MICROSOFT CORP

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GATES WILLIAM H III			Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Circui un approvació)		
ONE MICROSOFT WAY			(Month/Day/Year) 02/04/2005	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman of the Board		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
REDMOND, W	WA 98052		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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)	ransaction Disposed of (D) ode (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	(msu. 1)
Common Stock	02/04/2005		S	10,000	D	\$ 26.36	1,072,489,336	D	
Common Stock	02/04/2005		S	10,000	D	\$ 26.35	1,072,479,336	D	
Common Stock	02/04/2005		S	5,000	D	\$ 26.34	1,072,474,336	D	
Common Stock	02/04/2005		S	100,000	D	\$ 26.33	1,072,374,336	D	
Common Stock	02/04/2005		S	155,000	D	\$ 26.32	1,072,219,336	D	
	02/04/2005		S	81,016	D		1,072,138,320	D	

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Common Stock					\$ 26.31
Common Stock	02/04/2005	S	222,984	D	\$ 26.3 1,071,915,336 D
Common Stock	02/04/2005	S	34,555	D	\$ 1,071,880,781 D
Common Stock	02/04/2005	S	205,000	D	\$ 1,071,675,781 D
Common Stock	02/04/2005	S	16,445	D	\$ 1,071,659,336 D
Common Stock	02/04/2005	S	118,344	D	\$ 26.26 1,071,540,992 D
Common Stock	02/04/2005	S	266,656	D	\$ 1,071,274,336 D
Common Stock	02/04/2005	S	29,234	D	\$ 1,071,245,102 D
Common Stock	02/04/2005	S	220,766	D	\$ 1,071,024,336 D
Common Stock	02/04/2005	S	6,000	D	\$ 1,071,018,336 D
Common Stock	02/04/2005	S	369,000	D	\$ 26.2 1,070,649,336 D
Common Stock	02/04/2005	S	25,000	D	\$ 1,070,624,336 D
Common Stock	02/04/2005	S	25,000	D	\$ 1,070,599,336 D
Common Stock	02/04/2005	S	38,714	D	\$ 1,070,560,622 D
Common Stock	02/04/2005	S	18,492	D	\$ 1,070,542,130 D
Common Stock	02/04/2005	S	42,794	D	\$ 1,070,499,336 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)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	orNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amount of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underlying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	e		Securities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities	3		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Owne
	Security				Acquired					Follo
					(A) or					Repo
					Disposed					Trans
					of (D)					(Instr
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date	Expiration	Title Amount		
					()	Exercisable	Date	or		
						2	2	Number		
								of		
								Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting owner runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GATES WILLIAM H III ONE MICROSOFT WAY REDMOND, WA 98052	X		Chairman of the Board				

Signatures

Michael Larson, on behalf of William H. Gates III. Authorized under power of attorney dated 3/14/2001 by William H. Gates III, filed on 3/19/2001 with Cascade Investment's Schedule 13D, SEC File No. 005-52919.

02/08/2005

**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 428,520 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.

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