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FORM 4

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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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

MARK REUBEN		Symbol COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [CL]				[CL]	Issuer					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)				(Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner					
C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY, 300 PARK AVENUE		03/01/2005					_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman and CEO					
	(Street)			endment, Da		1		6. Individual or Jo	oint/Group Filin	ng(Check		
			Filed(Mo	nth/Day/Year	.)			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by 0	One Reporting Pe	rson		
NEW YORK, NY 10022								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative :	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ar) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	03/01/2005			F(1)	50,184	D	\$ 53.17	5,920,877	D			
Common Stock								126,661	I	By Issuer's 401(k) Plan Trustee		
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.												

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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 Derivative	2.	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4.	5. onNumber	6. Date Exerc		7. Titl		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Tear)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of			Under	rlying	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MARK REUBEN							
C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY	X		Chairman				
300 PARK AVENUE	Λ		and CEO				
NEW YORK, NY 10022							

Signatures

Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney 03/03/2005

**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) Payment of tax liability by withholding shares of stock from restricted share units vesting under the issuer's Executive Incentive Compensation Plan. Total non-restricted holdings (i.e., common stock held outright) of Mr. Mark increased as a result of this transaction.

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