESTMENTS/NOVEMBER 30, 2004

(SHOWING PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL VALUE OF INVESTMENT IN SECURITIES) (UNAUDITED)  
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|                                    | SHARES     | US \$<br>VALUE |
|------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| COMMON STOCKS - 95.2%              |            |                |
| BASIC INDUSTRIES - 17.6%           |            |                |
| CHEMICALS - 0.8%                   |            |                |
| Oriental Union Chemical Corp. .... | 1,600,000  | \$ 1,683,165   |
|                                    |            | -----          |
| IRON & STEEL - 5.4%                |            |                |
| China Steel Corp. ....             | 10,862,000 | 11,965,896     |
|                                    |            | -----          |
| PETROLEUM SERVICES - 2.3%          |            |                |

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|   |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|
| Formosa Petrochemical Corp. ....        | 2,774,000  | 4,949,729  |
|   |            | -----      |
| PLASTICS - 9.1%                         |            |            |
| Formosa Chemicals & Fibre Corp. ..      | 4,200,000  | 7,820,016  |
| Formosa Plastic Corp. ....              | 4,218,000  | 6,740,946  |
|   |            | -----      |
| Nan Ya Plastics Corp. ....              | 3,776,000  | 5,425,254  |
|   |            | 19,986,216 |
|   |            | -----      |
| TOTAL BASIC INDUSTRIES .....            |            | 38,585,006 |
|   |            | -----      |
| DURABLES - 2.0%                         |            |            |
| AUTOMOBILES, TIRES & ACCESSORIES - 2.0% |            |            |
| Cheng Shin Rubber Industry Co.          |            |            |
| Ltd. ....                               | 3,600,000  | 4,468,580  |
|   |            | -----      |
| FINANCE - 18.8%                         |            |            |
| BANKS - 2.0%                            |            |            |
| International Bank of Taipei .....      | 6,400,000  | 4,468,580  |
|   |            | -----      |
| FINANCIAL SERVICES - 16.8%              |            |            |
| Cathay Financial Holding Co.            |            |            |
| Ltd. ....                               | 5,000,000  | 9,619,860  |
| Chinatrust Financial Holding Co.        |            |            |
| Ltd. ....                               | 8,476,812  | 9,680,270  |
| E. Sun Financial Holding Co.            |            |            |
| Ltd. ....                               | 8,000,000  | 5,908,456  |
| Mega Financial Holding Co. ....         | 15,000,000 | 9,775,019  |
| Taishin Financial Holdings Co.          |            |            |
| Ltd. ....                               | 2,000,000  | 1,812,258  |
|   |            | -----      |
|   |            | 36,795,863 |
|   |            | -----      |
| TOTAL FINANCE .....                     |            | 41,264,443 |
|   |            | -----      |
| RETAIL & WHOLESALE - 3.7%               |            |            |
| GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES - 3.7%       |            |            |
| President Chain Store Corp. ....        | 5,384,800  | 8,020,804  |
|   |            | -----      |
| TECHNOLOGY - 51.6%                      |            |            |
| ELECTRONICS - 10.5%                     |            |            |
| Asia Vital Components Co. Ltd. ....     | 1,510,000  | 1,185,508  |
| Au Optronics Corp. ....                 | 4,605,000  | 6,044,732  |
| Career Technology (MFG.) Co.            |            |            |
| Ltd. ....                               | 3,000,000  | 3,900,698  |
| Merry Electronics Co. Ltd. ....         | 1,400,000  | 3,171,451  |
| Tripod Technology Corp. ....            | 2,800,000  | 3,788,363  |
| Unimicron Technology Corp. ....         | 3,604,000  | 2,259,140  |
| Wus Printed Circuit Co. Ltd. ....       | 6,121,000  | 2,649,743  |
|   |            | -----      |
|   |            | 22,999,635 |
|   |            | -----      |
| PC & PERIPHERALS - 13.4%                |            |            |
| Asustek Computer, Inc. ....             | 5,780,000  | 13,362,607 |
| Beng Corp. ....                         | 2,000,000  | 2,079,131  |
| Hon Hai Precision Industry Co.          |            |            |
| Ltd. ....                               | 2,596,247  | 10,473,611 |
| Quanta Computer, Inc. ....              | 2,200,000  | 3,584,174  |
|   |            | -----      |
|   |            | 29,499,523 |
|   |            | -----      |
| SEMI-CONDUCTOR - 14.0%                  |            |            |

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|---|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Advanced Semiconductor Engineering, Inc. (a) .....                      | 3,316,907                            | 2,460,018   |
| Novatek Microelectronics Corp. Ltd. ....                                | 1,800,000                            | 5,306,439   |
| Sunplus Technology Co. Ltd. ....  | 3,850,000                            | 5,376,261   |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. ....                             | 7,200,000                            | 10,568,192  |
| United Microelectronics Corp. Ltd. (a) .....                            | 11,238,000                           | 7,044,456   |
|   |                                      | -----       |
|   |                                      | 30,755,366  |
|   |                                      | -----       |
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS - 13.7%  |                                      |             |
| Chunghwa Telecom Co. Ltd. ....  | 9,500,000                            | 18,867,339  |
| Taiwan Cellular Corp. ....  | 4,000,000                            | 4,282,389   |
| Zyxel Communications Corp. ....   | 3,000,000                            | 6,842,514   |
|   |                                      | -----       |
|   |                                      | 29,992,242  |
|   |                                      | -----       |
| TOTAL TECHNOLOGY .....  |                                      | 113,246,766 |
|   |                                      | -----       |
| TRANSPORTATION - 1.5%   |                                      |             |
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| Yang Ming Marine Transport .....  | 3,720,000                            | 3,347,711   |
|   |                                      | -----       |
| TOTAL COMMON STOCKS<br>(Identified Cost -- \$161,965,584).....          |                                      | 208,933,310 |
|   |                                      | -----       |
|   | PRINCIPAL<br>AMOUNT<br>NT\$<br>----- |             |
| CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT - 2.1%  |                                      |             |
| China Airlines 1.05%, 3/18/05 (b) .....                                 | 9,961,063                            | 309,110     |
| Far Eastern International Bank 1.10%, 12/08/04 (b) .....                | 30,033,175                           | 931,984     |
| Siliconware Precision Industry 1.05%, 1/18/05 (b) .....                 | 49,894,190                           | 1,548,307   |
| Taishin International Bank 1.10%, 12/30/04 (b) .....                    | 50,173,294                           | 1,556,968   |
| Walton Advanced Engineering In 1.05%, 1/18/05 (b) .....                 | 7,983,691                            | 247,748     |
|   |                                      | -----       |
| TOTAL CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT<br>(Identified Cost -- \$4,460,976) ..... |                                      | 4,594,117   |
|   |                                      | -----       |
| COMMERCIAL PAPER - 2.5%   |                                      |             |
| Ial Ban Co. 1.00%, 4/04/05 (b) .....                                    | 79,593,349                           | 2,469,925   |
| Shinkong Synthetic Fibers Corp. 1.00%, 12/31/04 (b) .....               | 99,764,271                           | 3,095,866   |
|   |                                      | -----       |
| TOTAL COMMERCIAL PAPER<br>(Identified Cost -- \$5,302,017) .....        |                                      | 5,565,791   |
|   |                                      | -----       |

See Notes to Schedule of Investments

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|   | MATURITY<br>AMOUNT<br>US\$ | US \$<br>VALUE |
|---|----------------------------|----------------|
| REPURCHASE AGREEMENT - 0.2%   |                            |                |
| State Street Bank & Trust Co. at<br>0.4% dated 11/29/04, due<br>12/06/04 (collateralized by U.S.<br>Treasury Note 0%, 5/12/05,<br>market value \$376,200) ..... | \$ 367,029                 | \$ 367,000     |
|   |                            | -----          |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS -- 100%   |                            |                |
| (COST -- \$172,095,577) .....   |                            | \$219,460,218  |
|   |                            | =====          |

LEGEND:

US\$ - United States dollar

NT\$ - New Taiwan Dollar

(a) Non-income producing

(b) Certificates of Deposit and Commercial Paper that are traded through Bills Finance Corporations must be guaranteed by either a bank, a trust company or a Bills Finance Corporation. Since there is no recognized credit rating system in the Republic of China, the guarantee may not be comparable to a guarantee issued by a U.S. institution.

INCOME TAX INFORMATION:

At November 30, 2004, the aggregate cost basis of the Fund's investment securities for income tax purposes was \$172,095,577.

Net unrealized appreciation of the Fund's investment securities was \$47,364,641 of which \$52,490,332 related to appreciated investment securities and \$5,125,691 related to depreciated investment securities for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2004.

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ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

(a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers 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 this Form N-Q that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).

(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over

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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

The certification required by Rule 30a-2(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)), as amended, is attached as an exhibit to this filing.

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.

THE TAIWAN FUND, INC.

By: /s/ Benny T. Hu  
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Benny T. Hu  
President of The Taiwan Fund, Inc.

Date: January 31, 2005

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: /s/ Adelina Louie  
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Adelina Louie  
Treasurer of The Taiwan Fund, Inc.

Date: January 31, 2005

By: /s/ Benny T. Hu  
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Benny T. Hu  
President of The Taiwan Fund, Inc.

Date: January 31, 2005