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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> GINSBERG ROBERT E			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PUTNAM HIGH INCOME BOND FUND [pcf]			
(Last) PUTNAM	(First)	(Middle)	03/04/2005	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
INVESTME OFFICE SQ BOSTON,Â	UARE (Street)			(give title below) (specify below) F Managing Director Putnam LLC / and of its issuer's manager F		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	ies Be	neficially Owned
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Na Owne (Instr	•
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Т	able II - Der	ivative Secu	rities Beneficially Owned (e	.g., puts, calls,	warrants, opt	tions, c	convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	2	

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			Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Reporting Owners					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
GINSBERG ROBERT E PUTNAM INVESTMENTS ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MA 02109	Â	Â	Managing Director Putnam LLC	and of its issuer's manager	
Signatures					
Robert F					

Robert E.	03/04/2005		
Ginsberg	03/04/2003		
<u>**</u> Signature of	Date		
Reporting Person			

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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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