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 Form 5  
 February 07, 2001

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
 FORM 5

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

( ) Form 3 Holdings Reported  
 ( ) Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Burns, Jr., John J.  
 Alleghany Corporation  
 375 Park Avenue  
 New York, NY 10152  
 USA

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Alleghany Corporation  
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3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

December 31, 2000

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

(X) Director ( ) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other  
 (specify below)

President

7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (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. Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year
			Amount	A/ D Price	
Common Stock	1/31/00	G	100	D	
	3/1/00	G	100	D	
	3/21/00	A(1)	7,709	A	\$181.28
	3/21/00	D(1)	3,854	D	\$181.28
	10/23/00	G	306	D	
	11/2/00	G	504	D	

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	12/12/00	G(2)	1,234		D		
	12/14/00	G	536		D		58,948(3)
	12/12/00	G(2)	734		A		
	12/28/00	G	234		D		1,254(3)

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. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Percentage of Total Common Equity Owned
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) Settlement of 7,709 performance shares for 3,855 shares of Common Stock and \$698,839.22 in cash.

(2) Includes gift to wife sharing the household of the undersigned.

(3) Includes shares of Common Stock paid by Alleghany Corporation as a stock dividend in April 2000.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ John J. Burns, Jr.

DATE

January 9, 2001