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TOPPS CO INC  
Form SC 13G  
August 17, 2007

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. \_\_\_ ) \*

The Topps Company, Inc.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value

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(Title of Class of Securities)

890786106

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(CUSIP Number)

August 8, 2007

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the ACT but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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CUSIP No. 890786106

1. Names of Reporting Persons. Plainfield Special Situations Master Fund Limited

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only). 98-0451872

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a) [ ]  
(b) [ ]

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Cayman Islands

|                |                             |           |
|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Number of      | 5. Sole Voting Power        | 2,697,795 |
| Shares Bene-   | 6. Shared Voting Power      | 0         |
| ficially owned | 7. Sole Dispositive Power   | 2,697,795 |
| by Each        | 8. Shared Dispositive Power | 0         |
| Reporting      |                             |           |
| Person With:   |                             |           |

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
2,697,795

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) [ ]

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)  
6.96%

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
CO

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CUSIP No. 890786106

1. Names of Reporting Persons. Plainfield Asset Management LLC

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only). 20-2332356

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a) [ ]  
(b) [ ]

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4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

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Number of Shares Beneficially owned by Each Reporting Person With:

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 5. Sole Voting Power        | 2,697,795 |
| 6. Shared Voting Power      | 0         |
| 7. Sole Dispositive Power   | 2,697,795 |
| 8. Shared Dispositive Power | 0         |

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9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

2,697,795

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

[ ]

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

6.96%

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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CUSIP No. 890786106

1. Names of Reporting Persons. Max Holmes

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a) [ ]

(b) [ ]

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

United States

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Number of Shares Beneficially owned by Each Reporting Person With:

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 5. Sole Voting Power        | 2,697,795 |
| 6. Shared Voting Power      | 0         |
| 7. Sole Dispositive Power   | 2,697,795 |
| 8. Shared Dispositive Power | 0         |

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9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

2,697,795

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10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares  
(See Instructions)

[ ]

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

6.96%

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

IN

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Item 1.

- (a) The name of the issuer is The Topps Company, Inc. (the "Issuer").
- (b) The principal executive office of the Issuer is located at One Whitehall Street, New York, New York 10004.

Item 2.

- (a) This Schedule 13G (the "Statement") is being filed jointly on behalf of the following persons (collectively, the "Reporting Persons"): Plainfield Special Situations Master Fund Limited, a Cayman Islands corporation ("Master Fund"), Plainfield Asset Management LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Asset Management") and Max Holmes, an individual. The Reporting Persons may be deemed to be a "group" within the meaning of Rule 13d-5 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The filing of this Statement, however, shall not be construed as an admission by any of the Reporting Persons that a "group" exists or that any of the Reporting Persons is a beneficial owner of any securities other than those directly held by such Reporting Person.
- (b) The Principal Business Office of the Reporting Persons is 55 Railroad Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.
- (c) For citizenship information for the Reporting Persons see item 4 of the cover sheet of each Reporting Person.
- (d) This Statement relates to the Common Stock, \$0.01 par value (the "Common Stock") of the Issuer.
- (e) The CUSIP Number of the Common Stock of the Issuer is 890786106.

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to ss.ss.240.13d-1(b), or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) [ ] Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- (b) [ ] Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c) [ ] Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d) [ ] Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
- (e) [ ] An investment adviser in accordance with ss.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) [ ] An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with ss.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) [ ] A parent holding company or control person in accordance with ss.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) [ ] A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i) [ ] A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment

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company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940  
(15 U.S.C. 80a-3);

(j) [ ] Group, in accordance with ss.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);

### Item 4. Ownership.

See Items 5-9 and 11 on the cover page for each Reporting Person. The ownership listed on the cover page includes ownership by the Reporting Persons as of August 8, 2007 of 2,697,795 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. The percentage ownership listed on the cover page has been calculated in accordance with ss. 240.13d-3(d)(1) and is based upon 38,764,650 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock outstanding on July 16, 2007, as reported in the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 2, 2007.

The Common Stock was purchased by Master Fund. Master Fund is a private investment vehicle formed for the purpose of investing and trading in a wide variety of securities and financial instruments. Asset Management is the Manager of Master Fund. Max Holmes is the chief investment officer of Asset Management.

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Instruction. For computations regarding securities which represent a right to acquire an underlying security see ss.240.13d-3(d)(1).

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### Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [ ].

Instruction: Dissolution of a group requires a response to this item.

### Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

If any other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, such securities, a statement to that effect should be included in response to this item and, if such interest relates to more than five percent of the class, such person should be identified. A listing of the shareholders of an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 or the beneficiaries of employee benefit plan, pension fund or endowment fund is not required.

### Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.

If a parent holding company or control person has filed this schedule, pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b)(ii)(G), so indicate under Item 3(g) and attach an exhibit stating the identity and the Item 3 classification of the relevant subsidiary. If a parent holding company or control person has filed this schedule pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c) or Rule 13d-1(d), attach an exhibit stating the identification of the relevant subsidiary.

EXHIBIT ATTACHED [ ]

### Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

If a group has filed this schedule pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), so indicate under Item 3(j) and attach an exhibit stating the identity and Item 3 classification of each member of the group. If a group has filed this schedule pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c) or Rule 13d-1(d), attach an exhibit stating the identity of each member of the group.

### Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Notice of dissolution of a group may be furnished as an exhibit stating the date

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of the dissolution and that all further filings with respect to transactions in the security reported on will be filed, if required, by members of the group, in their individual capacity. See Item 5.

EXHIBIT ATTACHED [ ]

Item 10. Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: August 17, 2007

PLAINFIELD SPECIAL SITUATIONS MASTER FUND LIMITED

By: /s/ THOMAS X. FRITSCH

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Thomas X. Fritsch  
Authorized Individual

PLAINFIELD ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC

By: /s/ THOMAS X. FRITSCH

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Thomas X. Fritsch  
Managing Director and General Counsel

MAX HOLMES

By: /s/ THOMAS X. FRITSCH

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Thomas X. Fritsch  
Attorney-in-Fact\*

\* Duly authorized pursuant to Power of Attorney, dated February 1, 2007, by and on behalf of Max Holmes, appointing Thomas X. Fritsch as his attorney-in-fact, included as Exhibit A to this Schedule 13G.

The original statement shall be signed by each person on whose behalf the statement is filed or his authorized representative. If the statement is signed on behalf of a person by his authorized representative other than an executive officer or general partner of the filing person, evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of such person shall be filed with the statement, provided, however, that a power of attorney for this purpose which is already on file with the Commission may be incorporated by reference. The name and any title of each person who signs the statement shall be typed or printed beneath his signature.

Note: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five

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copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See ss.240.13d-7 for other parties for whom copies are to be sent.

Attention: Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001)

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EXHIBIT A

### LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes Thomas X. Fritsch, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, limited solely to the following purposes, to:

(1) execute for and on the undersigned's behalf (i) Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including any amendments thereto) which may be required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder, (ii) Schedules 13G and 13D (including any amendments thereto) which may be required to be filed in accordance with Sections 13(d) and 13(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder, and (iii) a Form ID (including any amendments thereto) and any other documents necessary or appropriate to obtain codes and passwords enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the SEC of reports, with respect to the undersigned's beneficial ownership of and transactions in reportable securities;

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on the undersigned's behalf, which may be necessary or desirable, to complete, execute and file any such Form 3, 4 or 5, Schedule 13G or 13D, Form ID or any forms necessary to obtain or renew such SEC access codes; and

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest, or legally required by the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on the undersigned's behalf of pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in his or her discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary and proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or his or her substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 or Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Photographic copies of this Power of Attorney shall have the same force and effect as the original. This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 or Schedules 13D or 13G with respect to the undersigned's beneficial ownership of and transactions in reportable securities, unless earlier revoked by the

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undersigned (a) automatically upon the undersigned's death, (b) automatically upon the attorney-in-fact being notified of the undersigned's disability, (c) automatically upon the attorney-in-fact no longer being employed by Plainfield Asset Management LLC or (d) upon a signed written revocation delivered to the foregoing attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 1st day of February, 2007.

/s/ Max Holmes

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MAX HOLMES

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD

This document was acknowledged before me on February 1, 2007 by Max Holmes.

/s/ Theresa Lowe

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Notary Public

EXHIBIT B

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-1(K) (1)

This agreement is made pursuant to Rule 13d-1(k) (1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") by and among the parties listed below, each referred to herein as a "Joint Filer." The Joint Filers agree that a statement of beneficial ownership as required by Section 13(d) of the Act and the Rules thereunder may be filed on each of their behalf on Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G, as appropriate, and that said joint filing may thereafter be amended by further joint filings. The Joint Filers state that they each satisfy the requirements for making a joint filing under Rule 13d-1.

Dated: August 17, 2007

PLAINFIELD SPECIAL SITUATIONS MASTER FUND  
LIMITED

By: /s/ THOMAS X. FRITSCH

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