FORM 4

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

**OMB APPROVAL** 3235-0287 Estimated average burden hours per response: 0.5

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MAXWELL C CHRISTOPHER  (Last) (First) (Middle)  CHARLES RIVER ASSOCIATES INCORPORATED						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHARLES RIVER ASSOCIATES INC [ CRAI ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/10/2004								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title other (specify below) below)  Executive Vice President				
200 CLARENDON STREET  (Street)  BOSTON MA 02116						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip)					Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  rative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned												rting	
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D						ear)	2A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Yea		3. Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securitie	es Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and		5. Amoun Securities Beneficia Owned Fo	S FO Ollowing (I)	Ownership orm: Direct or Indirect (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock							Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction (Instr. 3 and 31,2	nd 4)	D				
		1	Table II - I								sed of, o			Owned	<u>'</u>			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				6. Date Exercisabl Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		<b>:</b>	of Securiti Underlying Derivative	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal	ole	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$10.688								09/11/200	00 <sup>(1)</sup>	09/11/2010	Common Stock	2,500		2,500	D		
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.81								06/05/200	)3 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/05/2013	Common Stock	16,950		16,950	D		
Nonqualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.81								06/05/200	)3 <sup>(3)</sup>	06/05/2013	Common Stock	3,050		3,050	D		
Nonqualified Stock	\$32.26	05/10/2004			A		10,000		11/25/20	005	05/10/2014	Common	10,000	\$0	10,000	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

to buy)

- 1. Date indicated is date of grant. The option vests over four years beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant, as follows: 233 shares vest on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and 1,250 shares vest on each of the third and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.
- 2. Date indicated is date of grant. The option vests over four years beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant as follows: 3,798 shares vest on the first anniversary of the date of grant and 4,384 shares vest on each of the second, third, and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.
- 3. Date indicated is date of grant. The option vests over four years beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant, as follows: 1,202 shares vest on the first anniversary of the date of grant and 616 shares vest on each of the second, third, and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.

Delia J. Makhlouta, by power of 05/12/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- \* 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.