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Form 4

December 26, 2002

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

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pur	suant to	o Se	ctio	n 16	ố(a)	of	the	Secu	uriti	es	Excha	ange	Act	of	1934,
Section	n 17(a)	of	the	Pub]	Lic	Util	Lity	Hold	ding	Com	pany	Act	of	1935	or
	Section	on 3	0(h)	of	the	Inv	restn	nent	Comp	any	Act	of 1	1940		

	Section 30(h) of the	he Investment Co									
[] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).										
1.	Name and Address of Reporting	Person*									
	Thornton,	John		L.							
	(Last) c/o Goldman, Sachs & Co. 85 Broad Street	(First)		(Middle)							
		(Street)									
	New York,	New York		10004							
	(City)	(State)		(Zip)							
2.	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trad Ford Motor Company (F)	ing Symbol									
3.	I.R.S. Identification Number o	f Reporting Pers	on, if	an entity (voluntary)							
4.	Statement for Month/Day/Year										
	December 20, 2002										
5.	If Amendment, Date of Original	 (Month/Day/Year	:)								
6.	Relationship of Reporting Person (Check all applicable)	on(s) to Issuer		=======================================							
	[X] Director [] Officer (give title be	[low) [10% Owner Other (specify below)							
7.	Individual or Joint/Group Fili:	 ng (Check Applic	able L	ine)							

[${\tt X}$] 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									
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_	_	_			Amount		Price	1	
(Instr. 3)	Year)	Day/Year)	Code	V		(D)		(
								1	
Common Stock								1	
								1	
Common Stock	12/20/02		P	1 1	1,300	A	\$9.84	1	
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Ford Stock | | | | | | | |

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Common Stock

	Clse		Securities	Date	Securities		
	Price 3.		Acquired (A)	Exercisable and	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
	of Trans-	Date action	or Disposed	Expiration Date			
1.	Der- action	if Code	of (D)	(Month/Day/Year)	Amount		
Title of	iva- Date	any, (Instr	(Instr. 3,		- or		
Derivative	tive (Month/	(MM/ 8)	4 and 5)	Date Expira-	Number		
Security	Secu- Day/	DD/		- Exer- tion	of		
(Instr. 3)	rity Year)	YY) Code V	(A) (D)	cisable Date	Title Shares		

1,300 | D | \$9.91 |

^{*} If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction $4\left(b\right)\left(v\right)$.

Units	02	1				 		02	I	02	Common Stock 26,863
Ford Stock											
Equivalents	03	1	1			I	- 1	03	I	03	Common Stock 2,797
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Explanation of Responses:

01: The Reporting Person is a Director, President and Co-Chief Operating Officer of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("GS Group"). Goldman Sachs International ("GSI") is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of GS Group. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein as indirectly owned except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

The securities reported herein as indirectly purchased and sold were purchased and sold and were beneficially owned directly by GSI. Without admitting any legal obligation, GSI or an affiliate will remit appropriate profits to the Company.

02: These Ford Stock Units were acquired under the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors. In general, these Ford Stock Units will be converted and distributed to the Reporting Person, without payment, in cash, on January 10th of the year following termination of Board service, based upon the then current market value of a share of Common Stock.

03: These Ford Stock Equivalents were acquired under the Company's Restricted Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors without payment by the Reporting Person. In general, approximately 20% of the initial grant of 3,496 Ford Stock Equivalents will be converted and distributed to the Reporting Person, without payment, in shares of Common Stock on June 1 of the 5 years commencing 6/1/2002.

By: s/Edward T. Joel

**Signature of Reporting Person

Attorney-in-fact

December 24, 2002

Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedures.

Alternatively, this Form is permitted to be submitted to the Commission in electronic format at the option of the reporting person pursuant to Rule 101(b) (4) of Regulation S-T.