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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

Common Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement AeroVironment Inc [AVAV] Herring Tom (Month/Day/Year) 03/08/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O AEROVIRONMENT, (Check all applicable) INC., 181 W. HUNTINGTON **DRIVE. SUITE 202** 10% Owner Director (Street) _X__ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) Senior VP and GM _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person MONROVIA. CAÂ 91016 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock $3,200^{(1)}$ D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)

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		(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Herring Tom C/O AEROVIRONMENT, INC. 181 W. HUNTINGTON DRIVE, SUITE 202 MONROVIA. CA 91016	Â	Â	Senior VP and GM	Â

Signatures

/s/ Marco Quihuis, Attorney-in-Fact 03/15/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- (1) The shares are subject to a right of forfeiture in favor of the Company that lapse with respect to 800 shares on each of December 15, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

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