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

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 12, 2004

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Symantec s policy regarding securities trades by company personnel permits sales of the company s securities under plans instituted pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 10b5-1. These plans are designed to allow directors and executive officers to diversify their holdings but dispel any inference that they are purchasing or selling their company s stock on the basis of, or while they are aware of, material nonpublic information.

Daniel H. Schulman, a director of the company has adopted a 10b5-1 plan. This plan provides for periodic sales of shares on the open market at prevailing market prices, subject to certain volume limits and minimum price requirements. This plan is effective immediately.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 13, 2004 SYMANTEC CORPORATION

By: /s/ Arthur F. Courville
Arthur F. Courville
Senior Vice President, General Counsel
and Secretary