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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

response...

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Mantua Philip J

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

10/12/2004

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC [SASR]

SANDY SPRING BANK, 17801 GEORGIA

AVENUE

(Street)

4. Relationship of Reporting

Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

Director

10% Owner

_X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) Executive Vice President and C 6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

OLNEY. MDÂ 20832

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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

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**

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

6. Nature of Indirect

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

(Instr. 4) Title

Amount or Number of

Derivative Security

Security: Direct (D)

Derivative

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				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	12/15/1999	12/15/2009	Common Stock	975	\$ 17.21	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy)	12/13/2000	12/13/2010	Common Stock	1,800	\$ 14.54	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy)	12/21/2001	12/21/2011	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 32.25	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy)	12/11/2002	12/11/2012	Common Stock	1,750	\$ 31.25	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy)	12/17/2003	12/17/2013	Common Stock	2,200	\$ 38.91	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Mantua Philip J SANDY SPRING BANK 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20832	Â	Â	Executive Vice President and C	Â		

Signatures

Philip J Mantua 12/28/2004

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
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