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or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- Amount or Price (A) or (D) |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Common Stock | 4/24/02 | G V | 500 D |
| Common Stock | | | |

* If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Print or Type Response)

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FORM 4 (continued)

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. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity | 3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year) | 4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- (A) (D) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ----- Date Expira- tion Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares |
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Explanation of Responses:

1 The prices and amounts of securities reported in this Form 4 for transactions occurring during April 2002 have not been adjusted to reflect Darden's 3-for-2 stock split in the form of a 50% share dividend that was payable on May 1, 2002. Prices and amounts of securities will be adjusted to reflect the 3-for-2 split in the next Form 4 or Form 5 to be filed for the reporting person covering transactions occurring on or after May 1, 2002.

/s/ Douglas E. Wentz

5/9/02

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.