### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  GASSER MICHAEL J						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GREIF INC [ GEF,GEF.B ]								Relationship neck all appli X Directo	cable)	g Person(s) to	o Issuer % Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 425 WINTER ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/12/2004								X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Chairman and CEO				
(Street)  DELAWARE OH 43015  (City) (State) (Zip)															Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
		Tab	le I - No	n-Deri	vativ	e Se	curi	ties Ac	quired	, Dis	sposed o	of, or Be	neficial	ly Owned	l			
Date					nsaction th/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. ) 8)				ed (A) or str. 3, 4 and	Benefici Owned I	es ally Following	6. Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	of Indirect Endirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) o	r Price	Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)		(Instr. 4)	
Class A Common Stock				01/08/2004		4			М		15,00	0 A \$26.1		19 20	20,169			
Class A Common Stock				01/0	01/08/2004				S		12,18	2 D	\$0.00	(1) 7,	987	D	$\top$	
Class A Common Stock				01/0	01/09/2004				М		15,00	0 A	\$26.1	19 22	,987	D		
Class A Common Stock 01				01/0	/09/2004				S		13,00	0 D	\$0.00	(1) 9,	987	D		
Class B Common Stock													11	,898	D			
		-	Table II -								osed of converti			Owned				
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)				6. Date Exercisi Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		te	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	ly Owner Form: Direct or Indi (I) (Ins	(D) Beneficial Ownership rect (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Class A Common Stock	\$26.19	01/08/2004			M			15,000	04/17/19	97	04/17/2005	Class A Common Stock	15,000	\$26.19	230,50	0 D		
Class A Common	\$26.19	01/09/2004			M			15,000	04/17/19	997	04/17/2005	Class A Common	15,000	\$26.19	215,50	0 D		

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Stock sold within the range of \$37.15 - \$37.50.

Number of derivative securities beneficially owned incorrectly reported as 215,000 after the 1/9/04 transaction. The correct total is 215,500.

Michael J. Gasser by John K. Dieker pursuant to a POA filed 01/12/2004 with the Commission

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- \* 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).

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