FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* WEINSTEIN ALLEN						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CATO CORP [ CTR ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title Others (check))					
(Last) P.O. BOX	t) (First) (Middle) BOX 34216					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/28/2003								X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT - GMM					
(Street) CHARL(	CHARLOTTE NC 28234421 (City) (State) (Zip)				_	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
Table I - Non-Deriva  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Date)					action	ar) if	A. Deemed Execution Date, fany Month/Day/Year)		3. Transa Code (I	3. Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) o Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a		5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F	s ally following	Form (D) o	: Direct I r Indirect E str. 4) (	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)			Instr. 4)	
CLASS A COMMON STOCK 11/28/2						.003			М		2,700	Α	\$0	2,7	700		D		
CLASS A COMMON STOCK 11/28/2					8/2003	:003			S		2,700	D	\$20.998	1	0		D		
			Table II									f, or Bene ible secu		Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	ed Date,	4. Transa	I. Fransaction Code (Instr.		umber	6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		ible and	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securitie: Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e C s F Ally C g (1	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisabl		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$8.25	11/28/2003			M			2,700	08/28/1998	(1)	08/28/2007	CLASS A COMMON STOCK	2,700	\$0	3,100	)	D		
Stock Option (Right to	\$12.28								11/01/2000	(2)	11/01/2009	CLASS A COMMON	20,000		20,00	0	D		

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 08/28/1998.
- 2. This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 11/01/2000.

### Remarks:

By: STUART L. USELTON 12/02/2003

\*\* 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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