TEXTRON INC
Reported by
DICKSON R STUART

FORM 4
(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

DICKSON R STUART
(Last) (First) (Middle)
RUDDICK CORPORATION, 301 SOUTH TRYON STREET, SUITE 1800
CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

TEXTRON INC [ TXT ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)

3/31/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

__ X __ Director

_____ 10% Owner

_____ Officer (give title below)

_____ Other (specify below)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

<table>
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<tr>
<th>1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>2. Trans. Date</th>
<th>2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any</th>
<th>3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)</th>
<th>4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</th>
<th>5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th>
<th>7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Deferred Stock Units $0 (1)</td>
<td>3/31/2004</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>V (A)</td>
<td>(D)</td>
<td>506.071</td>
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<td>(D)</td>
<td>138.053</td>
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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<tr>
<th>1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</th>
<th>3. Trans. Date</th>
<th>3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any</th>
<th>4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)</th>
<th>5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</th>
<th>6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date</th>
<th>7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)</th>
<th>9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)</th>
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) Converts to Common Stock on a 1-for-1 basis.

(2) Payable upon the conclusion of Reporting Person's service on the Textron Inc. Board of Directors.

Reporting Owners

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<th>Reporting Owner Name / Address</th>
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<td>CHARLOTTE, NC 28202</td>
<td>Other</td>
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Signatures
** 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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