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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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	and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup>		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA</u>		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) 333 NORTH	(First) SUMMIT STRI	(Middle) EET 16TH FLOOR	HOLDINGS       [LH]         3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)         04/01/2004		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)			
(Street) TOLEDO (City)	OH 43604 (State) (Zip)		<ul> <li>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</li> </ul>		6. 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									

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code ( 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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)	
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/01/2004		A		43(1)	Α	\$38.41	1,785	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1. Title of 7. Title and 9. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 5. Number 8. Price of 10. 11. Nature Derivative Security (Instr. 3) Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Transaction Code (Instr. Conversion Execution Date Amount of Derivative derivative Ownership of Indirect Date (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Security (Instr. 5) or Exercise if any Securities Securities Form: Beneficial Price of Derivative (Month/Day/Year) 8) Securities Underlying Beneficially Owned Direct (D) Ownership (Instr. 4) Acquired (A) or Disposed or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Derivative Following Reported Security Security (Instr. 3 and 4) of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) Amount Number Date Expiration of Exercisable Shares Code ν (A) (D) Date Title

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

04/01/2004

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).

\*\* 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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