

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Keens, Donald H
 c/o The Wackenhut Corporation
 4200 Wackenhut Drive #100
 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410-4243
 USA
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
 2/17/00
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Wackenhut Corrections Corporation
 WHC
5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other
 (specify below)
 Senior Vice President, Intertnational Services
6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct(D) or Indirect(I)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Table II -- Derivative Securitites Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct(D) or Indirect(I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
1995 Option	12/19/95 12/18/05	Common Stock	12,000 11.8750	D	
2000 Option	2/17/00 2/16/10	Common Stock	10,000 8.4375	D	

Explanation of Responses:
 SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 /s/ Donald H. Keens BY F. E. Finizia as Attorney-in-Fact
 DATE
 2/23/00