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FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

[] Check this box if no longer obligations may continue. S			5. Form 4 or Form 5
1. Name and Address of Reporting	g Person*		
Thornton,	John		L.
(Last) c/o Goldman, Sachs & Co. 85 Broad Street	(First)		(Middle)
	(Street)		
New York,	New York		10004
(City)	(State)		(Zip)
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Tra	ading Symbol	=====	
Ford Motor Company (F)			
3. I.R.S. Identification Number	of Reporting Pers	on, if	an entity (voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year			
April 23, 2003			
5. If Amendment, Date of Origina	al (Month/Day/Year	======	
6. Relationship of Reporting Per (Check all applicable)	rson(s) to Issuer	=====	
[X] Director [] Officer (give title k	pelow) []	10% Owner Other (specify below)

					ies Acquired, 1	Dispose =====	d of,
	 12. Transaction	Deemed		İ	4. Securities Accordance Disposed of () (Instr. 3, 4	D)	(A) or
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Date (Month/Day/	IData if	(Instr		Amount	(A) or (D)	 Price
Common Stock	l I	 	 			 	
Common Stock	 04/23/03		 P 	 	1,000	 A 	 \$10.40
Common Stock	 04/23/03		 P 		1,000	 A 	 \$10.42
Common Stock	 04/23/03		 S		1,000	 D	\$10.40
Common Stock	 04/23/03		 S		1,000	 D	 \$10.42
Reminder: Report on a se owned directly * If the form is filed b 4(b)(v). FORM 4 (continued)	or indirectly.						
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	sion or Exer- cise Price 3.	tion Trans-	Securities Acquired (A)	•	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	of Trans- Der- action iva- Date tive (Month/ Secu- Day/ rity Year)	(MM/ 8) DD/	of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		- or
Ford Stock Units Ford Stock Equivalents	 02 03				

Explanation of Responses:

O1: The Reporting Person is a Director, President and Co-Chief Operating Officer of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("GS Group"). Spear, Leeds & Kellogg, L.P. ("SLK") is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of GS Group. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein as indirectly owned except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

The securities reported herein as indirectly purchased and sold were purchased and sold and were beneficially owned directly by SLK. Without admitting any legal obligation, SLK or an affiliate will remit appropriate profits, if any, to the Company.

- 02: These Ford Stock Units were acquired under the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors. In general, these Ford Stock Units will be converted and distributed to the Reporting Person, without payment, in cash, on January 10th of the year following termination of Board service, based upon the then current market value of a share of Common Stock.
- 03: These Ford Stock Equivalents were acquired under the Company's Restricted Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors without payment by the Reporting Person. In general, approximately 20% of the initial grant of 3,496 Ford Stock Equivalents will be converted and distributed to the Reporting Person, without payment, in shares of Common Stock on June 1 of the 5 years commencing 6/1/2002.

By:	s/ Roger S. Begelman	April 25, 2003		
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date		
Attorney-in-fact				

^{**} Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.

If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedures.

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