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ASHLAND INC
 Form 4
 December 17, 2002

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
 FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Butler, Samuel C.

 Cravath, Swaine & Moore
 825 Eighth Avenue - Worldwide Plaza
 New York, New York 10019
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Ashland Inc.
 ASH
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
 December 16, 2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 (X) Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
 () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month
Common Stock				2,000 (1)
Common Stock				325 (2)
Common Stock				4,426

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Derivative Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Put or Call
						Title and Number of Shares	

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Priority	Date	Code	V	Amount	Exempt	Exemption Code	Instrument	Quantity	Value
Option (3)	37.50						7-28-94-1-28-04	Common Stock	1,000
Option (3)	33.00						7-27-95-1-27-05	Common Stock	1,000
Option (3)	43.125						7-31-97-1-31-07	Common Stock	1,000
Option (3)	52.75						7-30-98-1-30-08	Common Stock	1,000
Option (4)	46.76						7-31-02-2-29-12	Common Stock	2,500
Common Stock Units (5)	1-for-1	12-16-02	J	V	530	A		Common Stock	530
									\$29

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents shares of restricted common stock acquired pursuant to Ashland's stock incentive plans as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
2. Owned by wife. I hereby disclaim beneficial ownership of these shares.
3. Stock options (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) under Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors. The stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
4. Stock options (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) under Ashland's Amended and Restated Incentive Plan. The stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
5. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors as of 12-16-02, payable in cash or stock upon termination of service and exempt under Rule 16b-3. (One (1) Common Stock Unit in the Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock)

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 Amelia A. McCarty Attorney-in-Fact
 DATE
 December 16, 2002