GOODMAN CHARLES H

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading GOODMAN CHARLES H Issuer Symbol GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP (Check all applicable) [GD] X_ Director (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 11/12/2004 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 1.Title of 3. 4. Securities 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Execution Date, if Security (Month/Day/Year) TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Instr. 8) Owned (I) (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

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

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionDerivative		Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	Disposed	Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and				
				Code '	V (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	11/12/2004		A	17.7158	3	<u>(2)</u>	(2)	Common Stock	17.7158

Reporting Owners

Signatures

/s/ Charles H. 11/16/2004 Goodman

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Convertible on a 1-for-1 basis for cash equal to the average fair market value of the Common Stock as of the date of conversion which, on the transaction date, was \$107.6950 per share.
- (2) Payable at the Reporting Person's retirement.
- (3) Acquired pursuant to General Dynamics Corporation's director compensation plan.

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