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(Print or Type Res	ponses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> REDING NICHOLAS L			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MEREDITH CORP [MDP]				 Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) 			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of E	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Ch			(Check			
1716 LOCUST	STREET		(Month/Day/Year) 11/09/2004				X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amend Filed(Month/	nent, Date Original Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DES MOINES	, IA 50309-3	3023					Form filed by O Form filed by M Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I	- Non-Der	ivative Se	curities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction (Month/Day/Y	ear) Exec any		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) or of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock (\$1 par value) (1)							17,273	D		
Common Stock (Restricted) (\$1 par value) (2)							6,626	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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)			Expiration Date		Amour Securit 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Share
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 51.975	11/09/2004		A	6,000	11/09/2005	11/09/2014	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 18.0313					11/13/1996	11/14/2005	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	4,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.8438					11/11/1997	11/12/2006	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 31.5					11/14/2001	11/14/2010	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 34.6					11/13/2002	11/13/2011	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 34.7813					11/11/1998	11/11/2007	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 36.7188					11/09/2000	11/09/2009	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,0
	\$ 39.0313					11/10/1999	11/10/2008		6,0

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (3)				Common Stock (\$1 par value)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 45.275	11/12/2003	11/12/2012	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 49.75	11/11/2004	11/11/2013	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,0
Stock equivalent units	\$ 0	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Common} \\ \text{Stock ($1} \\ \text{par value)} \\ \underline{(4)} \end{array}$	4,7

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationsh		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
REDING NICHOLAS L 1716 LOCUST STREET DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023	Х			
Signatures				
By: John S. Zieser, Attorney-in- Reding	Fact For:	Nicholas L.		11/10/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Shares held by the reporting person in street name.
- (2) Shares awarded pursuant to the 2002 Meredith Corporation Stock Plan for Non-employee Directors (the "Plan"). The shares are subject to forfeiture and are nontransferable until five years from the grant date.
- (3) This option was awarded pursuant to the Meredith Corp. Stock Plan for Non-employee Directors and becomes exercisable in three equal annual installments, commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

Stock equivalents issued at fair market value (the average of the high and low selling price of Meredith Common Stock on the issue date), pursuant to Meredith Corp.'s 2002 Stock Plan for Non-employee Directors (the "Plan"), which will be converted to Common Stock (\$1

(4) par value) on a one-for-one basis upon the reporting person's retirement from or termination of service on the Meredith Board of Directors. Quarterly dividends are accrued in the form of additional stock equivalents. Data in this footnote would normally appear in the Title, Exercisable Date, and Price columns.

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