FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MCCULLOUGH GARY E   |   |  |   |        |                  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ ABT ] |          |               |  |  |                      |   |  | eck all appli<br>Direct  | cable)<br>or   | ig Pers                             | son(s) to Iss  | vner                                    |
|---|---|--|---|--------|------------------|---|----------|---------------|--|--|----------------------|---|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| (Last)  | (Fi<br>BOTT PARI  |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/18/2005 |        |                  |   |          |               |  |  | helow)               | Officer (give title below)  Senior Vio  |  | Other (s<br>below)<br>esident  | specify  |                                     |  |   |
| (Street)  ABBOTT PARK IL 60064-6400  (City) (State) (Zip)     |   |  |   |        |                  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                |          |               |  |  |                      |   |  | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |                                     |  |   |
|   |   | Tab  | le I - Noi  | n-Deri | vative           | e Se  | curities | s Acq         | uired,   | Dis  | posed o              | f, or Be  | neficial                               | ly Owned   | <u> </u>   |                                     |  |   |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date) |   |  |   |        | Execution Date,  |   |          | Transaction D |  | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5) |                      | ed (A) or<br>tr. 3, 4 and   | Benefici<br>Owned I                    | es<br>ally<br>Following  | Form<br>(D) o  | n: Direct<br>r Indirect<br>istr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)        |   |
|   |   |  |   |        |                  |   |          | Code          | v  | Amount   | (A) or (D)           | Price   | Transac                                | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)   |  |                                     |  |   |
| Common shares without par value 02/18/                        |   |  |   |        |                  |   | 2005     |               | A <sup>(1)</sup>   |  | 9,300                | A   | A \$46.34                              |  | 47,329   |                                     | D  |   |
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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)           | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da               | Date,  | ate, Transaction |   | on of    |               | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  |                      | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3<br>and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)  | 9. Numbe<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficia<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transacti<br>(Instr. 4) | e<br>S<br>Illy                      | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>t (Instr. 4) |
|   |   |  |   |        | Code             | v   | (A)      |               | Date<br>Exercisab  |  | Expiration<br>Date   | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |  |  |                                     |  |   |
| Option<br>(right to<br>buy) <sup>(2)</sup>                    | \$46.34   | 02/18/2005                                 |   |        | A                |   | 63,800   |               | 02/18/200  | )6   | 02/17/2015           | common<br>shares  | 63,800                                 | \$0  | 63,80  | 0                                   | D  |   |

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. These shares represent a restricted stock award under the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section 16(b) under Rule 16b-3. The award includes the right to have stock withheld for tax purposes.
- 2. Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section 16(b) under Rule 16b-3. The option becomes exercisable in annual increments of 21,267 on 2/18/06, 21,267 on 2/18/07 and 21,266 on 2/18/08.

/s/ John A. Berry, Attorney-in-Fact for Gary E. McCullough

02/23/2005

\*\* 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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