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
   ALLTEL CORPORATION, ONE ALLIED DRIVE
   LITTLE ROCK, AR 72202

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
   TEXTRON INC [ TXT ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)
   3/31/2008

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
   ___X__ Director       ___ 10% Owner
   _____ 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>Title of Security</th>
<th>Trans. Date</th>
<th>Trans. Code</th>
<th>Amount of Securities Acquired or Disposed of (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th>
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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<th>Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</th>
<th>Trans. Date</th>
<th>Trans. Code</th>
<th>Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</th>
<th>Date Exercisable</th>
<th>Expiration Date</th>
<th>Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)</th>
<th>Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)</th>
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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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<td>10% Owner</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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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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