FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* SMITHBURG WILLIAM D						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT]									elationship ck all app Direc	licable)	ng Pe	rson(s) to Is		
(Last) 50 LA SA	ast) (First) (Middle) D LA SALLE STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2003									er (give title /)		Other (below)	specify	
(Street) CHICAGO IL 60675					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)) 【 Form Form	dual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip)																J11				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						ar) i	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Transaction Dispos Code (Instr. 5)		rities Acqu ed Of (D) (I	iired (<i>F</i> nstr. 3	A) or , 4 and	5. Amo Securit Benefic Owned Report	ties Fo cially (D Following (I)		m: Direct or Indirect Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
										v	Amount	t (A) or Pi		Price	Transa	action(s) 3 and 4)			(11150.4)	
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 (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of E		Expiration	5. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	,	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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Stock equivalent units	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	09/30/2003			A		540		(1)		(1)	common shares	54	10	\$42.55	5,960 ⁽²⁾		D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Director fees deferred and credited to a stock equivalent unit account under a grantor trust established by the director and paid, in cash, generally at age 65 or upon retirement from the board. The stock equivalent units earn the same return as if the fees were invested in Abbott stock.
- 2. Balance includes stock equivalent units acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature.

John A. Berry, Attorney-in-Fact for William D. Smithburg

10/01/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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