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December 30, 2002

FORM 4							OM	IB APPROVAL		
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subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.								OMB Number: 3235-0287		
See Instruction 1(b).	STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP						Expires: 2001	Expires: December 31, 2001		
	Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940							Estimated average burden hours per response		
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		4. Statement for (Month/Year)		6. Relatio	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to suer			
Puth, John W.		A. M. Castle & Co. CAS		December 2002			(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) J. W. Puth Associates 5215 Old Orchard Road, Suite	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		(Month/Year) Oth Des 7. I F		Owner	Officer				
(Street) Skokie, IL 60077					Other Officer/Other Description					
(City) (State) (Zip)					7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
USA						ndividual Filing loint/Group Filing				
Table I - Non-Derivative Sec	urities Acquired, l	Disposed of, or l	Beneficially Owne	ed		-				
5	(Month/Day/Year) Code Disposed (D)		4. Securities Acq Disposed (D) Of (Instr. 3, 4, and		 Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Montl (Instr. 3 and 4) 	sl F D N O In In	nip orm: 9irect(D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Amount A/I Price							
Common Stock 12/26/2002		S 	1,000.0000 D \$4.6000		12,375.0000		D			
								(over)	

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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. Conver- sion or Exercise Price of Deri- vative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Transaction Code and Voluntary (V) Code (Instr.8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) Of (Instr. 3,4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable(DE) and Expiration Date(ED) (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr.5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr.4)	10. Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.4)
			Code V		(DE) (ED)					
1995 Stock Option (Directors)	\$12.10				06/01/1996	Common Stock - 2,500.00		2,500.00	D	
1996 Stock Option (Directors)	\$28.25				06/03/1997	Common Stock - 2,000.00		2,000.00	D	
1997 Stock Option (Directors)	\$21.88				06/02/1998 06/01/2007	Common Stock - 3,000.00		3,000.00	D	
1998 Stock Option (Directors)	\$22.44				06/01/1999 06/01/2008	Common Stock - 3,000.00		3,000.00	D	
1999 Stock Option (Directors)	\$15.06				06/01/2000 06/01/2009	Common Stock - 3,000.00		3,000.00	D	
2000 Stock Option (Directors)	\$12.31				06/01/2001 06/01/2010	Common Stock - 3,000.00		3,000.00	D	
2000 Stock Option (Directors)	\$10.00				07/27/2001 07/27/2010	Common Stock - 7,000.00		7,000.00	D	
2001 Stock Option (Directors)	\$13.00				06/01/2002 06/01/2011	Common Stock - 5,000.00		5,000.00	D	
2002 Stock Option	\$10.35				06/03/2003 06/02/2012	Common Stock - 5,000.00		5,000.00	D	

Explanation of Responses :

** 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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See Instruction 6 for procedure.

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

John W. Puth

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