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SECURITIES

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

 MEEHAN THALIA

OFFICE SQUARE

(Last)

PUTNAM

(First)

INVESTMENTS, Â ONE POST

(Street)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

02/06/2005

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

PUTNAM MASTER INCOME TRUST [pmt]

4. Relationship of Reporting

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

Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director _X__ Officer

X Other (give title below) (specify below) Managing Director, Putnam, LLC

10% Owner

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting / and of its issuer's managers Person

Form filed by More than One

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Reporting Person

BOSTON. MAÂ 02109

(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**

5. 4 Conversion Ownership or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Date **Expiration Title** Exercisable Date

Amount or Number of

Derivative Price of Derivative Security: Security Direct (D)

(Instr. 5)

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Shares or Indirect

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MEEHAN THALIA PUTNAM INVESTMENTS ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MAÂ 02109

Â Managing Director, Putnam, LLC

and of its issuer's managers

Signatures

Thalia Meehan 02/16/2005

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

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