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SIGNATURES

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.

BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Gary DeFazio  
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Gary DeFazio  
Assistant Secretary

Date: July 23, 2003

STATEMENT OF DIFFERENCES

The trademark symbol shall be expressed as..... 'TM'