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* Watson Craig M							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
watson	<u>Craig M</u>												_		X Director 10% Owner							
,						HOLDINGS [LH]										Officer (give title			Other (specify below)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)									below)						
430 SOUTH SPRING STREET						05/10/2005																
(Chroat)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)							
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Explanation of Responses:

By: /s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH, Attorney-in-Fact for 05/12/2005 Craig M. Watson

** 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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