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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE CO Washington, D.C. 20549						OMMISSION	OMB	PROVAL 3235-0287				
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(Print or Type]	Responses)											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> THEOBALD THOMAS C			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)				
227 WEST MONROE, STE. 3500			(Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2006					X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)				
	Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting						
CHICAGO,	, IL 60606							Person	ore man one ke	porung		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	le I - Non-	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deen (Month/Day/Year) 2A. Deen Execution any (Month/E		a Date, if Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Pay/Year) (Instr. 8)))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	10/01/2006			А	259.471 (1)	А	\$ 38.54	14,100.49	D			
Common Stock	10/03/2006			А	38.58 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 38.88	14,175.875 (<u>2)</u>	D			
Common Stock								$2,000 ^{(3)} ^{(4)}$	I	By Trust		

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amou Under Secur	rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu: Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships **Reporting Owner Name / Address** 10% Owner Officer Other Director THEOBALD THOMAS C 227 WEST MONROE, STE. 3500 Х CHICAGO, IL 60606 Signatures Thomas C. Theobald, By: T. Richard Riney, 10/03/2006 Attorney-In-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Common Stock in the form of Units granted under the Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan (the "Plan") in lieu of (1) Director fees pursuant to the Director's deferral election. Such Units are payable solely in Common Stock and subject to the terms and

- conditions of the Director's deferral election and the Plan. Includes 36.805 Units acquired on September 29, 2006 under the Ventas Nonemployee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan as a
- (2) result of dividend equivalents credited with respect to dividend paid on September 29, 2006.
- Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 2,000 shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in (3) the shares.
- (4) As of October 3, 2006, Reporting Person also owns options to purchase 25,000 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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