FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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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]										licable)	g Person(s) to Is	
(Last) (First) (Middle) LILLY CORPORATE CENTERLILLY CORPORATE CE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/27/2004									Office below	er (give title v)	Other below	(specify
(Street) INDIANAPOLIS IN 46285 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indi Line) X	Form Form	idual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(0.13)	(0.			n-Deriva	ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quired	, Dis	posed o	f, or E	Bene	ficially	Owne	ed		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day						tion 2A. Deem						urities Acquired (A) o sed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			Securi Benefi	cially I Following	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
										v	Amount (A) or (D)		or F	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(111501.4)
Common Stock 02/27/2						2004 02/27/2004		A		144	A \$7		73.195	16,220.57		D		
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)	ve Conversion Date Execution Date or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			n Date,	Date, Transaction Code (Instr				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		Der Sec (Ins	rice of ivative 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					Expiration Date	Amoui or Number of Title Shares		ber					

Explanation of Responses:

Bronwen Mantlo for George

M.C. Fisher, authorization on 02/27/2004

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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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