

SELECTIVE INSURANCE GROUP INC  
 Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 THEBAULT J BRIAN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SELECTIVE INSURANCE GROUP INC [SIGI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/08/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

40 WANTAGE AVENUE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BRANCHVILLE, NJ 07890

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	09/08/2005		M		3,000 A \$ 18.3125	22,028.54 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	09/09/2005		S		500 D \$ 48.44	21,528.54 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	09/09/2005		S		300 D \$ 48.45	21,228.54 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	09/09/2005		S		300 D \$ 48.454	20,928.54 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	09/09/2005		S		400 D \$ 48.47	20,528.54 <sup>(1)</sup>	D

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Common Stock	09/09/2005	S	738	D	\$ 48.5	19,790.54 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	09/09/2005	S	350	D	\$ 48.57	19,440.54 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	09/09/2005	S	362	D	\$ 48.58	19,078.54 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	09/09/2005	S	50	D	\$ 48.6	19,028.54 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock						101.655 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	Custody for Son
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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 18.3125	09/08/2005		M	3,000	03/01/1997 03/01/2006	Common Stock	3,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THEBAULT J BRIAN 40 WANTAGE AVENUE BRANCHVILLE, NJ 07890		X		

## Signatures

J. Brian  
Thebault

09/12/2005

\_\_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) Includes 4.101 shares acquired through Selective Insurance Group Inc.'s Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
  - (2) Includes .409 shares acquired through Selective Insurance Group Inc.'s Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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