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GEORGE WILLIAM W Form 4 January 21, 2003

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

	Section 17(a) of the Public Section 30(h) of the	_	_	_	-			
[] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).							
1.	. Name and Address of Reporting Person*							
	George,	William			₩.			
	(Last) c/o Goldman, Sachs & Co. 85 Broad Street	(First)			(Middle)			
		(Street)						
	New York,	New York			10004			
	(City)	(State)			(Zip)			
2.	Issuer Name and Ticker or Tradin	======= g Symbol	-===	====				
	The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (GS)							
3.	. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)							
4.	Statement for Month/Day/Year							
	January 16, 2003							
5.	If Amendment, Date of Original (====== Month/Day/Yea	=== ar)					
6.	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)							
	[X] Director [] Officer (give title belo	w)	[[]	10% Owner Other (specify below)			
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7.	Individual or Joint/Group Filing	(Check Appli	cab	le I	ine)			

[${\tt X}$] Form filed by One Reporting Person

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[] Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

	Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Transaction Date	Deemed Execution Date, if any(Month/	Transac Code (Instr.	ction . 8)	Amount or))) Price	5 A S B O F R T		

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 Owne (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) ______ I |2. | |Con- | |ver- | |sion | |7. |or | |emed| |Exer- | |Exe-| |cise | |cu- |4. |Title and Amount |of Underlying |cu- |4. |Securities |Date |Securities

	Price	13.	tion Trans- Acquired (A) Exercisable and (Instr. 3 and	4)
	of	Trans-	Date action or Disposed Expiration Date	
1.	Der-	action	if Code of (D) (Month/Day/Year)	Amount
Title of	iva-	Date	any, (Instr (Instr. 3,	or
Derivative	tive	(Month/	(MM/ 8)	Number
Security	Secu-	Day/	DD/ Exer- tion	of
(Instr. 3)	rity	Year)	YY) Code V (A) (D) cisable Date Title	Shares

Explanation of Responses:

^{*} If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction $4\,(b)\,(v)$.

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(1): These Stock Options vested immediately upon grant and become exercisable on the earlier of (i) the date the Reporting Person ceases to be a director of the Issuer and (ii) January 2006.

By: /s/ Roger S. Begelman January 21, 2003 _____ **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Attorney-in-fact

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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 provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedures.

Alternatively, this Form is permitted to be submitted to the Commission in electronic format at the option of the reporting person pursuant to Rule 101(b)(4) of Regulation S-T.