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Form 8-K  
December 11, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

December 11, 2003  
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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

CIENA Corporation  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	0-21969 (Commission File No.)	23-2725311 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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1201 Winterson Road, Linthicum, Maryland 21090  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
(410) 865-8500  
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Not applicable  
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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

The information in this Report, including the exhibit, is furnished under Item 12 of Form 8-K and, pursuant to General Instruction B.6. thereunder, is not "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. Furthermore, the information in this Report, including the exhibit, is not incorporated by reference into the filings of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933.

Item 12 -- Regulation FD Disclosure (Information Provided Under Item 12 Results

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of Operations and Financial Condition)

On December 11, 2003, CIENA Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fourth fiscal quarter and fiscal year ended October 31, 2003. The text of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CIENA CORPORATION

Date: December 11, 2003

By: /s/ Russell B. Stevenson, Jr.

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Russell B. Stevenson, Jr.  
Senior Vice President, General  
Counsel and Secretary

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