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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| | dress of Reporting | Person* | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| <u>WEIKEL N</u> | <u>M KEITH</u> | | HOLDINGS [LH] | X | Director | 10% Owner | | | | |
| | (1.4:-1-1)-> | | 4 | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | | | | | |
| (Last) 333 NORTH | (First) SUMMIT STRI | (Middle) EET 16TH FLOOR | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/02/2004 | | Delow) | belowy | | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indi Line) | vidual or Joint/Group Fili | ng (Check Applicable | | | | |
| TOLEDO | OH 43604 | | X | Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | - | | Form filed by More th Person | an One Reporting | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | |

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (1130.4) |
| Common Stock | 02/02/2004 | | Α | | 40 ⁽¹⁾ | Α | \$40.82 | 1,699 | D | |

 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) | | Transaction of Code (Instr. Derivative | | ative rities ired osed . 3, 4 | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y | 7. Title Amour Securi Underl Deriva Securi and 4) | nt of ties ying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | ect ial hip | |
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| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Stock award represents half the monthly Director retainer pursuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 1995 Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

<u>/s/ Bradford T. Smith,</u> <u>Attorney-in-Fact for M. Keith</u>

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** Signature of Reporting Person Date

02/04/2004

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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