TEXTRON INC
Reported by
FORD JOE T

FORM 4
(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

Filed 04/02/04 for the Period Ending 03/31/04

Address 40 WESTMINSTER ST
        PROVIDENCE, RI 02903
Telephone 4014212800
CIK 0000217346
Symbol TXT
SIC Code 6162 - Mortgage Bankers and Loan Correspondents
Fiscal Year 01/02
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*]
   FORD JOE T

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 (Check all applicable)
   __ X __ Director
   ___ 10% Owner
   ___ Officer (give title below)
   ___ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
   _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
   ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

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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>
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<td>$0 (1)</td>
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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<th>1. Title of Derivative 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 and 4)</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. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th>
<th>11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (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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Signatures
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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