

ALLEGHANY CORP /DE  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BURNS JOHN J JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION, 7  
TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH  
FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ALLEGHANY CORP /DE [Y]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/30/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
Common Stock	02/23/2006		G	500	D	①	69,717	D		
Common Stock	05/11/2006		G	100	D	①	71,011	(2) D		
Common Stock	05/11/2006		G	26	D	③	70,985	D		
Common Stock	05/30/2006		S(4)	1,284	D	\$	276.9426	69,701	D	
Common Stock	05/30/2006		S(5)	15	D	\$	276.9426	778	I	By wife



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- Includes shares which were paid by Alleghany Corporation as a stock dividend on April 28, 2006. Pursuant to a program established by
- (2) Alleghany Corporation for those stockholders who wish to sell their stock dividends, the reporting person arranged for the sale of certain of these shares paid as a stock dividend.
  - (3) Gift to non-family member
- Open market sale of certain shares received from Alleghany Corporation as a stock dividend in April 2006. Pursuant to arrangements made by Alleghany, stockholders who wished to sell all, or some portion of, the shares paid to them as a stock dividend instructed the dividend disbursing agent to do so, and such stockholders received the average sales price per share resulting from the sale of all such shares.
- (4)
- Open market sale of shares received from Alleghany Corporation as a stock dividend in April 2005. Pursuant to arrangements made by
- (5) Alleghany, stockholders who wished to sell all, or some portion of, the shares paid to them as a stock dividend instructed the dividend disbursing agent to do so, and such stockholders received the average sales price per share resulting from the sale of all such shares.
- (6) Includes shares of Common Stock paid by Alleghany Corporation as a stock dividend in April 2006.

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