FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington,	D.C.	20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SHIRLEY JON A					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]										licable)	•		ssuer Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE MICROSOFT WAY					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2004									Office belov	er (give titl v)	tle Other (spec below)						
(Street) REDMO (City)		VA State)	98052-(Zip)	6399	4. If											S. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
		Та	ble I - N	on-Deriv	ative	Seci	uritie	s Ac	quired	d, Di	sposed of	f, or Be	enefici	ially (Owne	ed						
		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 a 5)			nd Securities Beneficially Owned Follow		s illy ollowing	Form:	Direct I Indirect I str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership						
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Tr	eported ansacti nstr. 3 a	ion(s)		[Instr. 4)				
		09/01/2004				S ⁽¹⁾		10,000	D	\$27.1	19 2,396		6,750	D								
Common	Stock			09/01/2	2004				S ⁽¹⁾		65,000	D	\$27.	27.2 2,331,750		D						
Common	Stock			09/01/2	2004				S ⁽¹⁾		10,000	D	\$27.2	.21 2,321,750 D			D					
Common	Stock			09/01/2	2004				S ⁽¹⁾		10,000	D	\$27.2	23 2,311,750 D				D				
Common	Stock			09/01/2	2004				S ⁽¹⁾		25,000	D	\$27.2	27.24 2,286,750 D			D					
Common	Stock													1,308,940			I I	Shirley Family Limited Partnership				
			Table II								osed of, c				vned							
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	rsion Date rcise (Month/Day/Year) Exe if al (Mo				ction nstr.			6. Date Expirat (Month	ion D		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)			ivative deriva Security Benefi Owned Follow Repor	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	ve ies ially ng ed ction(s)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
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Explanation of Responses:

1. This sale was effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales plan adopted by the reporting person.

Remarks:

Keith R. Dolliver, Attorney-in-Fact for Jon A. Shirley

or Number

of Shares

09/01/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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