FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addre	1 0	rson*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO</u> [CL]		ationship of Reporting Pe k all applicable) Director Officer (give title	rson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify
(Last) C/O COLGATE 300 PARK AVE		(Middle) COMPANY	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/09/2004		below) Chief Operatin	below) g Officer
(Street) NEW YORK (City)	NY (State)	10022 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indi Line) X	vidual or Joint/Group Filir Form filed by One Rep Form filed by More tha Person	porting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities A Disposed Of (5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	09/09/2004		A ⁽¹⁾		10,555	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	126,918	D	
Common Stock								10,421	I	By issuer's 401(k) Plan trustee

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. Transa Code (8)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$54.4	09/09/2004		A ⁽²⁾		100,000		09/09/2005 ⁽³⁾	09/09/2010	Common Stock	100,000	\$0	100,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Annual restricted stock awards granted under the issuer's Executive Incentive Compensation Plan (one award for the current year guidelines and one award reflecting option share reductions in 2003.)

2. Annual Stock Option granted under the issuer's employee 1997 Stock Option Plan.

3. Option becomes exercisable in one-third increments on each anniversary date, with the first third becoming exercisable on the date shown in this column.

Remarks:

Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney

** Signature of Reporting Person

09/13/2004

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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