SERVICEMASTER CO
Form 4
October 17, 2002

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
   ROONEY, PHILLIP B.
   2300 Warrenville Road
   Downers Grove, IL 60515-1700
   USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
   ServiceMaster Company (SVM)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
   10/2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
   ( ) Director ( ) 10% Owner
   (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other (specify below)
   Ex. Vice President
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. Trans-action Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Trans-action Code		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amou Secu Bene Owne End Mont
		Code	V	Amount	A/D	Price	
Common stock $.01 par value							425024