FORM 4

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Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per

share

Instruction 1(b)

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person (Check all applicable) SCRIPPS E W CO /DE [SSP] **LOWE KENNETH W** X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) below) below) (Last) (First) (Middle) 01/02/2005 President & CEO 312 WALNUT STREET, 28TH FLOOR 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable (Street) 45202 **CINCINNATI** OH Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 5. Amount of 2A. Deemed 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Execution Date Transaction Form: Direct (Month/Day/Year) 5) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Code (Instr. if any (Month/Day/Year) 8) Owned Following (I) (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Reported (A) or (D) Transaction(s) Price Code ν Amount (Instr. 3 and 4) Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per 01/02/2005 \$48,43 25,118 D 325,326 D share

Common Voting Shares, \$.01 par value per 0 D share Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1. Title of 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount 8. Price of 9. Number of 11. Nature Derivative Execution Date, Derivative Ownership Conversion **Expiration Date** of Securities derivative of Indirect (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Security Security or Exercise if anv Code (Instr. (Month/Day/Year) Underlying Securities Form: Beneficial Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year) 8) (Instr. 5) Beneficially Direct (D) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Derivative (Instr. 4) Owned or Indirect Security Following (I) (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3, 4 (Instr. 4) and 5) Amount Expiration Number (A) (D) Exercisable Title Code of Shares Class A Option \$17.25 01/10/1998 01/09/2007 47,000 9 D Commo Class A \$23.61 01/15/1999 01/14/2008 60,000 9 D Option Common Clas A 120,000 Option \$24.5 01/24/2001 01/23/2010 9 D Commo Class A Option \$26,395 10/01/2001 09/30/2010 120,000 9 D Common Class A \$32.125 01/25/2002 01/24/2011 200,000 9 D Option Common Class A 02/19/2012 9 \$37,555 02/20/2003 250,000 D Option Common Class A Option \$39.985 02/26/2004 02/25/2013 250,000 9 D Commor Class A Option \$48.71 03/23/2005 03/22/2014 187,500 9 D Common Restricted Class A (1)(1)40,000 9 D Commor

Explanation of Responses:

1. Pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated 1997 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), the reporting person has exchanged 40,000 shares previously awarded to him as restricted shares under the Plan for 40,000 restricted share units (the "Units"). Each Unit shall be exchanged for one Class A Common share of the Company following the reporting person's retirement or termination of his employment under certain circumstances as set forth in a Restricted Share Unit Agreement between the Company and the reporting person. The 40,000 Units shall vest on January 2, 2007.

Remarks:

Units

/s/ M. Denise Kuprionis, Attorney-in-fact for Kenneth W. Lowe

01/04/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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