#### LINEN JONATHAN S

Form 5

February 14, 2006

#### **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 5

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

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1(b).

### ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4

Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer LINEN JONATHAN S Symbol AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP] (Check all applicable) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (First) (Middle) (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X \_ Officer (give title 12/31/2005

3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER, 200 VESEY ST, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

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(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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

(Instr. 3 and 4) 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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Pric (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Number **Expiration Date** Underlying Securities Deriva Conversion

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of (Month/Day/ Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Year) (Instr. 3 an			Security (Instr.
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 (1)	01/27/2005(3)	Â	J(3)	37 Â	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	37	\$ 0

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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# **Signatures**

/s/ Stephen P. Norman, attorney-in-fact 02/14/2006

\*\*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 phantom stock converts into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) The units are to be settled following the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.
- (3) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under the Company's Supplemental Retirement Plan on 1/27/2005, 4/22/2005, 7/28/2005, and 10/11/2005, at prices ranging from \$49.18 to \$55.47 per share.

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