PALM GREGORY K Form 4 December 17, 2002

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 Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

[] 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*

Palm,	Gregory	К.	
(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	Trading Symbol		
The Goldman Sachs Group, (GS)	Inc.		
3. I.R.S. Identification Numk	per of Reporting Pers	on, if an entity (vol	untary)
4. Statement for Month/Day/Ye	ear		
December 13, 2002			
5. If Amendment, Date of Orig	Achs & Co. (Street) New York 10004 (State) (Zip) Ticker or Trading Symbol chs Group, Inc. Cation Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) conth/Day/Year 202 Ate of Original (Month/Day/Year) Reporting Person(s) to Issuer icable) c [] 10% Owner		
<pre>6. Relationship of Reporting (Check all applicable)</pre>	Person(s) to Issuer		
[] Director [X] Officer (give tit]	e below) [below)
Executive	Vice President - Ger	eral Counsel	

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

[X] Form filed by One Reporting Person

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[] Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	(1) 1:	 12/13/02			 9,191		 (1)	 (1)	 Common	Stock	 9,19
Nonqualified Stock options (right to buy)					 27 , 573		 (2)	 11/30/12			

Explanation of Responses:

(1): These Restricted Stock Units vested 25% immediately upon grant, with the remaining 75% vesting on November 25, 2005, and the shares of Common Stock underlying these Restricted Stock Units will generally be deliverable, without the payment of any consideration, in January 2006.

(2): These Stock Options vested 25% immediately upon grant, with the remaining 75% vesting on November 25, 2005. These Stock Options become exercisable in January 2006 and expire on November 30, 2012.

By: /s/ Roger S. Begelman

December 17, 2002

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person Attorney-in-fact

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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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