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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) ----- (A) (D)	6. Exercisable and Date Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ----- Date Expira- tion Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$9.8569	07/11/01	M	74,490	06/24/92 07/24/01	Common Stock 74,490

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ DOUGLAS E. WENTZ

8/9/01

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

BY: DOUGLAS E. WENTZ, Attorney-in-fact

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Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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