TEXTRON INC
Reported by
YATES RICHARD L

FORM 4
(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEDMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

YATES RICHARD L

TEXTRON INC., 40 WESTMINSTER STREET

PROVIDENCE, RI 02903

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

TEXTRON INC [ TXT ]

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

2/12/2004

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

VP and Controller

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>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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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>2/12/2004</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>3500 A</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>3500</td>
<td>D</td>
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<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>1201.178</td>
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<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>140.999</td>
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

<table>
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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. 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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<td>Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)</td>
<td>$56.43</td>
<td>2/12/2004</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>10500</td>
<td>(1) 2/11/2014</td>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>10500</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>10500</td>
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Explanation of Responses:
(1) The option vests in three equal annual installments, beginning on February 12, 2005.
(2) Issued pursuant to the Textron 1999 Long-Term Incentive Plan.

Reporting Owners

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<th>Reporting Owner Name / Address</th>
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<td>Director</td>
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<td>10% Owner</td>
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<td>Officer</td>
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Signatures

/s/ Ann T. Willaman, as Attorney-in-Fact  2/17/2004

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
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