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(Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership)

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY)	3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
Ferguson Jeffrey W.	**5/3/2012**	**Carlyle Group L.P. [CG]**
(Last) (First) (Middle) **1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW**	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _____ Director _____ 10% Owner ___ **X** ___ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) **General Counsel /**	
(Street) **WASHINGTON, DC 20004** (City) (State) (Zip)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. 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 (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (*e.g.* , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Carlyle Holdings partnership units	(1)	(1)	**Common Units representing limited partnership interests**	**742073**	(1)	**D**	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Pursuant to the terms of the exchange agreement and subject to certain requirements and restrictions, the partnership units of Carlyle Holdings are exchangeable for common units of The Carlyle Group L.P. on a one-for-one basis, from and after the first anniversary date of the closing of the offering.

Remarks:

Pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Reporting Person herein states that this filing shall not be deemed to be an admission that he or it is the beneficial owner of any of these interests, and disclaims beneficial ownership of such interests, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest in such interests.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ferguson Jeffrey W. **1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW** **WASHINGTON, DC 20004**			**General Counsel**	

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey W. Ferguson **5/3/2012**

** Signature of Reporting Person — Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

***** If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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Exhibit 24.1

POWER OF ATTORNEY AND CONFIRMING STATEMENT

This Power of Attorney and Confirming Statement (this "Statement") confirms that the undersigned has authorized and designated each of William E. Conway, Jr., Daniel A. D'Aniello, David M. Rubenstein, Adena T. Friedman and Jeffrey W. Ferguson to execute and file on the undersigned's behalf all Forms 3,4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) that the undersigned may be required to file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as a result of the undersigned's ownership of or transactions in securities of The Carlyle Grouop L.P. The authority of William E. Conway, Jr., Daniel A. D'Aniello, David M. Rubenstein, Adena T. Friedman and Jeffrey W. Ferguson under this Statement shall continue until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with regard to his or her ownership of or transactions in securities of The Carlyle Group L.P., unless earlier revoked in writing The undersigned acknowledges that William E. Conway, Jr., Daniel A. D'Aniello, David M. Rubenstein, Adena T. Friedman and Jeffrey W. Ferguson are not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

In witness whereof, this Statement is signed and dated as of the date set forth below.

Date: Feb. 28, 2012

By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Ferguson

Name: Jeffrey W. Ferguson
Title: General Counsel