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	5241 Spring Mountain Road Las Vegas, NV 89102 USA Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Southwest Gas Corporation SWX IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
	Statement for Month/Year December 31, 1997 If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ( ) Director ( ) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other (specify below) Senior Vice President/Operations
7.	<pre>Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (Check Applicable Line) (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person ( ) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</pre>

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Explanation of Responses:
(1) Includes 12 shares acquired in March pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of the SWX 401(k) plan.
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
L. Keith Stewart by Faye J. Ringler, Attorney in fact DATE
1/30/98