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(Print or Type I	Responses)										
			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ISRG]				-	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Da (Mor 1020 KIFER ROAD 08/2 (Street) 4. If			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/31/2017					X Director Officer (give t below)	Officer (give titleOther (specify		
				. If Amendment, Date Original ïled(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
SUNNYVA	LE, CA 94086							Form filed by Merson			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-l	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	iired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deem Execution any (Month/D	Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi or(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership	
Common Stock	08/31/2017			Code V M	Amount 1,000	(D) A	Price \$ 365.98	(Instr. 3 and 4) 3,787	D		
Common Stock	08/31/2017			S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 996.01	2,787	D		

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

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 365.98	08/31/2017		М	1,000	(2)	04/22/2020	Common Stock	1,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Add	lress	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Johnson Amal M 1020 KIFER ROAD SUNNYVALE, CA 94086	X						
Signatures							
Amal M. Johnson	09/01/2017						
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date						

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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).
- (1) These shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan, entered into on November 7, 2016.
- (2) Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan. Option shall vest 1/3rd one year after the date of grant and 1/36th each month thereafter.

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