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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MASSARO GEORGE	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL INC [CRL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 251 BALLARDVALE STREET	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/21/2004	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
WILMINGTON, MA 01887		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d 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	12/21/2004		M	3,500	A	\$ 28.95	3,500	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004		S	3,500	D	\$ 46.68	0	D	

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	onof Derivative		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		of Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		S (1
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 28.95	12/21/2004		M		3,500	03/03/2004	03/03/2008	Common Stock	3,500					

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MASSARO GEORGE						
251 BALLARDVALE STREET	X					
WILMINGTON, MA 01887						

Signatures

Rushna T. Heneghan as attorney-in-fact for George
Massaro

12/22/2004

**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).

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