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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 17, 2001

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation or organization)

1-7657

13-4922250 Identification No.)

200 Vesey Street, World Financial Center New York, New York (Address of principal executive offices)

10285 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 640-2000 -----

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Information

On September 17, 2001, the registrant issued a press release announcing that it expects third quarter earnings to be negatively affected by recent terrorist attacks. Such press release is filed herein as Exhibit 99.1.

SIGNATURE

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY (REGISTRANT)

By /s/ Stephen P. Norman

Name: Stephen P. Norman

Title: Secretary

DATE: September 17, 2001

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