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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a) [ ]  
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3 SEC USE ONLY  
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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
200 S. WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 2100  
CHICAGO, IL 60606  
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5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
5,733,200  
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NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH  
6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
0  
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7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
16,217,000  
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8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
0  
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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
16,217,000  
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10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*  
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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9  
5.05%  
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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
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SCHEDULE 13G  
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STATEMENT  
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Item 1. (a) Name of Issuer: Network Appliance Inc.

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:  
495 E. Java Drive  
Sunnyvale, CA 94089-1125

Item 2. (a) Name of Person Filing:

LINCOLN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT COMPANY

(b) Address of Principal Business Office:

200 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE  
SUITE 2100  
CHICAGO, IL 60606

(c) Citizenship:

NOT APPLICABLE

(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

(e) CUSIP Number:

64120L104

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is an:

(E) INVESTMENT ADVISER REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 203  
OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940.

Item 4. Ownership:

(a) Amount of Beneficially Owned: 16,217,000

(b) Percent of Class: 5.05%

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 5,733,200

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:  
16,217,000

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

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Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

NOT APPLICABLE.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

NOT APPLICABLE.

LINCOLN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, A CORPORATION, DECLAINS BEING THE "BENEFICIAL OWNER" OF THIS STOCK IN TERMS USUALLY USED TO DESCRIBE "BENEFICIAL," SUCH AS "RECEIVING FOR ONE'S OWN BENEFIT." LINCOLN CAPITAL IS MERELY AN AGENT FOR ITS CLIENTS.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security being reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

NOT APPLICABLE.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

NOT APPLICABLE.

ITEM 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

NOT APPLICABLE.

Item 10. Certification:

The following certification shall be included if the statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b).

BY SIGNING BELOW I CERTIFY THAT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THE SECURITIES REFERRED TO ABOVE WERE IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS AND WERE NOT ACQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF AND DO NOT HAVE EFFECT OF CHANGING OR INFLUENCING THE CONTROL OF THE ISSUER OF SUCH SECURITIES AND WERE NOT ACQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH OR AS A PARTICIPANT IN ANY TRANSACTION HAVING SUCH PURPOSES OR EFFECT.

AFTER REASONABLE INQUIRY AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION SET FORTH IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 4/18/01  
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Name/Title: DAVID M. FOWLER, PRESIDENT  
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