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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Providenti, A. C. 12 Matinecock Avenue Port Washington, NY 11050 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 2/19/03 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary) 4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CPI Aerostructures, Inc. CVII 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 |3. Ownership |4. Nature of |2. Amount of Securities | Form: | Beneficial | Securities | Beneficially | Direct(D) or | Owned | Indirect(I) | Table II -- Derivative Securitites Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Derivative |2.Date Exer- |3.Title and Amount | |4. Conver-|5. Owner-| cisable and | of Underlying Security |sion or |ship |exercise |Form of | Expiration | Securities | Date(Month/ |-----|price of |Deriv-| Day/Year) |Amount |deri-|ative | Date | Expira- | |vative |Securit or

Explanation of Responses: CONFIRMING

STATEMENT

This Statement confirms that the undersigned has authorized and designated Arthur August or Edward J. Fred to execute and file on the

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undersigned's behalf all Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including any amendments thereto) that the undersigned may be required to file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as a result of the undersigned's ownership of or transactions in securities of CPI Aerostructures, Inc. The authority of Arthur August and Edward J. Fred under this Statement shall continue until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 or 5 with regard to the undersigned's ownership of or transactions in securities of CPI Aerostructures, Inc. unless earlier revoked in writing. The undersigned acknowledges that Arthur August and Edward J. Fred are not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

/s/ A. C. Providenti
A. C. Providenti
Dated: February 19, 2003
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/s/ A. C. Providenti
DATE
February 19, 2003