FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FISHER GEORGE M C						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LILLY ELI & CO [LLY]									Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) LILLY CORPORATE CENTER						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/28/2005									•		er (give title		(specify
(Street) INDIAN (City)	APOLIS IN		46285 Zip)		4. If	Ame	endment,	Date o	f Original	Filed	I (Month/Da	ay/Ye	ear)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					son
		Tabl	e I - Noi	n-Deriv	ative	Se	curitie	s Acc	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, o	r Ben	efici	ally (Owne	ed		
			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		ar)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		ties Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			4 and Se		ount of ties cially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
								Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	•	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common	Stock			02/28	3/2005	,	02/28/	2005	A		193		A	\$54	.79	'9 18,242.57 D			
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Date (Month/Day/Year) if	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		ount		vative urity tr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction((Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code		(A)	(D)	Date Evercisal		Expiration	Title Shar							

Explanation of Responses:

Bronwen Mantlo for George M.C. Fisher, authorization on

03/02/2005 Date

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** Signature of Reporting Person

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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