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

## FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

**December 10, 2008** 

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported)
The China Fund, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Maryland811-05749000000000(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)(Commission (IRS Employer Identification Number)

c/o State Street Bank and Trust Company 2 Avenue de Lafayette,

P.O. Box 5049, Boston, Massachusetts

02206-5049

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

1(888) 246-2255

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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Ms. Mary Moran Zeven resigned as the Secretary of the Registrant on December 4, 2008.

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Section (b)

Mr. William C. Cox resigned as the Treasurer of the Registrant on December 4, 2008.

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Section (b)

Mr. David F. Anderson resigned as the Assistant Treasurer of the Registrant on December 4, 2008.

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Section (c)(1)

Ms. Laura F. Healy was appointed Treasurer of the Registrant on December 4, 2008.

#### Section (c)(2)

Ms. Healy is 44 years of age. No other arrangements or understandings with the officer and the registrant exist except the arrangements or understandings related to the officer acting solely in the capacity of her office. No family relationships exist between Ms. Healy and any director, officer or any other person nominated or chosen by the Registrant to become an executive officer. She has not engaged in any transactions since the beginning of the Registrant s last fiscal year, or any currently proposed transaction, in which the Registrant was or is to be a participant and the amount involved exceeds \$120,000, and in which she was a related person with a direct or indirect material interest.

Ms. Healy s business experience during the past five years is as follows: Senior Director, Investors Bank and Trust Company, 01/2002 07/2007; Vice President, State Street Bank and Trust Company, 07/2007 present. None of the listed employers are affiliated to the Registrant.

#### Section (c)(3)

There is no material plan, contract or arrangement (whether or not written) to which a Ms. Healy is a party or in which she participates that is entered into or material amendment in connection with the triggering event or any grant or award to Ms. Healy or modification thereto, under any such plan, contract or arrangement in connection with any such event.

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Ms. Elizabeth A. Watson was appointed Secretary of the Registrant on December 4, 2008. **Section (c)(2)** 

Ms. Watson is 54 years of age. No other arrangements or understandings with the officer and the registrant exist except the arrangements or understandings related to the officer acting solely in the capacity of her office. No family relationships exist between Ms. Watson and any director, officer or any other person nominated or chosen by the Registrant to become an executive officer. She has not engaged in any transactions since the beginning of the Registrant s last fiscal year, or any currently proposed transaction, in which the Registrant was or is to be a participant and the amount involved exceeds \$120,000, and in which she was related person with a direct or indirect material interest.

Ms. Watson s business experience during the past five years is as follows: Principal, Watson & Associates, 2002 2004; President and General Counsel, U.S. Boston Capital Corporation, 05/2004 07/2007; Clerk, Quantitative Group of Funds, 07/2004 07/2007; Chief Legal Officer, Quantitative Group of Funds, 01/2007 07/2007; Chief Compliance Officer, Quantitative Group of Funds, 07/2004 12/2005; Vice President and General Counsel, Quantitative Investment Advisors, Inc., 05/2004 07/2007; Chief Compliance Officer, Quantitative Investment Advisors, Inc., 07/2004 10/2006; Vice President and Managing Counsel, State Street Bank and Trust Company, 08/2007 present; Assistant Secretary of the Registrant, 03/2008 12/2008; Assistant Secretary of the Artio Global Investment Funds, 04/2008 present; Assistant Secretary of the Registrant, 03/2008 12/2008; Assistant Secretary of the Artio Global Equity Fund Inc., 04/2008 present. None of the listed employers are affiliated to the Registrant.

Section (c)(3)

There is no material plan, contract or arrangement (whether or not written) to which a Ms. Watson is a party or in which she participates that is entered into or material amendment in connection with the triggering event or any grant or award to Ms. Watson or modification thereto, under any such plan, contract or arrangement in connection with any such event.

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Mr. Christopher Bentham Ruffle was appointed Vice President of the Registrant on December 4, 2008. **Section (c)(2)** 

Mr. Ruffle is 50 years of age. No other arrangements or understandings with the officer and the registrant exist except the arrangements or understandings related to the officer acting solely in the capacity of his office. No family relationships exist between Mr. Ruffle and any director, officer or any other person nominated or chosen by the Registrant to become an executive officer. He has not engaged in any transactions since the beginning of the Registrant s last fiscal year, or any currently proposed transaction, in which the Registrant was or is to be a participant and the amount involved exceeds \$120,000, and in which he was a related person with a direct or indirect material interest.

Mr. Ruffle s business experience during the past five years is as follows: Director, Martin Currie Investment Management Limited, 04/1995 06/2006; Director, MC China Limited, 5/2006 - present; Director, Heartland Capital Management Limited, 5/2006 present; Portfolio Manager of the Registrant, seconded from Heartland Capital Management Limited to Martin Currie Investment Management Limited and Martin Currie Inc., 03/2004 present. Martin Currie Investment Management Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Martin Currie Limited. The Investment Advisor Martin Currie Inc is also a wholly owned subsidiary of Martin Currie Limited. MC China Limited is a joint venture owned 50% by Martin Currie Limited and 50% by Heartland Capital Management Limited. Heartland Capital Management Limited is owned by Christopher Ruffle and Shifeng Ke.

Section (c)(3)

There is no material plan, contract or arrangement (whether or not written) to which a Mr. Ruffle is a party or in which he participates that is entered into or material amendment in connection with the triggering event or any grant or award to Mr. Ruffle or modification thereto, under any such plan, contract or arrangement in connection with any such event.

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## Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers. Section (c)(1)

Mr. Shifeng Ke was appointed Vice President of the Registrant on December 4, 2008.

Mr. Ke is 43 years of age. No other arrangements or understandings with the officer and the registrant exist except the arrangements or understandings related to the officer acting solely in the capacity of his office. No family relationships exist between Mr. Ke and any director, officer or any other person nominated or chosen by the Registrant to become an executive officer. He has not engaged in any transactions since the beginning of the Registrant s last fiscal year, or any currently proposed transaction, in which the Registrant was or is to be a participant and the amount involved exceeds \$120,000, and in which he was a related person with a direct or indirect material interest.

Mr. Ke s business experience during the past five years is as follows: Investment Manager, Martin Currie Investment Management Limited, 01/1997 06/2006; Director, Martin Currie Investment Management Limited, 02/2004 06/2006; Director, MC China Limited, 05/2006 present; Director, Heartland Capital Management Limited, 5/2006 present; Assistant Portfolio Manager of the Registrant, seconded from Heartland Capital Management Limited to Martin Currie Investment Management Limited and Martin Currie Inc., 03/2004 present. Martin Currie Investment Management Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Martin Currie Limited. The Investment Advisor Martin Currie Inc is also a wholly owned subsidiary of Martin Currie Limited. MC China Limited is a joint venture owned 50% by Martin Currie Limited and 50% by Heartland Capital Management Limited. Heartland Capital Management Limited is owned by Christopher Ruffle and Shifeng Ke.

#### Section (c)(3)

There is no material plan, contract or arrangement (whether or not written) to which a Mr. Ke is a party or in which he participates that is entered into or material amendment in connection with the triggering event or any grant or award to Mr. Ke or modification thereto, under any such plan, contract or arrangement in connection with any such event.

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#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: December 10, 2008

By: /s/ Elizabeth A. Watson

Name:

Elizabeth A. Watson

Title: Secretary