FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Alaska Air Group, Inc.	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)							
Loveless, Keith		Director 10% Owner							
(Last) (First) (Middle) 19300 Pacific Highway South	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year February 2003	X Officer (give title below)Other (specify below) General Counsel and Legal Secretary, Alaska Airlines							
(Street) Seattle, WA 98188	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I — Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
(Instr. 3) action Execution action Date Date,	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	5. Amount of 6. Owner- Securities ship Form: Beneficially Direct (D) Owned Follow- in Repeated Transportions (a) (Instr. 4)							
Year)	or (D)	ing Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 & 4)							
Common Stock		1792 I ESOP Trust							

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

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FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2. Conver-	3.	3A.	4.	1	5. Number of Deriva	tive	6. Date		7. Title an	d Amount	8. Price of	9. Number of	10.	11. Nature
Derivative	sion or	Trans-	Deemed	Trans-	-	1		Exercisa		of Underlying		Derivative	Derivative	Owner-	of Indirect
Security	Exercise	action	Execution	action	l	Disposed of (D)		and Exp	iration	Securities		Security	Securities	ship	Beneficial
	Price of	Date	Date,	Code	-			Date		(Instr. 3 &	z 4)	(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Form	Ownership
(Instr. 3)	Derivative		if any		k	Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		(Month/D	ay/				Owned	of	(Instr. 4)
	Security	(Month/	(Month/	(Instr.				Year)					Following	Deriv-	<u> </u>
	'		Day/	8)									Reported	ative	
		Year)	Year)	Code	νİ	(A)	(D)	Date	Expira-	Title	Amount or	1	Transaction(s)	Security:	
						()	` ′	Exer-	tion		Number of	I	(Instr. 4)	Direct	
									Date		Shares			(D)	
									l					or	
									l					Indirect	
			l		1				l		l			(I)	
														(Instr. 4)	
Emp Stock	\$18.76	2/11/03		A(1)	v	14,800		2/11/04	2/11/13	Common	14,800	\$18.76	14,800	D	
Opt (Rt to					1	ŕ			l	Stock	<u> </u>		<u> </u>		
Buy)			l	1 1	1			1	l		l				

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Grant of employee stock option to buy shares of common stock under the Alaska Air Group 1999 Long Term Incentive Equity Plan in transaction exempt under Rule 16b(3). The option becomes exercisable in four annual installments of 25 percent each, beginning on the first anniversary of the grant.

By: /s/ Shannon Alberts for Keith Loveless, Attorney in Fact

2/12/03 Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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If space is insufficient, See Instruction 6 for procedure.

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