GREIF INC Form 4 August 29, 2007

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SPARKS WILLIAM B JR

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

425 WINTER ROAD

(Instr. 3)

DELAWARE, OH 43015

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

GREIF INC [GEF,GEF.B]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

08/28/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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burden hours per

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(Instr. 4)

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(9-02)

Indirect

Person

5. Amount of

Securities

Owned

Beneficially

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)

Following Reported Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 7. Title and Amount of 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionof Date **Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Derivative (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Securities

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Derivative Acquired
Security (A) or
Disposed
of (D)

of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Date Title

Amoun or Numbe

of Shares

26.5

Phantom

 Stock
 Class A

 Units
 \$ 56.6
 08/28/2007
 A
 26.5
 08/08/1988(1)
 08/08/1988(1)
 Common

 Cash
 Stock

Only Rights)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SPARKS WILLIAM B JR 425 WINTER ROAD X

DELAWARE, OH 43015

Signatures

William B. Sparks, Jr. by John K. Dieker pursuant to a POA filed with the Commission.

08/29/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The units are to be settled in cash upon the reporting person's retirement from the Board.

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