FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* COLE DAVID WAYNE						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]									(Checl	k all app Direc	nip of Reporting oplicable) ector cer (give title		10% C	
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE MICROSOFT WAY						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/31/2005									X	below)		below) ce President		
(Street) REDMO (City)	REDMOND WA 98053-6399			399	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Indiv Line) X	,				son	
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D							2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transa Code (8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)				and Securition Benefici Owned I		es ially Following	Form (D) o	n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)
Common Stock				08/31/2005					F		600		D	\$27	\$27.38		48,471		D	
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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)	tive Conversion Date Executio ty or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		n Date, Transact Code (In			ion of		6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye		te	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		f g l Instr. 3				y	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	able	Expiration Date	Tit	OI No Of	umber						

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Keith R. Dolliver, Attorney-in-Fact for David W. Cole

** 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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