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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addr		5	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [CL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)							
SHANAHAN WILLIAM S (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY 300 PARK AVENUE		<u>M S</u>		Director 10% Owner							
		()	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/10/2004	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) President							
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable							
(Street) NEW YORK	NY	10022		Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
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Common Stock Common Stock	05/10/2004	Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s)		(Instr. 4)
	05/10/2004	D			• •		(Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock		D		113,937	D	\$58.46	110,000	D	
							100	Ι	By spouse
Common Stock							23,998	I	By issuer's 401(k) plan trustee

Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned Table II (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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)		of		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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Ownership	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Nina D. Gillman by power of

<u>attorney</u>

05/12/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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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