

FORM 3

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Williams	Douglas	L.
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(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
650 Madison Avenue		

(Street)		
New York	NY	10022
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)

4/12/2000

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Polo Ralph Lauren Corporation (RL)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

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

Group President, Global Business Development

6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

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Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Class A Common Stock	3,000	D	

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 5(b)(v).

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Option Issued Pursuant to Issuer's 1997 Long-Term Stock Option Plan (Right to Buy)	(1)	6/11/2007	Class A Common Stock	29,000	\$26.00	D	
Option Issued Pursuant to Issuer's 1997 Long-Term Stock Option Plan (Right to Buy)	(2)	6/11/2008	Class A Common Stock	12,000	\$28.21875	D	
Option Issued Pursuant to Issuer's 1997 Long-Term Stock Option Plan (Right to Buy)	(3)	6/11/2009	Class A Common Stock	142,000	\$19.125	D	
Option Issued Pursuant to Issuer's 1997 Long-Term Stock Option Plan (Right to Buy)	(4)	10/1/2009	Class A Common Stock	58,000	\$17.71875	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The option vests and becomes exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on June 11, 1998.
- (2) The option vests and becomes exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on June 11, 1999.
- (3) The option vests and becomes exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on June 11, 2000.
- (4) The option vests and becomes exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on October 1, 2000.

/s/ Douglas L. Williams April 17, 2000

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

** 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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