

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 4
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Nikkel, John Glen
1000 Kensington Tower
7130 South Lewis
Tulsa, OK 74136
USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Unit Corporation
UNT
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
October, 1996
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(X) Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
(specify below)
President and Chief Operating Officer
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
(X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
() Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1. Title of Security	2. Date	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Amount	A/D	Price				
Common Stock	10/15/96	M		75,000	A	\$1.50			
Common Stock	10/15/96	F		18,367	D	\$6.125	147,987	D	
Common Stock							76,000	I	By Wife
Common Stock							14,286	I	By Nike Exploration

Explanation of Responses:
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/s/ John G. Nikkel
DATE
December 9, 1996