UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 FORM 4 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP () Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b). 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Taylor, Gerald H 2606 Normanstone Lane, N.W. Washington, DC 20008 USA 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol **CIENA Corporation** CIEN 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary) ###-##-#### 4. Statement for Month/Year 3/13/03 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year) Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) (X) Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (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

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Explanation of Responses:

1 Shares vest on the one year anniversary of the grant date

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

Gerald Taylor by Anita Weiskerger pursuant to POA

DATE 3/18/03