

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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subject to Section 16. Form 4 or  
Form 5 obligations may continue.  
See Instruction 1(b).

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility  
Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Herbert S. Richey c/o The Fairchild Corporation 1750 Tysons Boulevard, Suite 1400 McLean VA 22102	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol The Fairchild Corporation [FA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction Required to be Reported (Month/Day/Year) 08/23/2004	
	4. If amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More Than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3, & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	08/23/2004		S		10,000	D	\$4.05	0	D	

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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**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. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. No. of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (mm/dd/yy)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. No. of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3, & 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-Employee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$7.50							11/18/1999	11/17/2004	Class A Common Stock	1,000		1,000	D	
Non-Employee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$6.00							11/20/2000	11/19/2005	Class A Common Stock	1,000		1,000	D	
Non-Employee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$6.00							11/20/2001 (1)	11/19/2005	Class A Common Stock	7,500		7,500	D	
Non-Employee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.35							11/13/2001	11/12/2006	Class A Common Stock	1,000		1,000	D	

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Non-Employee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.35							11/13/2002 (2)	11/12/2011	Class A Common Stock	2,000		2,000	D	
Non-Employee Director Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$4.99							11/21/2002	11/20/2007	Class A Common Stock	1,000		1,000	D	
Deferred Compensation Units (3)	(4)							01/20/2004	01/20/2004	Class A Common Stock	18,666		18,666	D	
Non-Employee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$5.11	11/07/2003		A		1000		11/07/2003	11/06/2008	Class A Common Stock	1,000	(5)	1,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) - Exercisable in 25% annual increments on 11/20/01; 11/20/02; 11/20/03; 11/20/04.
- (2) - Exercisable in 25% annual increments on 11/13/02; 11/13/03; 11/13/04; 11/13/05.
- (3) - The reporting person elected to defer receipt of shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of his option., resulting in the accrual to his account of a corresponding no. of Deferred Compensation Units.
- (4) - One share Class A Common Stock for one Deferred Compensation Unit.
- (5) - N/A -- stock option grant.

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By:/s/ Herbert S. Richey  
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

8/23/2004  
Date

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

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

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