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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 5

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

- Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations
may continue. See Instruction 1(b).
- Form 3 Holdings Reported
- Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Winmill	Bassett	Starr
----- (Last)	----- (First)	----- (Middle)
----- 11 Hanover Square ----- (Street)		
New York	NY	10005
----- (City)	----- (State)	----- (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

GIF

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

8/99

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) President	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing
(Check applicable line)

Form filed by one Reporting Person
 Form filed by more than one Reporting Person

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Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of,
or Beneficially Owned
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7. Nature of	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Owner- ship Form:
			Amount	or	Price	Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I)
Indirect 1. Beneficial Title of Security Ownership (Instr. 3) (Instr.4) (Instr. 4)							
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GIF-common stock N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2500**	D

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* If the form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4 (b) (v).

** Winmill & Co. Incorporated and its subsidiaries, of which Bassett S. Winmill may be deemed a controlling person, own in the aggregate 1,589,216 Fund shares in addition to the shares shown above and are not included in the above totals. Mr. Winmill disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Over)

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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Note: File three copies of this form, one of which must be manually signed.
If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY

THIS is intended to constitute a DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY pursuant to Article 5, Title 15 of the New York General Obligations Law:

I, Bassett S. Winmill, do hereby appoint each of Thomas B. Winmill and Deborah A. Sullivan, my attorneys-in-fact TO ACT SEPARATELY IN MY NAME, PLACE AND STEAD in any way which I myself could do, if I were personally present, with respect to the following matters:

1. execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Bull & Bear U.S. Government Securities, Inc. ("Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
2. do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5 and file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
3. take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Durable Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitute's, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned hereby acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Durable Power of Attorney shall not be affected by my subsequent disability or incompetence.

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TO INDUCE ANY THIRD PARTY TO ACT HEREUNDER, I HEREBY AGREE THAT ANY THIRD PARTY RECEIVING A DULY EXECUTED COPY OR FACSIMILE OF THIS INSTRUMENT MAY ACT HEREUNDER, AND THAT REVOCATION OR TERMINATION HEREOF SHALL BE INEFFECTIVE AS TO SUCH THIRD PARTY UNLESS AND UNTIL ACTUAL NOTICE OR KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH REVOCATION OR TERMINATION SHALL HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY SUCH THIRD PARTY, AND I FOR MYSELF AND MY HEIRS, EXECUTORS, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES AND ASSIGNS, HEREBY AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS ANY SUCH THIRD PARTY FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS THAT MAY ARISE AGAINST SUCH THIRD PARTY BY REASON OF SUCH THIRD PARTY HAVING RELIED ON THE PROVISIONS OF THIS INSTRUMENT.

THIS DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY MAY BE REVOKED BY ME AT ANY TIME.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name this December 11, 1997.

/s/ Bassett S. Winmill

Bassett S. Winmill

COUNTY OF NEW YORK

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On December 11, 1997 before me personally came Bassett S. Winmill, the individual described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

Sworn to before me this 11th day of December 1997.

/s/ Irene Kawczynski

Notary Public