

CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

December 14, 2004

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FINNERAN JOHN G JR

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORP
[COF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1680 CAPITAL ONE DRIVE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/13/2004

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
EVP and General Counsel

MCLEAN, VA 22102

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/13/2004		M		32,962	A	\$ 49.07	116,227 D
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/13/2004		S		5,000	D	\$ 81.51	111,227 D
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/13/2004		S		5,000	D	\$ 81.25	106,227 D
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/13/2004		S		5,000	D	\$ 81	101,227 D
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/13/2004		S		3,462	D	\$ 81.7	97,765 D

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Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/13/2004	S	14,500	D	\$ 80.65	83,265	D
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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 49.07	12/13/2004		M		32,962		<u>(2)</u>	12/13/2011	Common Stock	32,962

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FINNERAN JOHN G JR 1680 CAPITAL ONE DRIVE MCLEAN, VA 22102			EVP and General Counsel	

Signatures

By: Polly A. Nyquist (POA
on file) 12/14/2004

Signature of Reporting Person

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) This transaction was executed pursuant to a trading plan entered into by the Reporting Person on November 10, 2004 in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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(2) This option becomes exercisable in 33 1/3% increments beginning on December 13, 2002 and annually from that date thereafter.

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