SEC Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
GATES WILLIAM H III	**MICROSOFT CORP** [MSFT]	X Director 10% Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/03/2005	X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
ONE MICROSOFT WAY		Chairman of the Board
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
REDMOND WA 98052		X Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		5,150	D	$27.37	1,023,494,186	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		125,000	D	$27.36	1,023,369,186	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		50,000	D	$27.35	1,023,319,186	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		72,398	D	$27.34	1,023,246,788	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		21,600	D	$27.33	1,023,225,188	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		226,466	D	$27.32	1,022,998,722	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		75,000	D	$27.31	1,022,923,722	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		151,681	D	$27.3	1,022,772,041	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		35,467	D	$27.29	1,022,736,574	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		204,760	D	$27.28	1,022,531,814	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		426,546	D	$27.27	1,022,105,268	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		269,713	D	$27.26	1,021,835,555	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		942,181	D	$27.25	1,020,893,374	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		347,700	D	$27.24	1,020,545,674	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		256,174	D	$27.23	1,020,289,500	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		66,780	D	$27.22	1,020,222,720	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		78,768	D	$27.21	1,020,143,952	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		93,848	D	$27.2	1,020,050,104	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		25,000	D	$27.18	1,020,025,104	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		25,000	D	$27.16	1,020,000,104	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		26,164	D	$27.14	1,019,973,940	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		24,604	D	$27.12	1,019,949,336	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		25,000	D	$27.09	1,019,924,336	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		67,218	D	$27.07	1,019,857,118	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		7,782	D	$27.05	1,019,849,336	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		27,000	D	$26.96	1,019,822,336	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		73,000	D	$26.95	1,019,749,336	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		500	D	$26.94	1,019,748,836	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		90,672	D	$26.93	1,019,658,164	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		32,954	D	$26.92	1,019,625,210[1]	D	

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. In addition, there are 425,066 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.

Remarks:

* Duly authorized under Special Power of Attorney appointing Michael Larson attorney-in-fact, dated February 4, 2005, by and on behalf of William H. Gates III, filed as Exhibit 99.3 to Cascade Investment, L.L.C.'s Amendment No. 5 to Schedule 13G with respect to Canadian National Railway Company on February 11, 2005, SEC File No. 005-48661, and incorporated by reference herein.

William H. Gates III By: /s/ Michael Larson*, Attorney-In-Fact   08/05/2005

** 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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