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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

MURDOCH LACHLAN K

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

11/12/2004

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

NEWS CORP [NWS]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O NEWS AMERICA INCORPORATED, 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS

(Street)

10% Owner _X__ Director _X__ Officer Other

(Check all applicable)

(give title below) (specify below) Sr. EVP and Deputy COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

NEW YORK. NYÂ 10036

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, 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**

5. 4 Conversion Ownership or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

(Instr. 4)

Expiration Title Date Exercisable Date

Amount or Number of

Derivative Price of Derivative Security:

Security Direct (D)

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Shares

or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

MURDOCH LACHLAN K C/O NEWS AMERICA INCORPORATED 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK. NYÂ 10036

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Sr. EVP and Deputy COO

Signatures

/s/ Laura O' Leary, Attorney-in-Fact for Lachlan K. Murdoch

11/12/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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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Remarks:

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