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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HANSEN DOUGLAS B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

REDWOOD TRUST INC [RWT]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 1 BELVEDERE PLACE, SUITE 300 12/23/2004

_X__ Director 10% Owner __ Other (specify

X_ Officer (give title below) below)

President

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

MILL VALLEY, CA 94941

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion Dispo (Instr. 3,	esed of 4 and (A) or	` '	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)
Common Stock	12/23/2004		M	1,250	A	\$ 17.625	136,819	D	
Common Stock	12/23/2004		S	1,250	D	\$ 62.1752	135,569	D	

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amous or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.625	12/23/2004		M	1,250	(1)	12/14/2010	Common Stock	1,25

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
HANSEN DOUGLAS B 1 BELVEDERE PLACE SUITE 300 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941	X		President			

Signatures

By: Harold F. Zagunis For: Douglas B.

Hansen 12/27/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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) Twenty-five percent of the options vest on January 1, 2002. The remaining seventy-five percent of the options vest in twelve quarterly installments from April 1, 2002 through January 5, 2005.

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