LILIENTHAL STEPHEN W

Form 4

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Washington, D.C. 20549

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

LILIENTHAL STEPHEN W			Symbol	Symbol CNA FINANCIAL CORP [CNA]					Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 333 SOUTH WABASH AVENUE			(Month/D	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/21/2006					(Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman and CEO			
CHICAG	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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	Tabl	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially O									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction (Month/Day/Y	any		3. 4. Securities Acquired r, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			cquired d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Commor Stock	04/21/2006			Code $G_{\underline{1}}$	V	Amount 100	(D)	Price \$ 31.29	(Instr. 3 and 4) 19,785	D		
Commor Stock	04/21/2006			G(2)		200	D	\$ 31.29	19,585	D		
Commor Stock	04/21/2006			G(3)		100	D	\$ 31.29	19,485	D		
Commor Stock	04/23/2007			G <u>(1)</u>		100	D	\$ 45.93	19,385	D		
Commor Stock	04/23/2007			G(4)		150	D	\$ 45.93	19,235	D		

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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				~					of			
					Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LILIENTHAL STEPHEN W

333 SOUTH WABASH AVENUE X Chairman and CEO

CHICAGO, IL 60604

Signatures

Stephen W. Lilienthal 12/30/2008

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Charitable contribution of 100 shares to the Fordham Preparatory School.
- (2) Charitable contribution of 200 shares to the College of the Holy Cross.
- (3) Charitable contribution of 100 shares to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago.

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(4) Charitable contribution of 150 shares to the College of the Holy Cross.

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