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February 14, 2002

SCHEDULE 13G

Amendment No. 3
Noble Affiliates Incorporated
Common Stock
Cusip #654894104

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Item 1: Reporting Person - FMR Corp.
Item 4: Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Item 5: 0
Item 6: 0
Item 7: 2,182,300
Item 8: 0
Item 9: 2,182,300
Item 11: 3.856%
Item 12: HC

Cusip #654894104
Item 1: Reporting Person - Edward C. Johnson 3d
Item 4: United States of America
Item 5: 0
Item 6: 0
Item 7: 2,182,300
Item 8: 0
Item 9: 2,182,300
Item 11: 3.856%
Item 12: IN

Cusip #654894104
Item 1: Reporting Person - Abigail P. Johnson
Item 4: United States of America
Item 5: None
Item 6: None
Item 7: 2,182,300
Item 8: None
Item 9: 2,182,300
Item 11: 3.856%
Item 12: IN

SCHEDULE 13G - TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS
FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b)

Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:
Noble Affiliates Incorporated

Item 1(b). Name of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
110 West Broadway Street, P.O. Box
1967
Ardmore, OK 73401-6227

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Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

FMR Corp.

Item 2(b). Address or Principal Business Office or, if None,
Residence:

82 Devonshire Street, Boston,
Massachusetts 02109

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

Not applicable

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

654894104

Item 3. This statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) and the person filing, FMR Corp., is a parent holding company in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G). (Note: See Item 7).

Item 4. Ownership

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 2,182,300

(b) Percent of Class: 3.856%

(c) Number of shares as to which such
person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct
the vote: 0

(ii) shared power to vote or to
direct the vote: 0

(iii) sole power to dispose or to
direct the disposition of: 2,182,300

(iv) shared power to dispose or to
direct the disposition of: 0

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 (X).

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

Not applicable

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

See attached Exhibit(s) A, B.

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

Not Applicable. See attached Exhibit A.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification.

Inasmuch as the reporting persons are no longer the beneficial owners of more than five percent of the number of shares outstanding, the reporting persons have no further reporting obligation under Section 13(d) of the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder, and the reporting persons have no obligation to amend this Statement if any material change occurs in the facts set forth herein.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this Schedule 13G in connection with FMR Corp.'s beneficial ownership of the Common Stock of Noble Affiliates Incorporated at December 31, 2001 is true, complete and correct.

February 14, 2002
Date

/s/Eric D. Roiter
Signature

Eric D. Roiter
Duly authorized under Power of Attorney dated December 30, 1997 by and on behalf of FMR Corp. and its direct and indirect subsidiaries

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Pursuant to the instructions in Item 7 of Schedule 13G, Fidelity Management & Research Company ("Fidelity"), 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109, a wholly-owned subsidiary of FMR Corp. and an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, is the beneficial owner of 2,182,300 shares or 3.856% of the Common Stock outstanding of Noble Affiliates Incorporated ("the Company") as a result of acting as investment adviser to various investment companies registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Edward C. Johnson 3d, FMR Corp., through its

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control of Fidelity, and the funds each has sole power to dispose of the 2,182,300 shares owned by the Funds.

Neither FMR Corp. nor Edward C. Johnson 3d, Chairman of FMR Corp., has the sole power to vote or direct the voting of the shares owned directly by the Fidelity Funds, which power resides with the Funds' Boards of Trustees. Fidelity carries out the voting of the shares under written guidelines established by the Funds' Boards of Trustees.

Members of the Edward C. Johnson 3d family are the predominant owners of Class B shares of common stock of FMR Corp., representing approximately 49% of the voting power of FMR Corp. Mr. Johnson 3d owns 12.0% and Abigail Johnson owns 24.5% of the aggregate outstanding voting stock of FMR Corp. Mr. Johnson 3d is Chairman of FMR Corp. and Abigail P. Johnson is a Director of FMR Corp. The Johnson family group and all other Class B shareholders have entered into a shareholders' voting agreement under which all Class B shares will be voted in accordance with the majority vote of Class B shares. Accordingly, through their ownership of voting common stock and the execution of the shareholders' voting agreement, members of the Johnson family may be deemed, under the Investment Company Act of 1940, to form a controlling group with respect to FMR Corp.

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RULE 13d-1(f) (1) AGREEMENT

The undersigned persons, on February 14, 2002, agree and consent to the joint filing on their behalf of this Schedule 13G in connection with their beneficial ownership of the Common Stock of Noble Affiliates Incorporated at December 31, 2001.

FMR Corp.

By /s/Eric D. Roiter
Eric D. Roiter
Duly authorized under Power of Attorney
dated December 30, 1997, by and on behalf
of FMR Corp. and its direct and indirect
subsidiaries

Edward C. Johnson 3d

By /s/Eric D. Roiter
Eric D. Roiter
Duly authorized under Power of Attorney
dated December 30, 1997, by and on behalf
of Edward C. Johnson 3d

Abigail P. Johnson

By /s/Eric D. Roiter
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Duly authorized under Power of Attorney
dated December 30, 1997, by and on behalf
of Abigail P. Johnson

Fidelity Management & Research Company

By /s/Eric D. Roiter
Eric D. Roiter
Senior V.P. and General Counsel