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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Barnes Peter

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

11/12/2004

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

NEWS CORP [NWS]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O NEWS AMERICA INCORPORATED, 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS

(Street)

10% Owner _X_ Director Officer Other

(give title below) (specify below)

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

NEW YORK. NYÂ 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security**

5. 4 Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of Price of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

(Instr. 4)

Expiration Title Amount or Date Exercisable Number of Date

Derivative Security

Derivative Security: Direct (D)

Shares

or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Barnes Peter

C/O NEWS AMERICA INCORPORATED 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK. NYÂ 10036

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Signatures

/s/ Laura O' Leary, Attorney-in-Fact for Peter Barnes

11/12/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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Remarks:

This report does not reflect the non-derivative and/or derivative securities received in connection withĀ

which will be reflected on a Form 4 filed simultaneously herewith.

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