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 Gomory, Ralph E.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation 630 Fifth Ave., Suite 2550 New York, New York 10111-0242

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

March 31, 2001

- 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)

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

- 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

 - (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

| 1. Title of Security | T | ransac | tion | 01 | ecurities Acque Disposed of Amount | (D) | | 5.Amount Secur: Benef: Owned | ities icially at | 6.Di ect (D)o Indi ect(| Benefic r r | of Indirect |
|-----------------------------------|---|----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--|--|---|--|------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| Common Stock | | 30-0 J) | | | | A | \$38.40 | 24,464 | | D | | |
| Table II Derivativ | ve Securi | tites A | Acquir | red, | Disposed of, | or Ber | neficial | Ly Owned | | | | |
| 1.Title of Derivative Security | version or Exer cise Price o Deriva- tive Secu- | Tran: | sactio | on | 5.Number of De rivative Securities Acquired(A) or Disposed of(D) Amount | cisa Expi S Date Day/ Date A/ Exer | ble and ration (Month/ Year) = Expir = ation | of Underly Securities Title and of Shares | ying s d Number | of Deri vative Secu rity | of Deriva tive Securities | 10. 11.Nature of Dir Indirect ect Beneficial (D) Ownership or Ind ire ct (I) |
| Option (2) | 37.50 | | I I | | | | | Common Stoc | | | 1,000 | D |
| Option (2) | 33.00 | | | | | | | Common Stoc | | | 1,000 | D |
| Option (2) | 43.125 | | | | | | | Common Stoc | | | 1,000 | D |
| | 52.75 | | | | | | | Common Stoc | | | 1,000 | D |
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Explanation of Responses:

stock.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

Linda L. Foss - Attorney-in-fact DATE

April 5, 2001

^{1.} Payment of retainer, meeting and committee fees in Ashland

^{2.} Stock options (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland Inc.'s Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.