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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. )

Toro Company (Name of Issuer)

Common (Title of Class of Securities)

891092108 (CUSIP Number)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
 S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Franklin Resources, Inc. 13-2670991

- 2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
  - (a)
  - (b) X
- SEC USE ONLY
- CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

(See Item 4)

SHARED VOTING POWER

(See Item 4)

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

(See Item 4)

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

(See Item 4)

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

676,800

10. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES

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11.
      PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9
12.
      TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
      HC (See Item 4)
1.
      NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
      S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
      Charles B. Johnson
      ###-##-###
2.
      CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
            (a)
            (b)
                  Χ
      SEC USE ONLY
3.
      CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
4.
      USA
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:
            SOLE VOTING POWER
      5.
            (See Item 4)
      6.
            SHARED VOTING POWER
            (See Item 4)
            SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
      7.
            (See Item 4)
            SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
      8.
            (See Item 4)
9.
      AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
      676,800
10.
      CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES
      CERTAIN SHARES [ ]
      PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9
11.
      5.6%
12.
      TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
      HC (See Item 4)
      NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
1.
      S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
      Rupert H. Johnson, Jr.
      ###-##-###
      CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
2.
            (a)
            (b)
                  Χ
      SEC USE ONLY
3.
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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

CERTAIN SHARES [ ]

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH: 5. SOLE VOTING POWER (See Item 4) SHARED VOTING POWER 6. (See Item 4) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 7. (See Item 4) 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER (See Item 4) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 9. 676,800 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES 10. CERTAIN SHARES [ ] 11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 5.6% 12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON HC (See Item 4) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON 1. S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON Franklin Mutual Advisers, Inc. 22-3463202 2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b) Χ SEC USE ONLY 3. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH: SOLE VOTING POWER 675,600 (See Item 4) SHARED VOTING POWER 6. (See Item 4) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 7. 675,600 (See Item 4) 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER (See Item 4) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 9. 675,600 10. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES [ ] PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 11.

5.6%

#### 12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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Item 1.

(a) Name of Issuer:

Toro Company

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

8111 Lyndale Ave. South Bloomington, MN 55420-1196

Item 2.

- (a) Name of Person Filing:
  - (i) Franklin Resources, Inc.
  - (ii) Charles B. Johnson
  - (iii) Rupert H. Johnson, Jr.
  - (iv) Franklin Mutual Advisers, Inc.
- (b) Address of Principal Business Office:

(i), (ii), and (iii): 777 Mariners Island Blvd. San Mateo, CA 94404

(iv):
51 John F. Kennedy Parkway
Short Hills, NJ 07078

- (c) Place of Organization or Citizenship:
  - (i) and (iv): Delaware
    (ii) and (iii): USA
- (d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common

(e) CUSIP Number:

891092108

- Item 3. The persons filing this Schedule 13G are:
  - (i) Franklin Resources, Inc.
    - (g) Parent Holding Company
  - (ii) Charles B. Johnson
  - (g) Principal Shareholder of Parent Holding Company (iii) Rupert H. Johnson, Jr.
    - (g) Principal Shareholder of Parent Holding Company
  - (iv) Franklin Mutual Advisers, Inc.
    - (e) Investment Adviser

### Item 4. Ownership

The securities reported on herein are beneficially owned by one or more open or closed-end investment companies or other managed accounts which are advised by direct and indirect investment advisory subsidiaries (the "Adviser Subsidiaries") of Franklin Resources, Inc. ("FRI"). Such advisory contracts grant to such Adviser Subsidiaries all voting and investment power over the securities owned by such advisory clients. Therefore, such Adviser Subsidiaries may be deemed to be, for purposes of Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the beneficial owner of the securities covered by this statement.

Charles B. Johnson and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. (the "Principal Shareholders") each own in excess of 10% of the outstanding Common Stock of FRI and are the principal shareholders of FRI. FRI and the Principal Shareholders may be deemed to be, for purposes of Rule 13d-3 under the 1934 Act, the beneficial owner of securities held by persons and entities advised by FRI or its subsidiaries. FRI, the Principal Shareholders and each of the Adviser Subsidiaries disclaim any economic interest or beneficial ownership

in any of the securities covered by this Statement.

FRI, the Principal Shareholders, and each of the Adviser Subsidiaries are of the view that they are not acting as a "group" for purposes of Section 13(d) under the 1934 Act and that they are not otherwise required to attribute to each other the "beneficial ownership" of securities held by any of them or by any persons or entities advised by FRI or its subsidiaries.

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

676,800

(b) Percent of Class:

5.6%

- (c) Number of Shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote

Franklin Resources, Inc.:

Charles B. Johnson:

Rupert H. Johnson, Jr.:

Franklin Mutual Advisers, Inc.:

675,600

Templeton Global Advisors Limited:

1,200

- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

Franklin Resources, Inc.:

Charles B. Johnson:

Rupert H. Johnson, Jr.:

Franklin Mutual Advisers, Inc.:

675,600

Templeton Global Advisors Limited:

1,200

- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of
- 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 [].

Not Applicable

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

The clients of the Adviser Subsidiaries have the right to receive dividends and proceeds of the sale of the securities reported on in this statement. Mutual Beacon Fund, a series of Franklin Mutual Series Fund Inc., a company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, has an interest in more than 5% of the class of securities reported on herein. One or more other series of investment companies registered with the SEC or other managed accounts have the right to receive dividends from and the proceeds from the sale of such securities.

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

Franklin Mutual Advisers, Inc. 3(e)
Templeton Global Advisors Limited 3(e)

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not Applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not Applicable Item 10. Certification

By signing below, we certify that, to the best of our knowledge and

belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

This report shall not be construed as an admission by the persons filing the report that they are the beneficial owner of any securities covered by this report.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, we certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 12, 1997

S\DEBORAH R. GATZEK

S\CHARLES B. JOHNSON S\DEBORAH R. GATZEK

Deborah R. Gatzek Franklin Resources, Inc. Senior Vice President & Assistant Secretary By: Deborah R. Gatzek Attorney in Fact pursuant to Power of Attorney for Charles B. Johnson as attached to this Schedule 13G

S\RUPERT H. JOHNSON, JR. S\DEBORAH R. GATZEK

By: Deborah R. Gatzek Attorney in Fact pursuant to Power of Attorney for Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. as attached to this Schedule 13G

S\DEBORAH R. GATZEK

Deborah R. Gatzek Franklin Mutual Advisers, Inc. Assistant Secretary

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

CHARLES B. JOHNSON hereby appoints DEBORAH R. GATZEK his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent to execute and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission any Schedule 13G, any amendments thereto or any related documentation which may be required to be filed in his individual capacity as a result of his position as an officer, director or shareholder of Franklin Resources, Inc. and, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing which he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

S\CHARLES B. JOHNSON

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

RUPERT H. JOHNSON, JR. hereby appoints DEBORAH R. GATZEK his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent to execute and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission any Schedule 13G, any amendments thereto or any related documentation which may be required to be filed in his individual capacity as a result of his position as an officer, director or shareholder of Franklin Resources, Inc. and, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing which he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

S\RUPERT H. JOHNSON, JR.

#### JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1 (f)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned hereby agrees to the joint filing with each other of the attached statement on Schedule 13G and to all amendments to such statement and that such statement and all amendments to such statement is made on behalf of each of them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned hereby execute this agreement on February 12, 1997.

S\DEBORAH R. GATZEK

S\CHARLES B. JOHNSON S\DEBORAH R. GATZEK

Deborah R. Gatzek Franklin Resources, Inc. Senior Vice President & Assistant Secretary By: Deborah R. Gatzek Attorney in Fact pursuant to Power of Attorney for Charles B. Johnson as attached to this Schedule 13G

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Deborah R. Gatzek Franklin Mutual Advisers, Inc. Assistant Secretary