Part I Reporting Issuer

1 Issuer's name
Morgan Stanley Institutional Fund, Inc. - Global Real Estate Portfolio - Class P

2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN)
20-5054232

3 Name of contact for additional information
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Chicago, IL 60605

8 Date of action
12/17/2012

9 Classification and description
Regulated Investment Company Class I outstanding common shares

10 CUSIP number
61744J135

11 Serial number(s)
MRLBX

12 Ticker symbol

13 Account number(s)

Part II Organizational Action

Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions.

14 Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ▶ For shareholders of record on December 14, 2012, Morgan Stanley Institutional Fund, Inc. - Global Real Estate Portfolio - Class P (Fund) paid out a total distribution on December 17, 2012 of $0.316930 in which $0.010253 was considered a nondividend distribution for tax purposes.

15 Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ▶ The shareholders' total basis in the Fund's Class P shares will be reduced by approximately $0.010253 per share for the amount of nondividend distributions received by each Class P shareholder as of the close of business December 17, 2012 (Ex-dividend date).

16 Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ▶ The Fund paid out a total of $60,578,708 out of all share classes, of which $2,250,914 was determined to be a return of capital, yielding a return of capital percentage of 3.233%. This percentage is multiplied by the total cash distributions per share to determine the return of capital per share.

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17  List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based.

The transaction described herein is a distribution in excess of earnings and profits under IRC Section 301(c).

18  Can any resulting loss be recognized?  N/A.

19  Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year. Reportable tax year for this adjustment to the shareholder's basis is 2012.

Signature:  Joel Slager  Date:  2/14/2013

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

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Firm's name  Firm's address  Firm's EIN  Phone no.