

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
FORM 3  
INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  
Adcock, J. Michael  
P. O. Box 3515  
201 North Broadway  
Shawnee, OK 74802-3515  
USA
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)  
12/23/97
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Unit Corporation  
UNT
5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
(X) Director ( ) 10% Owner ( ) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other  
(specify below)
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

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned			
1. Title of Security	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	1,193,873	I	CoTrustee*

Explanation of Responses:  
\* The reporting person is one of three Trustees of the Don Bodard 1995 Revocable Trust.  
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
/s/ J. Michael Adcock  
DATE  
January 2, 1998