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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act
of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act
of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*
Last, First, Middle: Richards, Reuben F., Jr.

Street: c/o JLMP, 650 Fifth Avenue, 3rd Floor
City, State, Zip: New York, New York 10019
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year): 3/6/97
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person
(Voluntary)
4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol: EMCORE
Corporation (EMKR)
5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all
applicable)

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

President and Chief Executive Officer
6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

(x) Form filed by One Reporting Person
() Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction
5(b)(v).

TABLE I -- NON-DERIVATIVE SECURITIES BENEFICIALLY OWNED

	1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
(1)	Common Stock	1,621,558	I

TABLE I -- CONTINUED

	1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
(1)	Common Stock	As member of direct owner, Jesup & Lamont Merchant Partners, L.L.C.

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

TABLE II -- DERIVATIVE SECURITIES BENEFICIALLY OWNED
(E.G., PUTS, CALLS, WARRANTS, OPTIONS, CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
(1) Incentive Common Stock Options (right to buy)	Immed.	9/11/05	Common Stock	29,412
(2) Common Stock Warrants (right to buy)	Immed.		Common Stock	1,827,967
(3) Common Stock Warrants (right to buy)	Immed.		Common Stock	245,098
(4) Common Stock Warrants (right to buy)	5/6/97		Common Stock	980,392

TABLE II -- CONTINUED

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
(1) Incentive Common Stock Options (right to buy)	\$3.03	D	
(2) Common Stock Warrants (right to buy)	\$4.08	I	As member of direct owner, Jesup & Lamont Merchant Partners, L.L.C.
(3) Common Stock Warrants (right to buy)	\$10.20	I	As member of direct owner, Jesup & Lamont Merchant Partners, L.L.C.
(4) Common Stock Warrants (right to buy)	\$10.20	I	As member of direct owner, Jesup & Lamont Merchant Partners, L.L.C.

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Reuben F. Richards, Jr.
**Signature of Reporting Person

March 16, 1997
Date

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