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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MITTELSTAEDT ROBERT E JR		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
		HOLDINGS [LH]	X	Director	10% Owner		
		2. Data of Earliest Transaction (Manth/Day/Maar)		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 430 SOUTH SPRING STREET		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2006		Delowy			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line)	idual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable		
BURLINGTON NC	27215		X	Form filed by One Report	ting Person		
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(City) (State	e) (Zip)			Person			

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)	Code (4. Securities Disposed Of 5)		3, 4 and	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(11311.4)
Common Stock	02/01/2006		A		29 ⁽¹⁾	Α	\$57.05	9,5 11 ⁽²⁾	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)	4. Transa Code (8)		of Exp		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		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)
				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.

2. Amount shown reflects a 2-for-1 stock split effective on May 10, 2002.

Remarks:

 By: /s/ BRADFORD T.

 SMITH, Attorney-in-Fact for
 02/03/2006

 Robert E. Mittelstaedt
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 ** Signature of Reporting Person
 Date

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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