MICROSOFT CORP

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GATES WILLIAM H III			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
ONE MICROSOFT WAY			08/02/2006	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
				Chairman of the Board		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
REDMOND,	WA 98052			_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative S	Securit	ties Acqui	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities omr Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (D))	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)
Common Stock	08/02/2006		S	4,000	D D		968,495,336	D	
Common Stock	08/02/2006		S	51,899	D	\$ 24.39	968,443,437	D	
Common Stock	08/02/2006		S	39,801	D	\$ 24.38	968,403,636	D	
Common Stock	08/02/2006		S	65,472	D	\$ 24.37	968,338,164	D	
Common Stock	08/02/2006		S	307,082	D	\$ 24.36	968,031,082	D	

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Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	168,949	D	\$ 24.35	967,862,133	D
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	359,520	D	\$ 24.34	967,502,613	D
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	170,854	D	\$ 24.33	967,331,759	D
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	236,276	D	\$ 24.32	967,095,483	D
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	342,947	D	\$ 24.31	966,752,536	D
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	91,700	D	\$ 24.3	966,660,836	D
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	55,900	D	\$ 24.29	966,604,936	D
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	50,000	D	\$ 24.28	966,554,936	D
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	101,000	D	\$ 24.25	966,453,936	D
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	2,300	D	\$ 24.24	966,451,636	D
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	1,400	D	\$ 24.23	966,450,236	D
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	343	D	\$ 24.22	966,449,893	D
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	50,557	D	\$ 24.21	966,399,336	D
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	18,356	D	\$ 24.19	966,380,980	D
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	16,100	D	\$ 24.18	966,364,880	D
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	39,044	D	\$ 24.17	966,325,836	D
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	159,800	D	\$ 24.16	966,166,036	D
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	47,800	D	\$ 24.15	966,118,236	D
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	99,400	D	\$ 24.14	966,018,836	D
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	64,700	D	\$ 24.13	965,954,136	D
	08/02/2006	S	61,500	D		965,892,636	D

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Common Stock					\$ 24.12		
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	13,700	D	\$ 24.11	965,878,936	D
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	12,400	D	\$ 24.1	965,866,536	D
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	94,106	D	\$ 24.09	965,772,430	D
Common Stock	08/02/2006	S	50,900	D	\$ 24.08	965,721,530 (1)	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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. DrNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

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

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**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 ar Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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