### SHUMAN STANLEY S

Form 4

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#### **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB** 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SHUMAN STANLEY S Issuer Symbol NEWS CORP [NWS] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner \_ Other (specify Officer (give title C/O NEWS AMERICA 11/12/2004 INCORPORATED, 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS (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 10036

| (City)                                 | (State)                                 | (Zip) Tabl  | e I - Non-D                            | erivative Se | ecuriti   | es Acqu     | ired, Disposed of  | , or Beneficiall                              | y Owned   |
|--|---|---|--|--------------|---|-------------|--|---|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | n(A) or Disp | Securities Acquired ) or Disposed of (D) str. 3, 4 and 5) |             | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Class A                                |   |   | Code V                                 | Amount       | (A)<br>or<br>(D)  | Price       | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                   | (Instr. 4)                                    |   |
| Common<br>Stock                        | 11/12/2004                              |   | A                                      | 320,515      | A   | <u>(1)</u>  | 320,515  | D   |   |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock             | 11/12/2004                              |   | A                                      | 60,996       | A   | (2)         | 60,996   | D   |   |
| TNCL Preferred Limited Voting Ordinary | 06/25/2004                              |   | M                                      | 8,000        | A   | \$ 4.19 (3) | 0  | D   |   |

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| Shares  |            |   |       |          |               |   |
|---|------------|---|-------|----------|---------------|---|
| TNCL Preferred Limited Voting Ordinary Shares | 06/25/2004 | S | 8,000 | D<br>(4) | \$ 8.8 0      | D |
| TNCL<br>Ordinary<br>Shares                    | 06/25/2004 | M | 4,000 | A        | \$ 3.7<br>(5) | D |
| TNCL<br>Ordinary<br>Shares                    | 06/25/2004 | S | 4,000 | D<br>(4) | \$<br>8.16 0  | D |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Numb<br>orDerivati<br>Securitie<br>Acquired<br>Disposed<br>(Instr. 3, | ve<br>es<br>d (A) or<br>d of (D) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |  |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|----------------------------------|--|--------------------|---|--|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                 | (A)  | (D)                              | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 4.19 <u>(6)</u>  | 06/25/2004                              |   | M                                      |  | 8,000<br><u>(7)</u>              | <u>(8)</u>   | 10/18/2004         | Preferred<br>Shares   | 8,000<br><u>(7)</u>                    |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                         | \$ 3.7 (9)  | 06/25/2004                              |   | M                                      |  | 4,000<br><u>(7)</u>              | <u>(8)</u>   | 10/18/2004         | Ordinary<br>Shares  | 4,000<br><u>(7)</u>                    |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 12.66<br>(10)  | 10/10/1995                              |   | A                                      | 6,000<br>(11)  |                                  | (8)  | 10/10/2004         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                    | 6,000<br>(11)                          |
|   |   | 10/15/1996                              |   | A                                      |  |                                  | (8)  | 10/15/2006         |   |  |

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| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 11.64<br>(12)    |            |   | 6,000<br>(11) |                         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 6,000         |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|---|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 12.18<br>(13)    | 10/07/1997 | A | 6,000<br>(11) | <u>(8)</u> 10/07/2006   | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 6,000<br>(11) |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 15.96<br>(14)    | 10/13/1998 | A | 6,000<br>(11) | (8) 10/13/1998          | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 6,000<br>(11) |
| Stock Option (right to buy)          | \$ 21.1 <u>(15)</u> | 11/03/1999 | A | 6,000<br>(11) | (8) 11/03/2009          | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 6,000<br>(11) |
| Stock Option (right to buy)          | \$ 35.66<br>(16)    | 10/18/2000 | A | 6,000<br>(11) | (8) 10/18/2010          | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 6,000<br>(11) |
| Stock Option (right to buy)          | \$ 22.54<br>(17)    | 10/11/2001 | A | 6,000<br>(11) | (8) 10/11/2011          | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 6,000<br>(11) |
| Stock Option (right to buy)          | \$ 15.46<br>(18)    | 10/09/2002 | A | 6,000<br>(11) | (8) 10/19/2012          | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 6,000<br>(11) |
| Deferred<br>Stock<br>Units           | (19)                | 04/01/2004 | A | 2,462<br>(20) | <u>(21)</u> <u>(21)</u> | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 2,462<br>(20) |
| Deferred<br>Stock<br>Units           | <u>(19)</u>         | 07/01/2004 | A | 606<br>(20)   | (21) (21)               | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 606 (20)      |
| Deferred<br>Stock<br>Units           | <u>(19)</u>         | 10/01/2004 | A | 636           | (21) (21)               | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 636 (20)      |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |
| SHUMAN STANLEY S               | X             |           |         |       |  |  |  |
| C/O NEWS AMERICA INCORPORATED  |               |           |         |       |  |  |  |

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### 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10036

# **Signatures**

/s/ Laura O'Leary, Attorney-in-Fact for Stanley S. Shuman

11/12/2004

\*\*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).
- (1) Received in exchange for 641,031 shares of The News Corporation Limited ("TNCL") Preferred Limited Voting Ordinary Shares ("Preferred Shares") in connection with the reorganization of TNCL to the United States (the "Reorganization")
- (2) Received in exchange for 121,993 shares of TNCL Ordinary Shares in connection with the Reorganization.
- (3) Reported in Australian dollars. The exercise price was US\$2.93.
- (4) ADSs representing the shares were sold. Each ADS represented 4 underlying shares of TNCL Preferred Limited Voting Ordinary Shares or Ordinary Shares, as applicable.
- (5) Reported in Australian dollars. The exercise price was US\$2.59.
- (6) Reported in Australian dollars. The exercise price was US\$2.93.
- Reported in Australian dollars. Share numbers reported are actual number of TNCL Preferred Shares and Ordinary Shares, as applicable.
- (7) On 11/12/2004, the effective date of the Reorganization, each outstanding share of TNCL was cancelled and Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock for half the number of TNCL Preferred Shares and Ordinary Shares was issued in exchange therefore.
- (8) The options provide for vesting as to 25% on each anniversary date after the date of the original grant date.
- (9) The exercise price was US\$2.59.
- (10) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$9.61 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
- Received in exchange for options held over TNCL Preferred Shares in connection with the Reorganization. On 11/12/2004, the effective date of the Reorganization, each outstanding option over TNCL Preferred Shares was cancelled and an option over Class A Common Stock for half the number of underlying TNCL Preferred Shares was issued in exchange therefore.
- (12) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$9.22 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
- (13) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$8.81 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
- (14) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$9.94 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
- (15) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$13.60 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
- (16) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$18.55 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
- (17) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$11.22 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
- (18) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$8.45 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
- (19) Each deferred stock unit represents the equivalent of one share of Class A Common Stock.
- Received in exchange for deferred stock units of TNCL Preferred Shares in connection with the Reorganization. On 11/12/2004, the effective date of the Reorganization, each deferred stock unit of TNCL Preferred Shares was cancelled and deferred stock units of Class A Common Stock for half the number of deferred stock units of TNCL Preferred Shares were issued in exchange therefore.

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- (21) The deferred stock units become payable in cash upon the fifth anniversary of the grant date.
- (22) Represents the price of the deferred stock units after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.

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