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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addres POWELL JA (Last) 430 S SPRING S	MES B (First)	(Middle)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA</u> <u>HOLDINGS</u> [LH] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2003		tionship of Reporting Perso all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)	on(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)
(Street) BURLINGTON (City)	NC (State)	27215 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	idual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Repor Form filed by More than Person	ting 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)					Securities Beneficially	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)		(
Common Stock	10/01/2003		Α		57 ⁽¹⁾	Α	\$28.97	12,753 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	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)		5. Nur of Deriv Secur Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr and 5	ative rities ired osed . 3, 4	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	ite	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)
				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.

3. Amount includes 700 shares of indirect common stock ownership held by Allemanni LLC. Dr. Powell is the sole manager of Allemanni LLC.

/s/ Bradford T. Smith,

Attorney-in-Fact for James B.

Powell

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

10/03/2003

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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