MICROSOFT CORP

Form 4

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(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	(===== an appneasie)		
ONE MICROS	OFT WAY		(Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2005	X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman of the Board		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
REDMOND, W	VA 98052		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ble I - Non	-Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of, o	Beneficially	Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) own Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price		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	08/01/2005		S	5,200	D		1,029,494,136	D	
Common Stock	08/01/2005		S	91,500	D	\$ 26.02	1,029,402,636	D	
Common Stock	08/01/2005		S	15,700	D	\$ 26.01	1,029,386,936	D	
Common Stock	08/01/2005		S	99,511	D	\$ 26	1,029,287,425	D	
Common Stock	08/01/2005		S	6,600	D	\$ 25.991	1,029,280,825	D	
	08/01/2005		S	160,275	D	\$ 25.99	1,029,120,550	D	

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Common Stock							
Common Stock	08/01/2005	S	5,700	D	\$ 25.981	1,029,114,850	D
Common Stock	08/01/2005	S	118,161	D	\$ 25.98	1,028,996,689	D
Common Stock	08/01/2005	S	279,898	D	\$ 25.97	1,028,716,791	D
Common Stock	08/01/2005	S	41,800	D	\$ 25.96	1,028,674,991	D
Common Stock	08/01/2005	S	122,397	D	\$ 25.95	1,028,552,594	D
Common Stock	08/01/2005	S	202,358	D	\$ 25.94	1,028,350,236	D
Common Stock	08/01/2005	S	1,900	D	\$ 25.931	1,028,348,336	D
Common Stock	08/01/2005	S	269,800	D	\$ 25.93	1,028,078,536	D
Common Stock	08/01/2005	S	75,000	D	\$ 25.92	1,028,003,536	D
Common Stock	08/01/2005	S	75,000	D	\$ 25.91	1,027,928,536	D
Common Stock	08/01/2005	S	29,200	D	\$ 25.9	1,027,899,336	D
Common Stock	08/01/2005	S	26,000	D	\$ 25.89	1,027,873,336	D
Common Stock	08/01/2005	S	128,075	D	\$ 25.88	1,027,745,261	D
Common Stock	08/01/2005	S	30,025	D	\$ 25.87	1,027,715,236	D
Common Stock	08/01/2005	S	10,000	D	\$ 25.86	1,027,705,236	D
Common Stock	08/01/2005	S	5,900	D	\$ 25.85	1,027,699,336	D
Common Stock	08/01/2005	S	44,123	D	\$ 25.81	1,027,655,213	D
Common Stock	08/01/2005	S	150,577	D	\$ 25.8	1,027,504,636	D
Common Stock	08/01/2005	S	500	D	\$ 25.78	1,027,504,136	D
	08/01/2005	S	4,800	D	\$ 25.77		D

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Common 1,027,499,336 Stock (1)

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	4. Transactio		6. Date Exerc Expiration D	ate	7. Title	nt of	8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
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						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Number		
						Exercisable	Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
reporting owner runner runners	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

08/03/2005

**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 428,166 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:

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