GILMARTIN RAYMOND V

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GILMARTIN RAYMOND V

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

GENERAL MILLS INC [GIS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

MERCK & COMPANY, INC., ONE MERCK DRIVE

(Street)

(First)

02/23/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

WHITEHOUSE **STATION, NJ 08889**

> (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if anv (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Code (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect

(I)

7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Amount (D) Price \$

Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

COMMON STOCK

02/23/2005

122 Α

Code V

A

51.035 14,666 (1)

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)

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									Number		
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GILMARTIN RAYMOND V MERCK & COMPANY, INC. ONE MERCK DRIVE WHITEHOUSE STATION, NJ 08889

Signatures

Elizabeth Wittenberg by Power of Attorney on behalf of RAYMOND GILMARTIN

02/25/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

X

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) Common stock issued to Non-Employee Director in lieu of retainer under the 2001 Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

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