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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549								PPROVAL 3235-0287 January 31,	
Subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 Filed	if no longer subject to Section 16.STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIESForm 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See InstructionFiled pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940								
(Print or Type Responses)									
1. Name and Address of Repo BALLARD WILLIAM	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC [UNH]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
			of Earliest T Day/Year) 2005	ransaction		X Director Officer (gi below)		% Owner her (specify	
			endment, D onth/Day/Yea	-	ıl	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
MINNETONKA, MN 5	5343					Form filed by Person	More than One R	eporting	
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Tal	ole I - Non-l	Derivative	Securities A	Acquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction (Month/Day/Y)	Date 2A. Deem fear) Execution any (Month/D	n Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D) 4 and 5) (A) or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Indirect	
Reminder: Report on a separa	te line for each c	lass of sec				or indirectly.			

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 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Share		
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 86.62	01/03/2005		А	5,000	01/03/2005	01/03/2015	Common Stock	5,0		
Reporting Owners											
Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships Director 10% Owner Officer Other								

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Signatures

By: David J. Lubben For: William C. Ballard, Jr.

01/05/2005

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Date

Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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