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(Statement of Ownership)

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF PERSON
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE  04-1867445
TEXTRON SAVINGS PLAN

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP.*

   NOT APPLICABLE     A __
   B __

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

5. SOLE VOTING POWER
0 SHARES

6. SHARED VOTING POWER
12,574,616 SHARES

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
0 SHARES

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
12,574,616 SHARES

9. AGGREGATED AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
12,574,616 SHARES

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*
     NOT APPLICABLE

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9
15.2%
12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
   S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF PERSON
   STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE   04-1867445
   OR DISCRETIONARY ADVISOR VARIOUS COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT FUNDS FOR
   EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS AND OTHER INDEX ACCOUNTS   TEXTRON, INC.

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP.*
   NOT APPLICABLE
   A __
   B __

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
   BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

5. SOLE VOTING POWER
   698,755 SHARES

6. SHARED VOTING POWER
   0 SHARES

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
   873,755 SHARES

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
   0 SHARES

9. AGGREGATED AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
   873,755 SHARES

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
     SHARES*
     NOT APPLICABLE

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9
    1.1%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
   STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE/CO-TRUSTEE
   VARIOUS TRUST ACCOUNTS
   TEXTRON, INC.

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP.*
   A __
   B __

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
   BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

5. SOLE VOTING POWER
   8,804 SHARES

6. SHARED VOTING POWER
   7,758 SHARES

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
   7,204 SHARES

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
   9,358 SHARES

9. AGGREGATED AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
   16,562 SHARES

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
    SHARES* NOT APPLICABLE

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9
    0.0%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
ITEM 1.
(A) NAME OF ISSUER
TEXTRON, INC.

(B) ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES
40 WESTMINSTER STREET
PROVIDENCE, RI 02903

ITEM 2.
(A) NAME OF PERSON FILING
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE

(B) ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE,
RESIDENCE
225 FRANKLIN STREET, BOSTON, MA 02110

(C) CITIZENSHIP
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

(D) TITLE CLASS OF SECURITIES
COMMON

(E) CUSIP NUMBER
883203101

ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-1(B), OR 13D-2(B), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

(B) _X_ BANK AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3(A)(6) OF THE ACT
ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP
(A) AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED
13,464,933 SHARES
(B) PERCENT OF CLASS
16.3%
(C) NUMBER OF SHARES AS TO WHICH SUCH PERSON HAS:
(I) SOLE POWER TO VOTE OR TO DIRECT THE VOTE 707,559 Shares
(II) SHARED POWER TO VOTE OR TO DIRECT THE VOTE 12,582,374 SHARES
(III) SOLE POWER TO DISPOSE OR TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF 880,959 SHARES
(IV) SHARED POWER TO DISPOSE OR TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF 12,583,974 SHARES

ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS
NOT APPLICABLE

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON.
NOT APPLICABLE

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY
NOT APPLICABLE

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP
NOT APPLICABLE

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP
NOT APPLICABLE
ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION

THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION SHALL BE INCLUDED IF THE STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-1(B):

BY SIGNING BELOW I CERTIFY THAT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THE SECURITIES REFERRED TO ABOVE WERE ACQUIRED IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS AND WERE NOT ACQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF AND DO NOT HAVE THE EFFECT OF CHANGING OR INFLUENCING THE CONTROL OF THE ISSUER OF SUCH SECURITIES AND WERE NOT ACQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH OR AS A PARTICIPANT IN ANY TRANSACTION HAVING SUCH PURPOSES OR EFFECT.

THIS REPORT IS NOT AN ADMISSION THAT STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY IS THE BENEFICIAL OWNER OF ANY SECURITIES COVERED BY THIS REPORT, AND STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF ALL SHARES REPORTED HEREIN PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-4.

SIGNATURE

AFTER REASONABLE INQUIRY AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION SET FORTH IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT.

10 MARCH 1997

STATE STREET BOSTON CORPORATION
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY,
TRUSTEE

/s/ JANET DENNEEN
SENIOR COMPLIANCE OFFICER

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