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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SULZBERGER ARTHUR JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

NEW YORK TIMES CO, 229 W
43RD ST

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NEW YORK TIMES CO [NYT.A]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

12/16/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

Chairman and Publisher

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/16/2004 | | A | 11,000 | A \$ 0 | 120,907 ⁽¹⁾ | D ⁽²⁾ |

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)

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| 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of 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 Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Options-Rights to Buy | \$ 39.595 | 12/16/2004 | | A | 59,000 | (3) 12/16/2014 | Class A Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SULZBERGER ARTHUR JR NEW YORK TIMES CO 229 W 43RD ST NEW YORK, NY 10036 | X | | Chairman and Publisher | |

Signatures

/s/Theodore R. Wagner as Attorney-in-fact for Arthur Suzberger, Jr.

12/20/2004

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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) Includes 549 shares acquired in November 2004 under the New York times Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan in a transaction exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
In addition, as previously reported, the reporting person owns 305,265 shares of Class A Common Stock indirectly by a limited liability company as general partner of a limited partnership, 23,525 shares of Class Common Stock indirectly by his wife as trustee, and 1,400,000 shares of Class A Common Stock indirectly by a trust.
- (3) The option vests in four equal annual installments begininng on December 16, 2005.

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