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(Print or Type	Responses)									
	Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> ILLIAM H III	2. Issuer Name an Symbol			8	5. Relationship of I Issuer	Reporting Pers	on(s) to		
(Leet)		MICROSOFT C	L	FIJ		(Check	all applicable)		
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest I (Month/Day/Year) 07/27/2006	07/27/2006				X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chairman of the Board			
	(Street)	4. If Amendment, D Filed(Month/Day/Yea	-			6. Individual or Joi Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by O				
REDMON	D, WA 98052					Form filed by Me Person				
(City)	(State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	uired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any		4. Securitie our Dispose (Instr. 3, 4	d of (Ē))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
		Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	25,000	D	\$ 24.49	977,474,336	D			
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	100,000	D	\$ 24.48	977,374,336	D			
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	75,000	D	\$ 24.47	977,299,336	D			
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	100,000	D	\$ 24.45	977,199,336	D			
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	150,000	D	\$ 24.44	977,049,336	D			

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Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	50,000	D	\$ 24.43	976,999,336	D
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	37,000	D	\$ 24.39	976,962,336	D
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	23,000	D	\$ 24.38	976,939,336	D
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	13,322	D	\$ 24.35	976,926,014	D
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	25,000	D	\$ 24.34	976,901,014	D
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	1,678	D	\$ 24.33	976,899,336	D
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	33,790	D	\$ 24.24	976,865,546	D
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	41,210	D	\$ 24.23	976,824,336	D
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	25,000	D	\$ 24.22	976,799,336	D
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	50,000	D	\$ 24.14	976,749,336	D
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	50,000	D	\$ 24.1	976,699,336	D
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	25,000	D	\$ 24.08	976,674,336	D
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	40,434	D	\$ 24.07	976,633,902	D
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	57,767	D	\$ 24.06	976,576,135	D
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	76,799	D	\$ 24.04	976,499,336	D
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	35,000	D	\$ 23.98	976,464,336	D
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	158,800	D	\$ 23.95	976,305,536	D
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	161,012	D	\$ 23.94	976,144,524	D
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	96,036	D	\$ 23.93	976,048,488	D
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	65,900	D	\$ 23.91	975,982,588	D
	07/27/2006	S	21,452	D	\$ 23.9	975,961,136	D

Common Stock							
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	91,161	D	\$ 23.89	975,869,975	D
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	75,800	D	\$ 23.88	975,794,175	D
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	156,840	D	\$ 23.87	975,637,335	D
Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	42,999	D	\$ 23.86	975,594,336 (1)	D

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

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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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. ionNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	3	ate	7. Title : Amount Underly Securitie (Instr. 3	of ing es	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	7 (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N o	lumber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
GATES WILLIAM H III ONE MICROSOFT WAY REDMOND, WA 98052	Х		Chairman of the Board					
Signatures								

William H. Gates III By: /s/ Michael Larson*, Attorney-In-Fact 07/31/2006 <u>**</u>Signature of Reporting Person

Date

- Explanation of Responses:
 * 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).
- 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 3, 2006, by an

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