FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FRIEDMAN PAUL A   |         |               |              | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  INCYTE CORP [ INCY ]  5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |       |   |  |            |   |   |  |   |   |   | uer   |                                       |        |              |            |  |
|--|---------|---------------|--------------|--|-------|---|--|------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--------|--------------|------------|--|
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| (Last)   | (F      | irst)         | (Middle)     |  | 3. [  | Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)   |  |            |   |   |  |   |   | X   | Officer below)  | (give title Other (s below)           |        | pecify       |            |  |
| EXPERI   | MENTAL  | STATION, BUIL | DING E3      | 36   | 03/   | 03/10/2005  |  |            |   |   |  |   |   | Cl  | Chief Executive Officer   |                                       |        |              |            |  |
| ROUTE 141 AND HENRY CLAY ROAD  |         |               |              |  |       |   |  |            |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |                                       |        |              |            |  |
| (Street)   |         |               |              |  | 4. If | f Ame   | ndme   | nt, Date o | of Original                               | Filed   | (Month/Da                                | ay/Year)  |   | 6. Inc  | dividual or J   | oint/Group                            | Filing | (Check App   | olicable   |  |
| ,  | NGTON D | Е             | 19880        |  |       |   |  |            |   |   |  |   |   | X   | _   | ,                                     |        | rting Persor |            |  |
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|  |         | Tab           | le I - Nor   | n-Deriv  | ative | e Se  | curit  | ies Ac     | quired,                                   | Dis   | osed o                                   | of, or Be   | enef  | icially   | Owned   |                                       |        |              |            |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transar Date (Month/Da   |         |               |              | Execution Date,  |       | 3.<br>Transaction Code (Instr. 3, 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) |  |            | 4 and Securities<br>Beneficia<br>Owned Fo |   | s Form<br>ally (D) c<br>ollowing (I) (II |   | m: Direct<br>or Indirect<br>Instr. 4)   | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |   |                                       |        |              |            |  |
|  |         |               |              |  |       |   |  |            | Code                                      | v   | Amount                                   | (A) (D)   | or I  | Price   | Reported<br>Transact<br>(Instr. 3 a                               | ion(s)                                |        |              | (Instr. 4) |  |
| Common Stock 03/10/  |         |               | )/200        | 5  |       |   | М  |            | 50,00                                     | 0 A   |  | \$ <mark>0</mark>                                   | \$0 116,700   |   |   | D                                     |        |              |            |  |
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| 1. Title of Derivative Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security  (Instr. 3)  3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)  (Month/Day/Year)  (Month/Day/Year) |         | Date, T       | Code (Instr. |  | n of  |   | Expiration Date of S<br>(Month/Day/Year) of S<br>Und |            | of Secur<br>Underlyi<br>Derivativ         | 7. Title and Amou<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Securi<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | ly  | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |        |              |            |  |
|  |         |               |              |  | Code  | v   | (A)  | (D)        | Date<br>Exercisal                         |   | Expiration<br>Date                       | Title   | or<br>Nu<br>of  | nount<br>mber<br>ares                               |   |                                       |        |              |            |  |
| Restricted stock units   | (1)     | 03/10/2005    |              |  | M     |   |  | 50,000     | (2)                                       |   | (2)                                      | Common  | 50  | ,000  | \$0   | 50,000                                | )      | D            |            |  |

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Incyte common stock.
- 2. Restricted stock units vest 50% in November 2004 and 50% in November 2005.

<u>/s/ Paul A. Friedman</u> <u>03/10/2005</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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