SEC Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person[*] **LINDER GREG W**	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol **ABBOTT LABORATORIES** [**ABT**]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(Last) (First) (Middle) **100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD**	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2004	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) **Vice President**
(Street) **ABBOTT PARK IL 60064** (City) (State) (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person 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 (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 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			
Common shares without par value	02/17/2004		M		1,960	A	$14.32	65,781	D	
Common shares without par value	02/17/2004		M		15,724	A	$35.36	81,505	D	
Common shares without par value	02/17/2004		F		14,508	D	$44.31	66,997	D	
Common shares without par value								11,328[(1)]	I	Profit Sharing Trust

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)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: 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				
Option (right to buy)	$14.32	02/17/2004		M			1,960	04/29/1997	04/28/2004	Common shares	1,960	$0	0	D	
Option (right to buy)	$35.36	02/17/2004		M			15,724	02/14/2004	02/13/2013	Common shares	15,724	$0	34,276	D	
Option (right to buy)[(2)]	$44.31	02/17/2004		A		13,875		08/18/2004	02/13/2013	Common shares	13,875	$0	13,875	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of February 13, 2004.

2. Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program, including a replacement option feature, in a transaction exempt from Section 16(b) under Rule 16b-3.

John A. Berry, Attorney-in-Fact for Greg W. Linder   02/19/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person   Date

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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