FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	IN BENEFICIAL	OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MAC MAHON THOMAS P				LA	LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA (Check all applica											' I			
IVITIC IVI	7111011 1	TIOWING I			<u>H(</u>	HOLDINGS [LH]								X	Director		10% Owner		·
(Last)	(Firs	st) (I	Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/21/2004								X	Officer (give title below) Chairman, CEC		EO, P	Other (specify below) O, President		
(Street)			4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)											licable				
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year		Execution Date,		cution Date, ny		ction Instr.	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an			5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Followin	s ally following	Form:	Direct I Indirect E tr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
						Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)			
Common S	Stock ⁽¹⁾			04/20/2	004				M		24,100	A	\$26.7	031(4)	436,	909(2)		D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾		04/20/2	004				S		4,000	D	\$40	0.16	432,	909(2)		D			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾			04/20/2	2004				S		3,000	D	\$40	0.12	429,	909(2)		D		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾			04/20/2	2004				S		3,000	D	\$4	0.1	426,	909(2)		D		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾			04/20/2	0/2004				S		3,000	D	\$40	0.07	07 423,90			D		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 04/			04/20/2	004)04			S		5,000	D	\$40.05		418,909(2)			D		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 04/20/2			04/20/2	004	04		S		3,000	D	\$40.02		415,909 ⁽²⁾			D			
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Title of rivative curity str. 3) Title of Price of Derivative Security S		or	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) of S Und Deri			of Secur Underly Derivati	Securities E derlying S		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	e s lly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)					
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerc	isable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar	ber					
Non- qualified Stock Options ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	\$26.7031 ⁽⁴⁾	04/20/2004			M			24,100	08/17	7/2003	08/17/2010	Common	24,1	.00 \$	26.7031 ⁽⁴⁾	95,00	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Pursuant to a plan in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 2. Amount shown reflects a 2-for-1 stock split effective on May 10, 2002.
- 3. Common stock purchase option granted under the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock
- 4. Actual exercise price was \$26.703125. The Edgar system truncates the price to only four decimal places.

/s/ Bradford T. Smith, Attorney-

in-Fact for Thomas P. Mac

04/22/2004

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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).
- ** 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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