FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* WEIKEL M KEITH						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA									heck all	nship of Reportir applicable) pirector	ng Pers	p Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 430 SOUTH SPRING STREET					3. Da	HOLDINGS [LH] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2004										officer (give title elow)			
(Street) BURLINGTON NC 27215 (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									ne) <mark>X</mark> F F	idual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable 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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Common	Stock		/2004	2004			A		35(1)	A \$4		\$47.	45	3,389		D			
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
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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.

By: /s/ BRADFORD T. 12/03/2004 SMITH, Attorney-in-Fact for M. Keith Weikel

** 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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