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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Von Thaer Lewis

(Last) (First) (Middle) Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

03/02/2005

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

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP [GD]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(give title below) (specify below)

Vice president

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION, Â 2941 **FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE**

(Street)

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner Other

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

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

FALLS CHURCH, VAÂ 22042

> (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Form: Direct (D)

(Instr. 5) or Indirect

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(I) (Instr. 5)

Common Stock, \$1.00 par value 2,614 D

Common Stock, \$1.00 par value 926.6835 Ι 401(k) Plan

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

Conversion

6. Nature of Indirect

Ownership Beneficial or Exercise Ownership Form of

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Stock Options	03/06/2003	03/05/2007	Common Stock	2,370	\$ 93.92	D	Â
Stock Options	03/06/2004	03/05/2007	Common Stock	2,370	\$ 93.92	D	Â
Stock Options	03/05/2005	03/04/2008	Common Stock	3,850	\$ 56.95	D	Â
Stock Options	03/03/2005	03/02/2009	Common Stock	2,690	\$ 91.34	D	Â
Stock Options	03/03/2006	03/02/2009	Common Stock	2,690	\$ 91.34	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
. 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Von Thaer Lewis							
C/O GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION	â	â	Vice president	â			
2941 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE	А	А	A vice president	A			
FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042							

Signatures

Lewis F. Von
Thaer

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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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