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May 31, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

Annual Report Pursuant to Section 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Fee Required)  
For The Year Ended December 31, 2001

or

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (No Fee Required)  
For The Transition Period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number 00107923

HANDLEMAN COMPANY SALARY  
DEFERRAL PLAN

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(Full title of the Plan)

HANDLEMAN COMPANY

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(Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the Plan)

500 Kirts Boulevard  
Troy, Michigan 48084

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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The following financial statements and exhibits are presented pursuant to  
Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:

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(b) 1. Consent of Independent Accountants with respect to their report on their audit of the financial statements of the Handleman Company Salary Deferral Plan as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001	23

SIGNATURE

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the Plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

HANDLEMAN COMPANY SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN

By: /s/ Thomas C. Braum, Jr.

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Thomas C. Braum, Jr., Senior Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer Handleman Company

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SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN

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Report of Independent Accountants

To the Participants and Administrator of the  
Handleman Company Salary Deferral Plan:

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits and of accumulated plan benefits and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits and of changes in accumulated plan benefits present fairly, in all material respects, the financial status of the Handleman Company Salary Deferral Plan (the "Plan") at December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2000, and the changes in its financial status for the year ended December 31, 2001 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule of this Form 11-K are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Detroit, Michigan  
May 17, 2002

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SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN  
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	December 31	
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	2001	
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ASSETS:		
Accrued dividends and interest	\$ 1,235	\$
Employee contributions receivable	99,612	
Employer contribution receivable	27,300	
Investments, at fair value	18,898,956	15
Loans to participants at rates of 5.75% to 10.50%, maturing in 1 to 15 years	442,367	
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TOTAL ASSETS	19,469,470	15
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable		
	605	
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$19,468,865	\$15
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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HANDLEMAN COMPANY  
SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS  
AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

for the year ended December 31, 2001

Additions:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 385,115
Employer contributions	817,849
Employee contributions	2,880,816
Dividend income	698,183

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Interest income	40,123
Other	34,152
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Total additions	4,856,238
Deductions:	
Participants' benefits paid	840,952
Other	54,766
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Total deductions	895,718
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Net increase	3,960,520
Assets available for benefits, beginning of year	15,508,345
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Assets available for benefits, end of year	\$19,468,865
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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HANDLEMAN COMPANY  
SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Description of Plan  
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The following description of the Handleman Company Salary Deferral Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan which includes salary deferral and employee stock ownership provisions. The Plan covers nearly all employees of the Handleman Company (the "Company") and subsidiaries and affiliates that have adopted the Plan. Effective May 1, 2001 eligibility for covered employees to enter the Plan was changed from one year of service to the first of the month following sixty days of employment. The Plan generally excludes employees that are covered by collective bargaining agreements, laid off, on leave of absence, on active duty in the armed forces of any nation other than the armed forces of the United States of America, leased employees, or any person whose status as an employee is the result of a judicial or administrative determination. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

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Employee authorized contributions of tax deferred compensation are limited in any one year to the lesser of fifteen percent of employee compensation or the statutory maximum. In addition, total contributions by highly compensated employees cannot exceed specific percentage limitations of the aggregate contributions of all other employees as set forth in the Internal Revenue Code.

The Company provides for a matching contribution equal to 25 percent of the elective salary deferral contribution made by each participant, up to six percent of such participant's compensation, to be invested in Company stock. Effective May 1, 2001, the Plan was amended to change Company matching contributions to 50 percent of the elective contribution by each participant, up to six percent of such participant's compensation, to be invested in Company stock.

Plan Assets

Employees may direct employee and employer contributions to the Plan into Company stock or various investment funds, which are established by the Company from time to time.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with employee contributions, in addition to an allocation of any Company contribution and Plan earnings, net of Plan expenses. In addition to the Company match, the Company shall allocate discretionary contributions and forfeitures if any, as of the last day of the Plan Year among Company Contribution Accounts of the Participants who received Creditable Compensation during the Plan Year. Top Heavy Contributions, if any, shall also be allocated as of the last day of the Plan Year to the account of each Participant who is a Non-Key Employee. To receive a share of the discretionary contributions, forfeitures and/or Non-Key Employee Contributions, a participant must be employed by the Company on the last day of the Plan Year.

Salary Deferral Portion of Plan - Company contributions to the Salary

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Deferral portion of the Plan are allocated to participants who are eligible as defined by the Plan. There are certain limitations on the amounts which can be allocated.

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HANDLEMAN COMPANY  
SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Continued  
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1. Description of Plan, continued  
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Loans to Participants

The Plan allows participants to borrow against their account balances. The maximum loan to any participant is the lesser of 50% of the participant's non-forfeitable salary deferral account balance or \$50,000.

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### Plan Expenses

Expenses of the Trustee and Administrative Committee are charged to participant accounts unless the Company at its discretion elects to pay these expenses.

### Vesting

The Plan includes a graded vesting schedule for matching contributions of 20 percent for each year of service, resulting in 100 percent vesting after five years of service. Non-vested Company contributions for terminated participants are forfeited by the participant and are used to reduce future employer contributions to the Plan.

### Payment of Benefits

On termination of service, a participant will be eligible to receive the plan assets allocated to the participant's account and which have vested or an equivalent amount in cash. At December 31, 2001 and 2000, \$637,776 and \$229,961 respectively, were reported as benefits payable on the Form 5500.

## 2. Summary of Accounting Policies

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### Company Contributions

Company contributions are accrued in the plan year to which the contributions relate. Company contributions are in the form of cash, which will be used to buy Company stock.

### Investments

At the end of the plan year, Company stock is valued at the closing market price of the stock on the last business day of the Plan's year. The Victory Stock Index Fund, American Balanced Fund, Gradison Government Reserve SVP Fund, Janus Worldwide Fund, Neuberger Berman Genesis Asset Fund, Victory Diversified Stock Fund, PIMCO Total Return SVP Fund, Employee Benefit Money Market Fund, Dreyfus MidCap Value SVP Fund, The America Funds: Growth Fund of America SVP Fund, Fidelity MidCap SVP Fund and Janus Advisor International Growth Fund are reflected at estimated fair values or at the fair value as determined by quoted market prices at the year-end date as reported by the Plan's investment custodian, KeyCorp.

The basis on which cost is determined to compute realized gains or losses from sales of investments, other than the Company stock, is average cost. The basis on which cost is determined for the Company stock is specific identification.

The Plan presents in the statement of changes in assets the net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments which consists of the realized gains (losses) and the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on those investments.

For purposes of determining Company contributions, Company stock received as the Company contribution is valued at the closing price on the day the contribution is made.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Continued  
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2. Summary of Accounting Policies, continued  
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Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of changes in assets during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

3. Investments  
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The following presents investments that represent 5 percent or more of the Plan's net assets.

	Dece 2001 ----
Victory Stock Index Fund 303,057 and 273,433 shares, respectively.	\$ 5,155,002
Handleman Company Common Stock 260,042 and 243,497 shares, respectively.	3,861,603
American Balanced Fund 230,058 and 192,980 shares, respectively.	3,646,415
Gradison Government Reserves SVP Fund 230,110 and 0 shares, respectively.	2,581,537
Janus Worldwide Fund 33,247 and 27,938 shares, respectively.	1,457,564
Other	1,203,502
Neuberger Berman Genesis Fund 57,853 and 0 shares, respectively.	993,333
Victory U.S. Government Obligations Fund 0 and 136,769 shares, respectively.	0
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Total	\$18,898,956 =====

4. Plan Termination  
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Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.



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5. Tax Status  
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The Internal Revenue Service has ruled that the Plan qualifies under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") and is, therefore, not subject to tax under present income tax laws by a letter dated November 24, 1997. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the aforementioned determination letter, the plan administrator is not aware of any course or action or series of events that have occurred that might adversely affect the Plan's qualified status. The Company has requested a new determination letter, which has not yet been received as of May 17, 2002.

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HANDLEMAN COMPANY  
SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN

Calendar Plan year 2001

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES  
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(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower lessor, or similar party -----	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value -----	(d) Current value -----
*	KeyCorp Victory Stock Index Fund	Common Stock Fund	\$5,155,002
*	Handleman Company Common Stock Fund	Common Stock \$.01 par value	\$3,861,603
*	KeyCorp American Balanced Fund	Common Stock and Bond Fund	\$3,646,414
*	KeyCorp Gradison Government Reserve SVP Fund	U.S. Government Securities	\$2,581,537
*	KeyCorp Janus Worldwide Fund	Common Stock Fund	\$1,457,563
*	KeyCorp Neuberger Berman Genesis Assets Fund	Common Stock Fund	\$ 993,333
*	KeyCorp	Common Stock Fund	\$ 495,078

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Victory  
Diversified Stock SVP Fund

*	Loans to Participants	Interest rates of 5.75% to 10.50% and maturing in 1 to 15 years	\$ 442,367
*	KeyCorp PIMCO Total Return SVP Fund	Debt Securities Fund	\$ 160,947
*	KeyCorp Employee Benefit Money Market Fund	Cash Equivalents	\$ 132,775

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Calendar Plan year 2001

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES, Continued

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower lessor, or similar party -----	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value -----	(d) Current value -----
*	KeyCorp Dreyfus MidCap Value SVP Fund	Preferred and Common Stock Fund	\$119,383
*	KeyCorp The America Funds Growth Fund of America SVP Fund	Common Stock and Securities Fund	\$ 83,597
*	KeyCorp Fidelity MidCap SVP Fund	Common Stock and Bond Fund	\$ 52,069
*	KeyCorp Janus Advisor International Growth Fund	Common Stock Fund	\$ 45,701

\* These investments are with a party-in-interest

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