FORM 4

obligations may continue. See

Instruction 1(b)

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* PALMER JAMES F						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORP /DE/ NOC]									5. Relationshi (Check all app Direct X Offic below		olicable) etor er (give title	109	6 Owner er (specify	
(Last) 2980 FAI	(Last) (First) (Middle) 2980 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/14/2012										belov	,	P & CFO	ov)	
(Street) FALLS CHURCI (City)	FALLS VA 22042 CHURCH				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Tabl	e I - No	n-Deri\	/ative	Sec	curitie	s Acc	quired	, Dis	posed o	f, or	Ben	eficia	ally C	Owne	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans Date (Month/						Day/Year) 2A. De Execui if any (Month						1. Securities Acquired (A) o Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				Securi Benefi	cially I Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	of Indirect	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or D)	Price	- 1	Transa	action(s) 3 and 4)		(111341. 4)	
Common Stock 02/14						2012					49,000	[1)	A	\$60.21		207,307 ⁽²⁾		D		
Common Stock 02/14/						/2012					20,677	7	D	\$60.21		21 186,630 ⁽³⁾		D		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/D	n Date,	4. Transa Code (8)	Instr.	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Expiration (Month/I	on Dai	Expiration	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr and 4) Amou or Numb of		ount nber		str. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Shares issued in settlement of 30,625 Restricted Performance Stock Rights ("RPSRs") granted under the 2001 Long-Term Incentive Stock Plan ("LTISP") on 2/17/09 with a valuation of performance measurement period ("measurement period") ended 12/31/11. The performance shares were settled at 160% of the target award.
- 2. Total amount includes 93,101 shares of common stock; 34,562 unvested RPSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/16/10 with a measurement period ending on 12/31/12; 16,853 unvested RPSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/15/11 with a measurement period ending on 12/31/13; 45,938 Restricted Stock Rights ("RSRs") granted pursuant to the LTISP on 2/16/10 that will vest on 2/16/14; and 16,853 RSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/15/11 that will vest on 2/15/15. Grants awarded pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).
- 3. Total amount includes 72,424 shares of common stock; 34,562 unvested RPSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/16/10 with a measurement period ending on 12/31/12; 16,853 unvested RPSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/15/11 with a measurement period ending on 12/31/13; 45,938 RSRs granted pursuant to the LTISP on 2/16/10 that will vest on 2/16/14; and 16,853 RSRs granted under the LTISP on 2/15/11 that will vest on 2/15/15. Grants awarded pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).

/s/ Jennifer C. McGarey,

02/16/2012 Attorney-in-fact for James F.

Palmer

** 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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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Sheila C. Cheston and Jennifer C. McGarey, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as officer of Northrop Grumman Corporation (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such form 3, 4, or 5 and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 18th day of May, 2011.

/s/ James F. Palmer James F. Palmer