TEXTRON INC
Reported by
FORD JOE T

FORM 4
(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

FORD JOE T
(Last) ALLTEL CORPORATION, ONE ALLIED DRIVE
(First) LITTLE ROCK, AR 72202
(Middle) (Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

TEXTRON INC [ TXT ]

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

9/30/2008

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)

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

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<th>Amount (A)</th>
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Explanation of Responses:
(1) Each deferred stock unit is valued based upon the value of one (1) share of Textron Inc. Common Stock.
(2) Payable in cash upon the conclusion of Reporting Person's service on the Textron Inc. Board of Directors.

Remarks:
All unit numbers and related prices have been adjusted to reflect Textron Inc.'s two-for-one Common Stock split which occurred on August 24, 2007.

Reporting Owners

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Signatures

/s/ Ann T. Willaman, Attorney-in-Fact

10/2/2008

** 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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