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if no lon subject Section Form 4 Form 5 obligati may con <i>See</i> Inst 1(b).	16. or Filed pursuan ons ntinue.	STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES 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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940								
(Print or Type	Responses)									
1. Name and	Address of Reporting Perso ILLIAM H III	2. Issuer Name a Symbol MICROSOFT			0	5. Relationship of l Issuer	Reporting Pers			
(Last)	(First) (Middle ROSOFT WAY	3. Date of Earliest (Month/Day/Year) 08/04/2006	/04/2006				X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chairman of the Board			
REDMON	(Street) D, WA 98052	4. If Amendment, Filed(Month/Day/Y	-			6. Individual or Joi Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by O Form filed by M Person	ne Reporting Per	rson		
(City)	(State) (Zip)	Table I - Nor	-Derivative	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any		tionor Dispose (Instr. 3, 4	d of (E))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	08/04/2006	Code V S	Amount 2,800	(D) D	Price \$ 24.49	(Instr. 3 and 4) 963,496,536	D			
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	39,600	D	\$ 24.48	963,456,936	D			
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	100,689	D	\$ 24.47	963,356,247	D			
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	38,903	D	\$ 24.46	963,317,344	D			
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	93,011	D	\$ 24.45	963,224,333	D			

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Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	41,600	D	\$ 24.44	963,182,733	D
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	28,897	D	\$ 24.43	963,153,836	D
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	20,672	D	\$ 24.42	963,133,164	D
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	24,677	D	\$ 24.41	963,108,487	D
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	127,320	D	\$ 24.4	962,981,167	D
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	112,444	D	\$ 24.39	962,868,723	D
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	173,774	D	\$ 24.38	962,694,949	D
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	88,400	D	\$ 24.37	962,606,549	D
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	47,013	D	\$ 24.36	962,559,536	D
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	25,700	D	\$ 24.35	962,533,836	D
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	22,300	D	\$ 24.34	962,511,536	D
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	11,200	D	\$ 24.33	962,500,336	D
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	9,300	D	\$ 24.32	962,491,036	D
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	9,200	D	\$ 24.31	962,481,836	D
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	34,700	D	\$ 24.3	962,447,136	D
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	42,564	D	\$ 24.29	962,404,572	D
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	84,400	D	\$ 24.28	962,320,172	D
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	78,796	D	\$ 24.27	962,241,376	D
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	105,760	D	\$ 24.26	962,135,616	D
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	82,573	D	\$ 24.25	962,053,043	D
	08/04/2006	S	72,400	D		961,980,643	D

Common Stock					\$ 24.24		
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	127,563	D	\$ 24.23	961,853,080	D
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	141,544	D	\$ 24.22	961,711,536	D
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	83,900	D	\$ 24.21	961,627,636	D
Common Stock	08/04/2006	S	43,500	D	\$ 24.2	961,584,136 (1)	D

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

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 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Title a Amount Underly Securitie (Instr. 3	of ing es	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title N of	lumber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
I B	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
GATES WILLIAM H III ONE MICROSOFT WAY REDMOND, WA 98052	Х		Chairman of the Board					
Signatures								

William H. Gates III By: /s/ Michael Larson*, Attorney-In-Fact

08/08/2006

<u>**</u>Signature of Reporting Person

Date

- Explanation of Responses:
 * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- In addition, there are 425,066 shares owned by reporting person's spouse. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purpose of Section 16 or for any other purposes.

Remarks:

* Duly authorized under Special Power of Attorney appointing Michael Larson attorney-in-fact, dated February 3, 2006, by an

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