#### FERGUSON RONALD E

Form 4

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### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

Common

Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading FERGUSON RONALD E Issuer Symbol COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [CL] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE 01/13/2005 below) COMPANY, 300 PARK AVENUE (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 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 NEW YORK, NY 10022 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V (D) Price Amount Common 01/13/2005  $A^{(1)}$ 45 D 68,096 Stock 49.7 By Grantor

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

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### **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

FERGUSON RONALD E C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY 300 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022

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## **Signatures**

Andrew D. Hendry by power of attorney

01/18/2005

\*\*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) Shares of common stock deferred to a stock unit account pursuant to the Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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