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REGISTRATION NO.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

CALIFORNIA
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF
INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

77-0059951
(I.R.S. EMPLOYER
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER)

170 WEST TASMAN DRIVE
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA 95134
(408) 526-4000
(ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE,
OF REGISTRANT'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

JOHN T. CHAMBERS
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.
300 EAST TASMAN DRIVE
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA 95134
(408) 526-4000
(NAME AND ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA
CODE, OF AGENT FOR SERVICE)

COPY TO:
MARK E. BETZEN, P.C.
BROBECK, PHLEGER & HARRISON LLP
TWO EMBARCADERO PLACE
2200 GENG ROAD
PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA 94303
(650) 424-0160

APPROXIMATE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PROPOSED SALE TO THE PUBLIC:
From time to time after this registration statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered
pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following
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If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. [X]

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. [] _____

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. [] _____

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box. []

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| TITLE OF EACH CLASS OF SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED | AMOUNT TO BE REGISTERED | PROPOSED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE OFFERING PRICE PER SHARE (2) | PROPOSED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE OFFERING PRICE |
|--|-------------------------|---|---|
| Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share(1)..... | 4,858,995 | \$19.25 | \$93,535,653.75 |

(1) Includes associated rights to purchase shares of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the registrant.

(2) The price of \$19.25, the average of the high and low prices of the registrant's common stock on The Nasdaq National Market on March 12, 2001, is set forth solely for the purpose of computing the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c).

THE REGISTRANT HEREBY AMENDS THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON SUCH DATE OR DATES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO DELAY ITS EFFECTIVE DATE UNTIL THE REGISTRANT SHALL FILE A FURTHER AMENDMENT WHICH SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL THEREAFTER BECOME EFFECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8(a) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, OR UNTIL THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SUCH DATE AS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, ACTING PURSUANT TO SAID SECTION 8(a), MAY DETERMINE.

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS IS NOT COMPLETE AND MAY BE CHANGED. THESE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE SOLD UNTIL THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION IS EFFECTIVE. THIS PROSPECTUS IS NOT AN OFFER TO SELL THESE SECURITIES AND IT IS NOT SOLICITING AN OFFER TO BUY THESE SECURITIES IN ANY STATE WHERE THE OFFER OR SALE IS NOT PERMITTED.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED MARCH __, 2001

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PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS

4,858,995 Shares

CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.

Common Stock

In connection with our acquisition of Radiata, Inc., we issued 4,842,032 shares of our common stock to the former shareholders of Radiata. This prospectus may be used by former shareholders of Radiata to resell shares of our common stock issued to them in the Radiata acquisition. This prospectus may also be used by one former director and two former consultants of Radiata to resell 16,963 shares of our common stock issuable to them upon the exercise of certain options.

The prices at which these shareholders and option holders may sell these shares will be determined by the prevailing market price for shares of our common stock or in negotiated transactions. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of these shares.

Our common stock is quoted on The Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "CSCO." On March 12, 2001, the last sale price of our common stock as reported on The Nasdaq National Market was \$18.81.

INVESTING IN OUR COMMON STOCK INVOLVES RISKS. SEE THE SECTIONS ENTITLED "RISK FACTORS" IN THE DOCUMENTS WE FILE WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION THAT ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCES IN THIS PROSPECTUS FOR CERTAIN RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES THAT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER.

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THESE SECURITIES OR PASSED UPON THE ADEQUACY OR ACCURACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The date of this prospectus is March __, 2001.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

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We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You may read and copy any reports, statements, or other information that we file at the Securities and Exchange Commission's Public Reference Room at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the Securities and Exchange Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the Public Reference Room. Our Securities and Exchange Commission filings are also available to the public at our web site at <http://www.cisco.com> and at the Securities and Exchange Commission's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The Securities and Exchange Commission allows us to "incorporate by reference" the information we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus except for any information superseded by information contained directly in this prospectus or in later filed documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 after the date of this prospectus and prior to the time all of the securities offered by this prospectus are sold.

(a) Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 29, 2000;

(b) Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended October 28, 2000 and January 27, 2001;

(c) Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on December 15, 1999 (as amended on Form 8-K/A filed on February 3, 2000 and on Form 8-K/A-1 filed on August 4, 2000), August 15, 2000, September 7, 2000, September 15, 2000, September 26, 2000, September 28, 2000, September 29, 2000, November 6, 2000, November 7, 2000, November 13, 2000, November 15, 2000, December 19, 2000, December 21, 2000, December 27, 2000, February 7, 2001, February 8, 2001, February 20, 2001 and February 27, 2001;

(d) The description of our common stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A filed January 11, 1990, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description; and

(e) The description of our preferred stock purchase rights, contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A filed on June 11, 1998, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

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You may request a copy of these filings, at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

Investor Relations
Cisco Systems, Inc.
170 West Tasman Drive
San Jose, CA 95134-1706
408-526-4000

You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer of

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these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this Prospectus.

THE COMPANY

Our principal executive offices are located at 170 West Tasman Drive, San Jose, California 95134-1706. Our telephone number is (408) 526-4000.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We are registering 4,858,995 shares of our common stock on behalf of the selling shareholders. As used herein, "selling shareholders" includes the selling shareholders (including one former director and two former consultants of Radiata who hold options) named in the table below and pledgees, donees, transferees or other successors-in-interest selling shares received from a named selling shareholder as a gift, partnership distribution or other non-sale-related transfer after the date of this prospectus. The selling shareholders may sell the shares from time to time and may also decide not to sell all the shares they are allowed to sell under this prospectus. The selling shareholders will act independently of us in making decisions with respect to the timing, manner and size of each sale. The sales may be made on one or more exchanges or in the over-the-counter market or otherwise, at prices and at terms then prevailing or at prices related to the then current market prices, or in negotiated transactions. The selling shareholders may effect such transactions by selling the shares to or through broker-dealers. The shares may be sold by one or more of, or a combination of, the following:

- a block trade in which the broker-dealer so engaged will attempt to sell shares as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;
- purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by such broker-dealer for its account pursuant to this prospectus;
- an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of such exchange;

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- ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker solicits purchasers; and
- privately negotiated transactions.

To the extent required, this prospectus may be amended or supplemented from time to time to describe a specific plan of distribution. In effecting sales, broker-dealers engaged by the selling shareholders may arrange for other broker-dealers to participate in the resales.

The selling shareholders may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers in connection with distributions of shares or otherwise. In such transactions, broker-dealers may engage in short sales of shares in the course of hedging the positions they assume with selling shareholders. The selling shareholders also may sell shares short and redeliver shares to close out such short positions. The selling shareholders may enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers which require the delivery of shares to the broker-dealer. The broker-dealer may then resell or otherwise transfer such shares pursuant to this prospectus. The selling shareholders also may loan or pledge shares to a broker-dealer. The broker-dealer may sell the shares so loaned, or upon a default the broker-dealer may sell the shares so pledged, pursuant to this prospectus.

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Broker-dealers or agents may receive compensation in the form of commissions, discounts or concessions from selling shareholders. Broker-dealers or agents may also receive compensation from the purchasers of shares for whom they act as agents or to whom they sell as principals, or both. Compensation as to a particular broker-dealer might be in excess of customary commissions and will be in amounts to be negotiated in connection with transactions involving shares. Broker-dealers or agents and any other participating broker-dealers or the selling shareholders may be deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Securities Act of 1933 in connection with sales of shares. Accordingly, any such commission, discount or concession received by them and any profit on the resale of shares purchased by them may be deemed to be underwriting discounts or commissions under the Securities Act of 1933. Because selling shareholders may be deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Securities Act of 1933, the selling shareholders will be subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act of 1933. In addition, any shares of a selling shareholder covered by this prospectus which qualify for sale pursuant to Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933 may be sold under Rule 144 rather than pursuant to this prospectus. The selling shareholders have advised us that they have not entered into any agreements, understandings or arrangements with any underwriters or broker-dealers regarding the sale of their shares.

The shares may be sold by selling shareholders only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers if required under applicable state securities laws. In addition, in certain states the shares may not be sold unless they have been registered or qualified for sale in the applicable state or an exemption from the registration or qualification requirement is available and is complied with.

Under applicable rules and regulations under the Exchange Act of 1934, any person engaged in the distribution of shares may not simultaneously engage in market making activities with respect to our common stock for a period of two business days prior to the commencement of such distribution. In addition, each selling shareholder will be subject to applicable provisions of the Exchange Act of 1934 and the associated rules and regulations under the Exchange Act of 1934, including Regulation M, which provisions may limit the timing of purchases and sales of shares of our common stock by the selling shareholders. We will make copies of this prospectus available to the selling shareholders and have informed them of the need for delivery of copies of this prospectus to purchasers at or prior to the time of any sale of the shares.

We will file a supplement to this prospectus, if required, pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933 upon being notified by a selling shareholder that any material arrangement has been entered into with a broker-dealer for the sale of shares through a block trade, special offering,

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exchange distribution or secondary distribution or a purchase by a broker or dealer. Such supplement will disclose:

- the name of each such selling shareholder and of the participating broker-dealer(s);
- the number of shares involved;
- the price at which such shares were sold;
- the commissions paid or discounts or concessions allowed to such broker-dealer(s), where applicable;
- that such broker-dealer(s) did not conduct any investigation to verify

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the information set out or incorporated by reference in this prospectus;
and

- other facts material to the transaction.

In addition, we will file a supplement to this prospectus upon being notified by a selling shareholder that a donee or pledgee intends to sell more than 500 shares.

We will bear all costs, expenses and fees in connection with the registration of the shares. The selling shareholders will bear all commissions and discounts, if any, attributable to the sales of the shares. The selling shareholders may agree to indemnify any broker-dealer or agent that participates in transactions involving sales of the shares against certain liabilities, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act.

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SELLING SHAREHOLDERS

The following table sets forth the number of shares beneficially owned by each of the selling shareholders. None of the selling shareholders has had a material relationship with us within the past three years other than as a result of the ownership of our common stock or other securities of ours or as a result of their employment with us as of the date of the closing of the acquisition of Radiata. No estimate can be given as to the amount of our common stock that will be beneficially owned by the selling shareholders after completion of this offering because the selling shareholders may offer all, some or none of the shares of our common stock beneficially owned by them or that may hereafter be acquired by them upon the exercise of stock options. The shares offered by this prospectus may be offered from time to time by the selling shareholders named below.

| NAME OF SELLING SHAREHOLDER ----- | NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED ----- | PERCENT OF OUTSTANDING SHARES ----- | NUMBER OF SHARES REGISTERED FOR SALE HEREBY ----- |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Asad A. Abidi(1) | 4,255 | * | 4,255 |
| Andrew Robert Adams | 66,485 | * | 66,485 |
| Peter Clinton Allworth | 21,275 | * | 21,275 |
| Thangadurai Arivoli | 8,510 | * | 8,510 |
| Stephen Carl Avery | 32,179 | * | 32,179 |
| Baranell Pty Limited | 1,186,778 | * | 1,186,778 |
| Craig Hamilton Barratt | 4,255 | * | 4,255 |
| George Salim Bouchaya | 63,826 | * | 63,826 |
| Broadcom Corporation | 638,267 | * | 638,267 |
| Rodney James Chandler | 3,190 | * | 3,190 |
| John M. Cioffi | 4,255 | * | 4,255 |
| Dennis Cooper | 21,275 | * | 21,275 |
| Christopher Raymond Corcoran | 8,510 | * | 8,510 |
| Jason Robert Crawford | 7,445 | * | 7,445 |
| Ludovico Narayana deSouza | 3,190 | * | 3,190 |
| Pamela R. Federman(2) | 4,198 | * | 4,198 |
| Christopher Bryan Fisher | 127,653 | * | 127,653 |
| Bronwyn Nicole Forde | 1,489 | * | 1,489 |
| Gordon Trevor Foyster | 31,913 | * | 31,913 |

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|--|-----------|---|-----------|
| David Scott Goodall | 6,382 | * | 6,382 |
| Lisa Darcel Gusimat | 12,765 | * | 12,765 |
| John Richard Haddy | 21,274 | * | 21,274 |
| Delyth Ann Harris | 8,510 | * | 8,510 |
| Jeffery Norwood Harrison(3) | 8,510 | * | 8,510 |
| Ivan Karim | 37,232 | * | 37,232 |
| Richard Anthony Keaney | 47,870 | * | 47,870 |
| Mark Krischer | 19,147 | * | 19,147 |
| Alex Chun Kit Lam | 4,255 | * | 4,255 |
| Donald John MacLennan | 255,306 | * | 255,306 |
| Thomas McDermott | 4,255 | * | 4,255 |
| Finbar Joseph McGrath | 99,729 | * | 99,729 |
| Donald James Miller | 12,765 | * | 12,765 |
| Tadeusz Janusz Modowski | 1,489 | * | 1,489 |
| Andrew Frederick Myles | 25,530 | * | 25,530 |
| Richard Newton | 39,891 | * | 39,891 |
| Nhew Pty Limited | 1,186,778 | * | 1,186,778 |
| John Anthony Peter Olip | 6,595 | * | 6,595 |
| John David O'Sullivan | 53,188 | * | 53,188 |
| Uri Parker | 4,255 | * | 4,255 |
| Rondeau Pty Limited | 319,133 | * | 319,133 |
| Philip John Ryan | 36,168 | * | 36,168 |
| Geoffrey John Smith | 42,551 | * | 42,551 |
| Stephen Paul Simpson and Charamine Maree Simpson | 319,133 | * | 319,133 |
| Marcus Tai | 2,127 | * | 2,127 |
| Christopher Jay Terman | 21,275 | * | 21,275 |
| Charles Russell Wright | 2,659 | * | 2,659 |
| Grzegorz Boguslaw Zyner | 21,275 | * | 21,275 |
| | ----- | | ----- |
| Totals | 4,858,995 | | 4,858,995 |
| | ===== | | ===== |

 * Represents beneficial ownership of less than one percent.

- (1) Consists of 4,255 shares to be acquired upon exercise of options granted under the Radiata, Inc. 1999 Stock Option Plan.
- (2) Consists of 4,198 shares to be acquired upon exercise of options granted under the Radiata, Inc. 1999 Stock Option Plan.
- (3) Consists of 8,510 shares to be acquired upon exercise of options granted under the Radiata, Inc. 1999 Stock Option Plan.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the shares by the selling shareholders.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the shares offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison LLP, Palo Alto, California.

EXPERTS

Our consolidated financial statements incorporated in this prospectus by

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reference to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended July 29, 2000, have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent accountants, given on the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PWC"), our independent accountants, has notified us that PWC is engaged in discussions with the Securities and Exchange Commission following an internal review by PWC, pursuant to an administrative settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission, of PWC's compliance with auditor guidelines. PWC has advised us that we are one of the companies affected by such discussions. We are not involved in the discussions between the Securities and Exchange Commission and PWC and cannot predict the result of those discussions.

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We have not authorized any person to make a statement that differs from what is in this prospectus. If any person does make a statement that differs from what is in this prospectus, you should not rely on it. This prospectus is not an offer to sell, nor is it seeking an offer to buy, these securities in any state in which the offer or sale is not permitted. The information in this prospectus is complete and accurate as of its date, but the information may change after that date.
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CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.

4,858,995 SHARES
OF COMMON STOCK

PROSPECTUS

MARCH __, 2001

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PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

ITEM 14. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION

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The following table sets forth the costs and expenses, other than underwriting discounts and commissions, payable by us in connection with the sale of common stock being registered. All amounts are estimates except the Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee.

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| Securities and Exchange Commission Registration Fee..... | \$23,383.92 |
| Legal Fees and Expenses..... | 15,000.00 |
| Accounting Fees and Expenses..... | 5,000.00 |
| Printing Fees..... | 5,000.00 |
| Transfer Agent Fees..... | 5,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 11,000.00 |
| | ----- |
| Total..... | \$64,383.92 |
| | ===== |

ITEM 15. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 317 of the California Corporations Code authorizes a court to award, or a corporation's Board of Directors to grant, indemnity to directors and officers in terms sufficiently broad to permit indemnification, including reimbursement of expenses incurred, under certain circumstances for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933. Our Restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws provide for indemnification of our directors, officers, employees and other agents to the maximum extent permitted by the California Corporations Code. In addition, we have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and officers.

ITEM 16. EXHIBITS

- 4.1 Restated Articles of Incorporation of Cisco Systems, Inc., as currently in effect (incorporated by reference to our registration statement on Form S-3, No. 333-56004, filed on February 21, 2001)
- 4.2 Amended and Restated Bylaws of Cisco Systems, Inc., as currently in effect (incorporated by reference to our registration statement on Form S-3, No. 333-56004, filed on February 21, 2001)
- 4.3 Rights Agreement between Cisco Systems, Inc. and Bank Boston, N.A., dated as of June 10, 1998 as amended (incorporated by reference to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 11, 1998 and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 29, 2000 filed on September 29, 2000)
- 5.1 Opinion of Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison LLP
- 23.1 Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Independent Accountants
- 23.2 Consent of Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (included on Page II-3 of this registration statement)

ITEM 17. UNDERTAKINGS

A. The Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

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(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (A)(1)(i) and (A)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement;

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof; and

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(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

B. The Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

C. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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SIGNATURES

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the City of San Jose, State of California, on this 13th day of March, 2001.

CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.

By /s/ JOHN T. CHAMBERS

 John T. Chambers
 President, Chief Executive
 Officer and Director

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Larry R. Carter as his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this registration statement, and to file same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent or his substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of Cisco and in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

| SIGNATURES ----- | TITLE ----- | DATE ---- |
|---|--|--------------|
| /s/ JOHN T. CHAMBERS ----- John T. Chambers | President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer) | March 1 |
| /s/ LARRY R. CARTER ----- Larry R. Carter | Senior Vice President, Finance and Administration, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Director (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer) | March 1 |
| /s/ JOHN P. MORGRIDGE ----- John P. Morgridge | Chairman of the Board and Director | March 1 |
| /s/ DONALD T. VALENTINE ----- Donald T. Valentine | Vice Chairman and Director | March 1 |
| /s/ JAMES F. GIBBONS ----- James F. Gibbons | Director | March 1 |
| /s/ STEVEN M. WEST ----- Steven M. West | Director | March 1 |

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/s/ EDWARD R. KOZEL

Director

March 13, 2001

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DATE

/s/ CAROL A. BARTZ

Director

March 13, 2001

Carol A. Bartz

/s/ JAMES C. MORGAN

Director

March 13, 2001

James C. Morgan

/s/ MARY CIRILLO

Director

March 13, 2001

Mary Cirillo

/s/ ARUN SARIN

Director

March 13, 2001

Arun Sarin

/s/ JERRY YANG

Director

March 13, 2001

Jerry Yang

/s/ CARLY FIORINA

Director

March 13, 2001

Carly Fiorina

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| 4.1 | Restated Articles of Incorporation of Cisco Systems, Inc., as currently in effect (incorporated by reference to our registration statement on Form S-3, No. 333-56004, filed on February 21, 2001) |
| 4.2 | Amended and Restated Bylaws of Cisco Systems, Inc., as currently in effect (incorporated by reference to our registration statement on Form S-3, No. 333-56004, filed on February 21, 2001) |
| 4.3 | Rights Agreement between Cisco Systems, Inc. and Bank Boston, N.A., dated as of June 10, 1998, as amended (incorporated by reference to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 11, 1998 and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 29, 2000, filed September 29, 2000) |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison LLP |
| 23.1 | Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Independent Accountants |

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- 23.2 Consent of Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (included on Page II-3 of this registration statement)