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February 10, 2005

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

Form 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: December 31, 2004

Check here if Amendment ; Amendment Number:

This Amendment (Check only one):  is a restatement.  
 adds new holdings entries.

Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: Alleghany Corporation  
Address: 375 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10152

Form 13F File Number: 28-1590

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Peter R. Sismondo  
Title: Vice President, Controller, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary  
Phone: 212-752-1356

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

/s/ Peter R. Sismondo                      New York, NY                      February 10, 2005

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[Signature]                      [City, State]                      [Date]

Report Type (Check only one):

- 13F HOLDINGS REPORT. (Check here if all holdings of this reporting manager are reported in this report.)
- 13F NOTICE. (Check here if no holdings reported are in this report, and all holdings are reported by other reporting manager(s).)
- 13F COMBINATION REPORT. (Check here if a portion of the holdings for this reporting manager are reported in this report and a portion are reported by other reporting manager(s).)

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Form 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers:  
 Form 13F Information Table Entry Total: 79  
 Form 13F Information Table Value Total: \$ 633,239  
 (thousands)

List of Other Included Managers:

No.	Form 13F File Number	Name
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 AS OF 12/31/04

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3	COLUMN 4	COLUMN 5			COLUMN 6	
NAME OF ISSUER	TITLE OF CLASS	CUSIP	MARKET VALUE (X 1000)	SHRS OR PRIN AMT	SH/ PRN	PUT/ CALL	INVESTM DISCRET SOLE	SHRD (A) (B)
FRESH DEL MONTE PRODUCE								
INC	ORD	G36738105	4,442	150,000	SH			X
AMB PROPERTY CORP	COM	00163T109	1,543	38,200	SH			X
ALEXANDER & BALDWIN INC	COM	014482103	848	20,000	SH			X
AMERICAN EXPRESS CO	COM	025816109	1,127	20,000	SH			X
AMERICAN INTL GROUP INC	COM	026874107	1,313	20,000	SH			X
APARTMENT INVT & MGMT CO	CL A	03748R101	1,569	40,700	SH			X
APPLERA CORP	COM AP BIO GRP	038020903	1,046	50,000	SH			X
APPLIED MATLS INC	COM	038222105	855	50,000	SH			X
ARCH COAL INC	COM	039380100	10,662	300,000	SH			X
ARCHSTONE SMITH TR	COM	039583109	1,758	45,900	SH			X
ARDEN RLTY INC	COM	039793104	1,603	42,500	SH			X
AUTODESK INC	COM	052769106	1,139	30,000	SH			X
AVALONBAY CMNTYS INC	COM	053484101	1,872	24,864	SH			X
AVERY DENNISON CORP	COM	053611109	600	10,000	SH			X
BANK OF AMERICA								
CORPORATION	COM	060505104	9,398	200,000	SH			X
BELO CORP	COM SER A	080555105	787	30,000	SH			X
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY								
INC DEL	CL B	084670207	4,495	1,531	SH			X
BIOGEN IDEC INC	COM	09062X903	666	10,000	SH			X
BOEING CO	COM	097023105	777	15,000	SH			X
BURLINGTON NORTHN SANTA								
FE C	COM	12189T104	378,480	8,000,000	SH		X	
BURLINGTON RES INC	COM	122014103	870	20,000	SH			X
CAMDEN PPTY TR	SH BEN INT	133131102	1,724	33,800	SH			X
CIGNA CORP	COM	125509109	81,570	1,000,000	SH			X
CATERPILLAR INC DEL	COM	149123101	1,463	15,000	SH			X
CHUBB CORP	COM	171232101	1,154	15,000	SH			X
CITIGROUP	COM	172967101	4,818	100,000	SH			X
COCA COLA CO	COM	191216100	1,041	25,000	SH			X
CONOCOPHILLIPS	COM	20825C104	1,302	15,000	SH			X
COSTCO WHSL CORP NEW	COM	22160K105	1,452	30,000	SH			X
DEERE & CO	COM	244199105	1,116	15,000	SH			X
DISNEY WALT CO	COM DISNEY	254687106	1,251	45,000	SH			X
DOMINION RES INC VA NEW	COM	25746U109	4,877	72,000	SH			X

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DOW CHEM CO	COM	260543103	1,238	25,000	SH		X
DU PONT EI DE NEMOURS & CO	COM	263534109	981	20,000	SH		X
EXXON MOBIL CORP	COM	30231G102	1,538	30,000	SH		X
FEDEX CORP	COM	31428X106	1,477	15,000	SH		X
GUIDANT CORP	COM	401698105	721	10,000	SH		X
INTERACTIVECORP	COM	44919P102	552	20,000	SH		X
INTEL CORP	COM	458140100	1,170	50,000	SH		X
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHS	COM	459200101	1,183	12,000	SH		X
JEFFERSON PILOT CORP	COM	475070108	1,039	20,000	SH		X
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	COM	478160104	6,342	100,000	SH		X
KERR MCGEE CORP	COM	492386107	8,669	150,000	SH		X
LAUDER ESTEE COS INC	CL A	518439104	687	15,000	SH		X
LIBERTY MEDIA CORP NEW	COM SER A	530718105	1,208	110,000	SH		X
LIBERTY MEDIA INTL INC	COM SER A	530719103	306	6,625	SH		X
LILLY ELI & CO	COM	532457108	1,135	20,000	SH		X
MBIA INC	COM	55262C100	316	5,000	SH		X
MACERICH CO	COM	554382101	1,778	28,310	SH		X
MAGNA INTL INC	CL A	559222401	4,643	56,250	SH		X
MANPOWER INC	COM	56418H100	966	20,000	SH		X
MEDTRONIC INC	COM	585055106	1,490	30,000	SH		X
MERCK & CO INC	COM	589331107	32,622	1,015,000	SH		X
MICROSOFT CORP	COM	594918104	1,870	70,000	SH		X
MILLIPORE CORP	COM	601073109	1,494	30,000	SH		X
NEWS CORP LTD	SP ADR PFD	652487802	1,306	70,000	SH		X
NOBLE ENERGY INC	COM	655044105	925	15,000	SH		X
NORDSTROM INC	COM	655664100	935	20,000	SH		X
NOVARTIS AG	SPONSORED ADR	66987V109	1,264	25,000	SH		X
OLD REP INTL CORP	COM	680223104	3,795	150,000	SH		X
PEPCO HOLDINGS INC	COM	713291902	2,132	100,000	SH		X
PINNACLE WEST CAP CORP	COM	723484101	8,882	200,000	SH		X
RECKSON ASSOCS RLTY CORP	COM	75621K106	1,572	47,900	SH		X
REGENCY CTRS CORP	COM	758849103	1,740	31,400	SH		X
ROHM & HAAS CO	COM	775371107	1,106	25,000	SH		X
RYDER SYS INC	COM	783549108	955	20,000	SH		X

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SBC COMMUNICATIONS INC	COM	78387G103	1,289	50,000	SH		X
SL GREEN RLTY CORP	COM	78440X101	1,677	27,700	SH		X
SCHLUMBERGER LTD	COM	806857108	1,339	20,000	SH		X
SHURGARD STORAGE CTRS INC	COM	82567D104	1,571	35,700	SH		X
SIGMA ALDRICH CORP	COM	826552101	605	10,000	SH		X
SIMON PPTY GROUP INC NEW	COM	828806109	1,701	26,300	SH		X
SONY CORP	ADR NEW	835699307	974	25,000	SH		X

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STATE STR CORP	COM	857477103	737	15,000	SH	X
TEXAS INSTRS INC	COM	882508104	492	20,000	SH	X
3M CO	COM	88579Y101	1,641	20,000	SH	X
WACHOVIA CORP 2ND NEW	COM	929903102	1,052	20,000	SH	X
WAL MART STORES INC	COM	931142103	2,113	40,000	SH	X
WEYERHAUSER CO	COM	962166104	1,344	20,000	SH	X
GRAND TOTAL			633,239	13,146,680		

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