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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 * YANG MARJORIE M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

GILLETTE CO [G]

(Month/Day/Year)

05/16/2005

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

THE GILLETTE COMPANY, 800 **BOYLSTON STREET**

(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

below)

BOSTON, MA 02199

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price Reported Transaction(s) (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)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (A) or Dispose (D) | Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--|
| | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Director Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 52.51 | 05/16/2005 | A | 7,500 | | 05/16/2006(1) | 05/16/2015 | Common stock \$1 par | 7,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| YANG MARJORIE M THE GILLETTE COMPANY 800 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MA 02199 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

By: Richard K. Willard as Attorney in Fact 05/17/2005

**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) The option vests in three annual installments beginning on the date specified.

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