UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): October 28, 2004

RAYTHEON COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of Incorporation)

1-13699 (Commission File Number)

95-1778500 (IRS Employer

Identification Number)

870 Winter Street

Waltham, Massachusetts (Address of principal executive offices)

02451 (Zip Code)

 $Registrant \ \ s \ telephone \ number, including \ area \ code: (781) \ 522\text{-}3000$

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On October 28, 2004, Raytheon Company issued a press release announcing financial results for the third quarter of fiscal year 2004. A copy of the press release is furnished with this report as Exhibit 99.1. The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K and the Exhibit attached is furnished in accordance with SEC Release No. 33-8216 and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (c) Exhibits
 - 99.1 Press Release issued by Raytheon Company dated October 28, 2004.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: October 28, 2004

RAYTHEON COMPANY

By: /s/ Biggs C. Porter Biggs C. Porter

Vice President and Corporate Controller

(Chief Accounting Officer)

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Number	Description
99.1	Press release dated October 28, 2004 issued by Raytheon Company