FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* CONNORS JOHN G					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]										all app Dired		10	6 Owner	
(Last) ONE MIC	(Fii CROSOFT	,	Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transa 09/14/2004					1onth/	Day/Year)				X	Officer (give title below) Senior Vice President and CFC			ow)
(Street) REDMO			98052-63 Zip)	99	4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									i. Indivi ine) X	idual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		ar)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)			1 and Secui Benef Owne		icially d Following	6. Ownershi Form: Direc (D) or Indire (I) (Instr. 4)	of Indirect	
							Code	v	Amount	() (I	A) or D)	Price			action(s) 3 and 4)		(instr. 4)		
Common Stock				09/14/2004		1			P		3(1)		Α	\$27.47		251,369		D	
Common Stock																32,800		I	By Spouse
Common Stock																5,976 ⁽²⁾		I	By 401(k)
	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)	Execution Date, Transa			(Instr	n of Deri Sec Acq (A) o Disp	oosed D) tr. 3, 4	6. Date Expiration (Month/II) Date Exercise	on Date	Amount of		ount nber	nt er		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indire (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. These shares were acquired through a broker-sponsored dividend reinvestment program.
- 2. 401(k) balance as of August 31, 2004

Remarks:

Keith R. Dolliver, Attorney-in-Fact for John G. Connors

11/10/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * 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).

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