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[X]Form 3 Holdings Repor []Form 4 Transactions Reported	Filed pursuant to S the Public Utility	OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP ection 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940				Expires: December 31, 2001 Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5				
			Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol				RelatiIssuer	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to ssuer		
Name and Address of Reporting Person* Utay, Alan M. ———————————————————————————————————			Alliance Data Systems Corporation ADS		December 2001		(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 17655 Waterview Parkway			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)		Director 10% Owner X Officer Other			
(Street) Dallas, TX 75252-8012			_				Officer/O Descript Presider	ion Ex	secutive Vice ral Counsel	
(City) (State) (Zip)							7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Lin X Individual Filing		dicable Line)	
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
	2. Tran			4. Securities Acqui Disposed (D) Of (Instr. 3, 4, and :	ired (A) or (55)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	sh Fo Di or Ind	orm: frect(D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common					30,276	(1)	D			

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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)	1	3. Transaction Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Transaction Code	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable(DE) and Expiration	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr.5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year (Instr.4)	10. Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.4)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$14.93				Varies (2)	Common - 50,000		50,000	D	

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insufficient,	Alan M. Utay

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