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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 9, 2009

UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	**1-812**	**06-0570975**
(State or other jurisdiction	**(Commission File Number)**	**(I.R.S. Employer**
of incorporation)		**Identification No.)**

One Financial Plaza
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code
(860) 728-7000

N/A
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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☐   Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 5—Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02.   Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(d) On February 9, 2009, the Board of Directors of United Technologies Corporation (the "Company"), elected Carlos M. Gutierrez as a director of the Company, effective as of March 11, 2009. The Board appointed Mr. Gutierrez to the Finance Committee and the Committee on Nominations and Governance. A copy of the Company's press release announcing the election of Mr. Gutierrez is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 9—Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01.   Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
99.1	Press Release dated February 9, 2009, issued by United Technologies Corporation.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: February 12, 2009

By: /s/ Kathleen M. Hopko

Kathleen M. Hopko
Vice President, Secretary and Associate General Counsel

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CARLOS M. GUTIERREZ, FORMER U.S. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, JOINS UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORP. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 9, 2009 – Carlos M. Gutierrez, former U.S. Secretary of Commerce, was elected to the United Technologies Corp. (NYSE:UTX) Board of Directors, effective March 11. He joins 13 other board members, 11 of whom are independent.

Gutierrez, 55, served most recently as U.S. Secretary of Commerce under the Bush Administration from 2005 to January 2009, where he led a large and diverse Cabinet agency of over 38,000 employees responsible for promoting American business around the globe. Prior to his appointment to U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Gutierrez spent 30 years with Kellogg Company, serving as Chairman and CEO from 2000 to 2005.

"Carlos Gutierrez has great experience and accomplishments internationally both through his long tenure at Kellogg and as our nation's Secretary of Commerce," said UTC Chairman George David. "I am delighted to welcome him to UTC's board."

Gutierrez studied Business Administration at the Monterrey Institute of Technology in Queretaro, Mexico. He has served on the boards of Colgate-Palmolive Company and the Grocery Manufacturers of America and as Co-Trustee of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation Trust.

United Technologies Corp., based in Hartford, Conn., is a diversified company that provides high technology products and services to the building and aerospace industries.

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