Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number. OMB APPROVAL / OMB Number: 3235-0287 / / Expires: January 31, 2005 / / Estimated average burden / hours per response..... 0.5 I FORM 4 I U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 [_] Check this box if no longer subject STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP to Section 16. Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Form 4 or Form 5 Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the obligations may Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or continue. See Instruction 1(b). Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (Print or Type Responses) Name and Address of Reporting Person* Richard c/o Laboratory Corporation of America 420 South Spring Street Burlington North Carolina 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings ("LH") 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) Statement for Month/Year February 2002 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year) 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) officer _____ 10% Owner ____ Other (give title below) ___ Director [X] Officer (specify below) Executive Vice President 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 2. Trans- 3. Trans- 4. Securities Acquired (A) action or Disposed of (D) 1. Title 6. Owner- 7. Nature ship of In-Form: direct 5. Amount of οf Securities Security Date Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Owned at (Month/ (Instr. 3) (Instr. 8) Direct Bene-Day/ -----End of (D) or ficial Indirect Year) Month Owner-V Amount Code (A) or Price (Instr. 3 and 4) (T) ship (D) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) 02/08/02 M 3,067 \$53.40625 Common Stock (1) A Common Stock (1) 02/11/02 M 10,000 A \$20.625 02/08/02 S D \$85.12 Common Stock (1)

\$85.05

177,144

D \$87.10

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D \$87.50

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Common Stock (1) 02/11/02 S

Common Stock (1)

⁽¹⁾ Transactions indicated were pursuant to a plan in compliance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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. Conver- sion or Exercise Price of Deriv- ative Security	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Transac- tion Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
			Code V	(A) (D)				
Employee Stock Option (1)(5)	\$53.40625	02/08/02		3,067				
Employee Stock Option (3)(5)	\$20.625	02/11/02	М	10,000				

Table II--Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

		e and ation n/Day/	Underlyir	Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr.	Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Bene- ficially Owned		Owner- ship Form of De- rivative Securities Bene- ficially		Na- ture of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship
1	Date Exer- cisable	Expira- tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			 at End of Month (Instr. 4)	Owned at End of Month(1) (Instr. 4))	(Instr. 4)	
	(2)	08/17/10	Common Stoo	ck 3,067			 26,133		D		
	(4)	02/09/10	Common Stoo	k 10,000			 10,000		D		

${\tt Explanation \ of \ Responses:}$

- (1) Common stock purchase option granted under Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (2) Total option to purchase 39,200 shares vests in three equal installments on August 17, 2001, August 17, 2002, and August 17, 2003.
- (3) Common stock purchase option granted under the Amended and Restated 1999 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (4) Total option to purchase 30,000 shares vests in three equal installments on February 9, 2001, February 9, 2002, and February 9, 2003.
- (5) Transactions indicated were pursuant to a plan in compliance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

/s/ Bradford T. Smith March 11, 2002
-----**Signature of Reporting Person
Bradford T. Smith, Attorney-InFact for Richard L. Novak

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

- * If this form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction A(h)(y)
- Instruction 4(b)(v). $\star\star$ 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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