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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

Common Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement AeroVironment Inc [AVAV] Minson Roy E. (Month/Day/Year) 05/07/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O AEROVIRONMENT, (Check all applicable) INC., 181 W. HUNTINGTON DRIVE, SUITE 202 10% Owner Director (Street) _X__ Officer _ Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) SVP and GM _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person MONROVIA. CAÂ 91016 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock $12,000^{(1)}$ D Â Common Stock 3.000 (2) D $10,000 \frac{(3)}{}$ Â Common Stock D Â 10,000 (4) 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/Year) Date Exercisable		3. Title and A Securities Und Derivative Se (Instr. 4)	derlying	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Stock Options (Right to	(5)	06/30/2020	Common	15,000	\$ 26.18	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Minson Roy E. C/O AEROVIRONMENT, INC. 181 W. HUNTINGTON DRIVE, SUITE 202 MONROVIA. CA 91016	Â	Â	SVP and GM	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Marco Quihuis, Attorney-in-Fact 05/17/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person D

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The shares are subject to a right of forfeiture in favor of the Company that lapses with respect to 3,000 shares on each of June 30, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- (2) The shares are subject to a right of forfeiture in favor of the Company that lapses with respect to 3,000 shares on June 30, 2012.
- (3) The shares are subject to a right of forfeiture in favor of the Company that lapses with respect to 2,000 shares on each of July 11, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.
- (4) The shares are subject to a right of forfeiture in favor of the Company that lapses with respect to 2,000 shares on each of April 4, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.
- (5) The options vest in five equal annual installments beginning one year from June 30, 2010.

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