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FORM 4

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 Name and Ad Martore Gracia 	1	rting Person*			me and Tio ., Inc. ("G		Trading S			of Reporting (all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 7950 Jones Branch Drive				orting	ntification g Person, voluntary)	Numbe	Mon	1110010, 2002	_ Director 10% Owner ▲ Officer (give title below) Dther (specify below)			
									Senior Vice Pr and Treasurer	esident/Finance		
McLean, VA 22	(Street) 2107						Date	•	(Check Applica <u>X</u> Form filed by Person	One Reporting More than One		
(City)	(State)	Zip)	Т	able	e I Non-I	Derivat	ive Secu	rities Acquired, Dispo				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans action Code (Instr. 8			es Acqu d of (D	ired (A)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Follow-	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial		
	Year)	(Month/Day/ Year)	Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	ing Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	12/08/02		М		5	Α						
Common Stock	12/08/02		F		5	D	\$70.63	2,9'	73 D			
Common Stock			1					913.461	(<u>1</u>) I	By 401(k) Plan		

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

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FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2. Conver-	3. Trans-	3A.	4.	5.	6. Date Exercisable	7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Number of	10.	11. Nature
Derivative	sion or	action	Deemed	Trans-	Number	and Expiration	Amount of	Derivative	Derivative	Owner-	of Indirect

Security (Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative	Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year)	action Code (Instr. 8)	Der Sec Aco (A)	ivati uritic quired or posed D) str.	(Month/Day/ ∦ear) I		• •		Security (Instr. 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Form	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code			Exer-cisable	Expira- tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Incentive Rights		12/08/02		М		220	12/08/02	12/08/02	Common Stock	220		0	D	
Phantom Stock	1-for-1	12/08/02		М	21	5	Immed.		Common Stock	215		5,345.532 <u>(2)</u>	D	

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Explanation of Responses:

(1) The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of September 30, 2002.

(2) The shares of phantom stock reported in Table II, Column 9 of this Form 4 were acquired under the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan. Prior Forms 4 reported some of these shares in Table I, as Common Stock.

By: /s/ <u>Todd A. Mayman</u> Attorney-in-Fact **Signature of Reporting Person December 10, 2002

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