FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BATY GORDON						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MERCURY COMPUTER SYSTEMS INC MRCY								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
BALL GURDON				$ \mathbf{M} $	Directo									r		10% Ov	/ner		
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(Last) (First) (Middle)						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)								below)			below)		
11 CASTLE ROAD					07	07/28/2004													
(Street)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
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(City)	(5	state)	(Zip)											Person					
		Tal	ole I - Non	-Deriv	/ativ	e Se	curitie	s Ac	quired, D	isp	osed o	f, or Ber	neficiall	y Owned					
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Stock Option	\$23.46	07/28/2004			Α		12,000		07/28/2004(1)	0 0	07/28/2014	Common	12,000	\$0 ⁽²⁾	12,00	0	D		
(Right to																			

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. This option vests as to 6,000 shares on each of July 28, 2004 and 2005.
- 2. Field N/A to this transaction but was completed to allow for electronic filing only.

<u>Joseph M. Hartnett, Attorney-</u>

07/29/2004

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** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * 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).

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