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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading THIBAUD DIDIER M C Issuer Symbol MERCURY COMPUTER (Check all applicable) SYSTEMS INC [MRCY] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 2, PLACE DE PADOUE 12/15/2004 VP & GM Medical Business Group (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **BRIIS SOU 91640** Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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)			Beneficially (D) or Beneficially Owned Indirect (I)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/15/2004		M	4,000	A	\$ 7.625	4,000	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2004		S	2,284	D	\$ 30.55	1,716	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2004		S	300	D	\$ 30.56	1,416	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2004		S	200	D	\$ 30.57	1,216	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2004		S	420	D	\$ 30.61	796	D	

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Common Stock	12/15/2004	S	96	D	\$ 30.62	700	D
Common Stock	12/15/2004	S	200	D	\$ 30.65	500	D
Common Stock	12/15/2004	S	500	D	\$ 30.66	0	D

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

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	ative Expiration Date s (Month/Day/Year) d		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Exercise of ISO Stock	\$ 7.625	12/15/2004		M	4,000	09/28/2003	09/28/2008	Common	4,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
THIBAUD DIDIER M C 2, PLACE DE PADOUE BRIIS SOU 91640			VP & GM Medical Business Group				

Signatures

Reporting Person

Option

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Thibaud	12/15/2004
**Signature of	Date

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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).
- (1) Field N/A to this transaction but was completed to allow for electronic filing only.

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