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7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

- Form filed by one Reporting Person
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Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	
		Code	V	Amount	Price
Common					

\* If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4(b) (v).

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

(Print or Type Response) (Over)

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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1.	2. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of	3. Trans- action Code	4. Trans- action Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
						Amount

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Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Deriv- ative Secur- ity	Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	(Instr. 8) ----- Code V	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- (A) (D)	----- Date Exer- cisable	Expira- tion Date	Title	or Number of Shares
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Non-Employee  
Director Stock  
Option (Right to  
Buy)

Explanation of Responses: On August 14, 2001, the Board of Directors of First Merchants Corporation declared a stock dividend payable to all holders of record of common stock on September 3, 2001 of one share of common stock for each 20 shares of common stock outstanding to be distributed on September 24, 2001. Fractional shares were distributed in cash. Pursuant to anti-dilution provisions of First Merchants Corporation's various stock option plans, options previously reported were also adjusted to reflect the stock dividend.

/s/ Larry R. Helms

October 9, 2001

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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
George A. Sissel  
(Confirming Statement on File)

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Date

\*\* 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 provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.