MCGINN RICHARD A

Form 4

November 17, 2004

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1(b).

Common

Shares

10/25/2004

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MCGINN RICHARD A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]				Č	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
	N EXPRESS TO		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/25/2004				,	X Director Officer (give below)		Owner er (specify	
WORLD FI	NANCIAL CEN	TER									
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Securi	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Reporting Owners

Relationships

Reporting Owner Name / Address 10% Director Officer Other Owner

MCGINN RICHARD A AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER NEW YORK, NY 10285-5003



Signatures

Richard A.

McGinn 10/25/2004 **Signature of Date Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) This transaction should have been reported on or before October 27, 2004.
- (2) Includes 37 shares acquired pursuant to the Company's dividend reinvestment plan.

The shares acquired on October 25, 2004 were not reflected in the reporting person's direct holdings shown on a Form 4 filed on

(3) November 5, 2004 to report other transactions; as a result, the direct holdings shown in Column 5, "Amount of Securities Benficially Owned Following Reported Transactions" on the Form 4 filed on November 5, 2004, were understated by 2,000 shares.

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