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February 26, 2002

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

February 26, 2002
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

APPLERA CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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| Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | 1-4389 (Commission File No.) | 06-1534213 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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301 Merritt 7
Norwalk, Connecticut 06851
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

(203) 840-2000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

In a press release dated February 26, 2002 (the "Press Release"), Applera Corporation and Amersham plc announced that they have reached a court-mediated settlement which ends the previously disclosed patent litigation between the two companies. A copy of the Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

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The following exhibit is filed with this Report:

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release issued February 26, 2002. |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

APPLERA CORPORATION

By: /s/ Thomas P. Livingston

Thomas P. Livingston
Secretary

Dated: February 26, 2002

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