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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SILVESTER LESLEY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

ASSURANT INC [AIZ]

(Month/Day/Year)

03/14/2005

(Check all applicable)

ONE CHASE MANHATTAN

(First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director X_ Officer (give title

below)

10% Owner Other (specify

below)

PLAZA, 41ST FLOOR

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Executive Vice President 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

Person

NEW YORK, NY 10005

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

(Middle)

3. Code

(Instr. 8)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

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

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

Following Reported (A) Transaction(s)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Pı Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Deri Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Secu any

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

or Disposed of

(D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

(A)

Code V

(D) Date Exercisable

Expiration Title Date

or Number of Shares

Amount

(Inst

Phantom Stock

<u>(1)</u>

03/14/2005

A 6.2174

(2)

(3)

Common Stock

6.2174

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

SILVESTER LESLEY ONE CHASE MANHATTAN PLAZA 41ST FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10005

Executive Vice President

Signatures

Lisa Richter Attorney-in-Fact

03/16/2005

**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) 1-for-1
- (2) Immediately exercisable
- (3) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following the reporting person's termination of employment with Assurant, Inc.

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