

January 12, 2009

Dear Stockholder:

We are pleased to provide you with your portion of our December cash distribution. Inland American Real Estate Trust, Inc. ("Inland American") currently pays annualized cash distributions of \$0.62 per share. This equates to a 6.2% annualized return on a \$10.00 share price. If you became a new stockholder during the month of December, the amount of your cash distribution has been prorated from the day your investment was accepted by Inland American. We calculate the prorated amount assuming a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months. If you have invested through a trustee or participate in Direct Deposit or the Distribution Reinvestment Plan ("DRP"), a distribution statement is enclosed in lieu of a check.

ERISA Valuation

Qualified plans are required to report account values on an annual basis under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). Solely for this purpose, as of December 31, 2008, the ERISA value of shares of Inland American has been deemed to be **\$10.00** per share. As there is no established public trading market for our shares of common stock, this deemed value may not reflect the actual market value of your shares on any given date; and there can be no assurances that stockholders could receive \$10.00 per share if any such market did exist, or that stockholders will be able to receive such amount for their shares at any time in the future.

1099s

Form 1099s will be mailed to stockholders on or before January 31, 2009 by Registrar and Transfer Company ("R&T"). Tax information, as well as other account information, may be accessed on R&T's website at www.rtco.com.

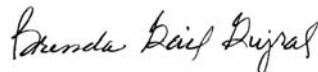
Our company website, www.inland-american.com is a great resource for information about Inland American. You may access any of Inland American's SEC filings, as well as portfolio, property and distribution information, by clicking on the tabs at the top of the home page, for example, [About Inland American](#).

In our efforts to encourage a greener approach towards communications and in response to stockholder feedback, we are providing you with the option to receive our quarterly and supplemental filings electronically. If you would like to sign up for electronic delivery, please go to the Registrar and Transfer Company website at www.rtco.com/inlanddelivery to enroll. You will need your Inland American R&T account number, which is located in the upper right-hand corner of your account statement.

If you have any questions, please contact your Registered Representative or Inland Customer Relations at 800.826.8228.

Sincerely,

INLAND AMERICAN REAL ESTATE TRUST, INC.



Brenda Gail Gujral
President

Enclosure

cc: Trustee
Broker Dealer
Registered Representative