

BURNS JOHN J JR  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 BURNS JOHN J JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ALLEGHANY CORP /DE [Y]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/16/2007

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION, 7  
 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH  
 FLOOR

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/16/2007		S	200 D \$ 388.48	79,151	D	
Common Stock	03/16/2007		S	200 D \$ 387.2	78,951	D	
Common Stock	03/16/2007		S	200 D \$ 387.38	78,751	D	
Common Stock	03/16/2007		S	1,100 D \$ 384	77,651	D	
Common Stock	03/16/2007		S	200 D \$ 385.25	77,451	D	



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