KAVANAUGH JAMES J

Form 4

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See Instruction 1(b).

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may continue.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KAVANAUGH JAMES J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

Symbol

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP [IBM]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Month/Day/Year) 10/14/2011

below)

IBM CORPORATION, ONE NEW

VP, Controller

ORCHARD ROAD

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

ARMONK, NY 10504

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

Conversion

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

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)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of 5.

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionNumber **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price of Underlying Securities Derivative

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/E	Code Day/Year) (Instr. 8	Securities Acquired (A) or	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Security (Instr. 5)
			Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Unit	\$ 0 (1)	10/14/2011	A(2)	1	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1	\$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KAVANAUGH JAMES J IBM CORPORATION ONE NEW ORCHARD ROAD ARMONK, NY 10504

VP, Controller

Signatures

M. F. SooHoo on behalf of J. J. Kavanaugh

10/17/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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) Phantom stock units convert to the cash value of the company's common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Acquisition of phantom stock units under the IBM Excess 401(k) Plus Plan.
- (3) Distribution of phantom stock units under the IBM Excess 401(k) Plus Plan is deferred until separation from the company. The reporting person may transfer these phantom stock units into an alternative investment account under such plan.

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