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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A CLAFLIN I	Address of Repo BRUCE L	rting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 3COM CORP [COMS]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
350 CAMPUS DRIVE			(Month/Day/Year) 12/22/2004	_X_ Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President and CEO			
(Street) MARLBOROUGH, MA 01752-3064			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	T-11. I Nov Doctor Co. C. and Co. A.				

(City)	(State) (A	Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securit	ties Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	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	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	12/22/2004		F	7,937	D	\$ 3.78	544,563	D		
Common Stock	12/22/2004		J	17,063	D	(1)	527,500	D		
Common Stock	12/22/2004		J	17,063	A	<u>(1)</u>	195,178	I	by Trust (2)	

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

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
				G 1 17	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CLAFLIN BRUCE L							
350 CAMPUS DRIVE	X		President and CEO				
MARLBOROUGH, MA 01752-3064							

Signatures

Bruce Claflin 12/22/2004

**Signature of Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares transferred from direct ownership to a trust account.
- (2) These shares are held in a revocable trust under the name of Bruce L. Claflin and Karen C. Claflin, TTEES, Bruce and Karen Claflin Family Trust

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