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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JORDAN VERNON E JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

LAZARD FRERES AND CO.
LLC, 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA,
62ND FLOOR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10020

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
06/29/2007

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of Derivative	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. P
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Sec (Ins			
				Code V	(A)	(D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Share Equivalent Units	<u>1</u>	06/29/2007	A		181.1 <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	181.1	\$ 6

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JORDAN VERNON E JR
LAZARD FRERES AND CO. LLC
30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, 62ND FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10020

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Signatures

/s/ Stephen P. Norman,
attorney-in-fact

07/03/2007

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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) The Share Equivalent Units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) The reported Share Equivalent Units were acquired pursuant to the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Advisors and will be settled in cash following termination of service as a Director.
- (3) The Share Equivalent Units are convertible immediately and have no expiration date.
- (4) Includes share equivalent units acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Advisors and/or the 2003 Share Equivalent Unit Plan for Directors.

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