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

FORM 11-K

PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the fiscal year ended December 31,
2002

or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 1-7657

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of
the issuer named below:

AMERICAN EXPRESS INCENTIVE SAVINGS PLAN

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address
of its principal executive office:

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY
World Financial Center
200 Vesey Street
New York, New York 10285

AMERICAN EXPRESS INCENTIVE SAVINGS PLAN

FORM 11-K FOR

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Employee Benefits Administration Committee
American Express Company

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the American Express Incentive Savings Plan (the "Plan") as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedules of assets "held at end of year" as of December 31, 2002, and reportable transactions for the year then ended, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. These supplemental schedules are the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/Ernst & Young LLP

Minneapolis, Minnesota
June 25, 2003

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American Express Incentive Savings Plan Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31, 2002	December 31, 2001
ASSETS		
Investments	\$2,451,704,141	\$2,745,093,175
Cash	2,534,650	2,663,462
Receivables:		
Investment income	58,069,358	34,404,633
Employer Contributions-		
Other than Profit Sharing	18,587,813	-
Profit Sharing	51,514,033	-
Total Assets	2,582,409,995	2,782,161,270
Net assets available for benefits	\$2,582,409,995	\$2,782,161,270

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See notes to the financial statements.

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American Express Incentive Savings Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

	Participant- Directed	Nonparticipant- Directed
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Contributions:		
Employer -		
Other than Profit Sharing	\$ 53,524,375	\$ 14,120,946
Profit Sharing	51,514,033	-
Employee	141,140,471	-
Member rollovers or transfers	4,879,872	-
	-----	-----
Total Contributions	251,058,751	14,120,946
Investment Income:		
Interest and dividends	41,043,893	2,661,481
Interest on participant loans	7,955,006	-
Net realized/unrealized depreciation	(230,767,608)	(1,233,233)
	-----	-----
Total Investment Income	(181,768,709)	1,428,248
	-----	-----
Total Contributions and Investment Income	69,290,042	15,549,194
Withdrawal payments	(251,748,112)	(31,803,712)
Net transfers between accounts (out) in	3,935,873	(3,935,873)
Transfers to successor trustees	(1,038,687)	-
	-----	-----
Net decrease in net assets available for benefits	(179,560,884)	(20,190,391)
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	2,472,060,812	310,100,458
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Net assets available for benefits at end of year	\$2,292,499,928	\$289,910,067
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American Express Incentive Savings Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
For the Year Ended December 31, 2001

	Participant- Directed	Nonparticipant- Directed
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Contributions:		
Employer -		
Other than Profit Sharing	\$ 50,226,017	\$ 21,419,930
Profit Sharing	-	-
Employee	145,956,531	-
Member rollovers or transfers	10,506,001	-
	-----	-----
Total Contributions	206,688,549	21,419,930
Investment Income:		
Interest and dividends	41,475,069	2,684,766
Interest on participant loans	9,932,352	-
Net realized/unrealized depreciation	(530,154,188)	(160,879,709)
	-----	-----
Total Investment Income	(478,746,767)	(158,194,943)
	-----	-----
Total Contributions and Investment Income	(272,058,218)	(136,775,013)
Withdrawal payments	(160,238,426)	(18,020,948)
Net transfers between accounts (out) in	2,730,789	(2,730,789)
Transfers from predecessor trustees	8,683,263	-
	-----	-----
Net decrease in net assets available for benefits	(420,882,592)	(157,526,750)
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	2,892,943,404	467,627,208
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Net assets available for benefits at end of year	\$2,472,060,812	\$ 310,100,458
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See notes to the financial statements.

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December 31, 2002

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

GENERAL

The American Express Incentive Savings Plan (the "Plan"), which became effective June 11, 1973, is a defined contribution pension plan. Under the terms of the Plan, regular full-time and certain part-time employees of American Express Company and its participating subsidiaries (the "Company") can make contributions to the Plan upon date of hire and are eligible to receive Company contributions upon completion of one year of service.

The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). The following is not a comprehensive description of the Plan, and therefore, does not include all situations and limitations covered by the Plan. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for more complete information.

ADMINISTRATION

American Express Trust Company ("AETC"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Express Financial Corporation ("AEFC"), is the Trustee of the Plan. AEFC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Express Company. The Plan is administered by the Company's Employee Benefits Administration Committee ("EBAC"), and the Company's Benefit Plans Investment Committee ("BPIC") selects the investment options available under the Plan and directs the manner in which investment options unique to the Plan are invested. BPIC has the power to appoint investment managers to make investment decisions. Both Committees are appointed by the Compensation and Benefits Committee of the Board of Directors of American Express Company.

EXPENSES

All administrative expenses incurred with regard to the Plan are borne by the Company. Expenses related to the Plan's investments, such as brokerage commissions, stock transfer taxes and other charges, are generally paid by the Plan. Fees, commissions and other charges attributable to the Plan as a whole are paid by the Plan, unless paid by the Company. The participant pays certain fees and expenses of the Self-Directed Brokerage Account (SDA).

CHANGES TO THE PLAN

Effective May 21, 2002, the Plan was amended to eliminate the distribution option of monthly or annual installments when a Participant's employment ends at or after age 55. The Plan was changed to indicate that if employment ends participants may elect to receive their vested account balance as a lump sum cash amount, American Express Company common shares, AXP mutual fund shares, or a combination of cash and shares.

Effective April 4, 2002, the American Express Company Stock Fund was converted to an Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP") within the meaning of Section 4975 (e) of the Internal Revenue Code. Participants have the choice to either receive their vested American Express Company Stock dividends paid in cash or have them automatically reinvested in the stock fund.

In 2001, assets approximating \$5.8 million for participants formerly employed by American Express One, and \$2.8 million for participants formerly employed by Lifeco Services Corporation were merged into the Plan.

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American Express Incentive Savings Plan Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2002

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Plan currently provides for the following contributions:

ELECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

Participants may contribute each pay period before-tax, after-tax (up to 10%), or a combination of both, not to exceed 80% of their base salary to the Plan through payroll deduction. The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), imposes a limitation (adjusted annually for cost of living increases) on participants' Before-Tax Contributions to plans, which are qualified under Code Section 401(k), and other specified tax favored plans. This limit per the Code was \$11,000 for employees under age 50 and \$12,000 for employees over age 50 for 2002 and \$10,500 for all employees in 2001.

The Plan complied with nondiscrimination requirements under the Code for 2002 and 2001. Accordingly, the Plan permitted Before-Tax Contributions up to \$11,000 (\$12,000 for those over age 50) in 2002 and \$10,500 for 2001, for participants who earned at least \$90,000 and \$85,000 in the prior year, respectively.

COMPANY MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

Upon a participant's completion of one year of service the Company matches participants' Before-Tax Contributions quarterly on a dollar for dollar basis up to 3% of base salary. A participant must be employed by the Company on the last working day of the quarter to receive Company Matching Contributions.

PROFIT SHARING CONTRIBUTIONS

Upon a participant's completion of one year of service additional Company contributions of 0-7% of the participants' base salary may be made annually at the Company's discretion based, in part, on the Company's performance. Participants must be employed on the last working day of the Plan year to be eligible for any Profit Sharing Contributions made for that Plan year. Contributions to eligible employees are made regardless of whether the eligible employee contributes to the Plan. Profit Sharing Contributions were 3.00% and 0.00% of base salary in 2002 and 2001, respectively.

COMPANY STOCK CONTRIBUTIONS

Upon a participant's completion of one year of service the Company contributes 1% of each eligible employee's base salary quarterly regardless of whether the eligible employee contributes to the Plan. This contribution is invested in the American Express Company Stock Fund. A participant must be employed by the Company on the last working date of the quarter to receive Company Stock Contributions.

LIMIT ON CONTRIBUTIONS

For purposes of the Plan, base salary is a participant's regular cash compensation up to \$200,000 in 2002 and \$170,000 in 2001, before tax deductions

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and certain other withholdings. Base salary does not include bonuses, overtime, commissions and certain other amounts.

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American Express Incentive Savings Plan Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2002

TRANSFER OF ACCOUNT BALANCES

Participants' account balances may be transferred among the Plan's investment options upon instructions from the participant, except that the Company Stock Contributions and amounts held in transfer accounts pursuant to the merger of the American Express Stock Ownership Plan into the Plan on December 1, 1994 ("SOP transfer account"), cannot be transferred from the American Express Company Stock Fund until the participant attains age 55.

ROLLOVERS

A Rollover is a transfer to the Plan of a qualified distribution in accordance with the provisions of the Plan. Rollovers into the Plan are not subject to Company Matching Contributions.

VESTING

Participants are immediately vested in their Before-Tax and After-Tax Contributions, Company Matching Contributions, Company Stock Contributions, Rollovers, and income and appreciation on the foregoing. Profit Sharing Contributions, and income and appreciation thereon, are fully vested after five years of service, upon retiring at or after attaining the Plan's normal retirement age (65), upon becoming disabled or at death. Company Profit Sharing Contributions not vested at the time of termination of employment are forfeited and used to reduce future Company contributions. Forfeitures were \$4,704,837 in 2002 and \$6,442,921 in 2001.

TAX DEFERRALS

As long as the Plan remains qualified and the related Trust (the "Trust") remains tax exempt, amounts invested in the Plan through Participant and Company contributions and Rollovers, as well as the income and appreciation on such amounts, are not subject to Federal income tax until distributed to the participant.

DISTRIBUTIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

Upon disability, death or retirement at or after attaining the Plan's normal retirement age (65), participants or their beneficiaries are eligible to receive a distribution of the full value of their accounts. If employment ends for other reasons, participants are eligible to receive a distribution of their vested account balance. If employment ends, participants (or their beneficiaries) may elect to receive their vested balance as a lump sum cash amount, American Express Company common shares, AXP mutual fund shares, or a combination of cash and shares. If the account balance is greater than \$5,000, participants may elect to defer distribution until age 65. If the account balance is \$5,000 or less, the distribution will be made in a lump sum following the end of employment. A participant may request a withdrawal of all or a portion of their vested account balance subject to limitations under the terms of the Plan and certain tax penalties imposed by the Code.

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LOAN PROGRAM

Participants are also entitled to apply to the EBAC for a loan from the Plan, subject to certain Plan restrictions. Repayments of the loan, including interest, are allocated to a participant's

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investment accounts in accordance with the election in effect for new contributions at the time of repayment. In the event of a loan default, the EBAC may direct the Trustee to treat the outstanding loan balance as an early withdrawal of funds from the Plan thereby subjecting the balance to income tax plus any penalties imposed by the Code.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

VALUATION OF INVESTMENTS

Investment contracts, which are fully benefit responsive, are carried at contract value. Contract value represents the face amount of the contract plus interest at the contract rate. Investments in American Express Company common shares are valued at the last quoted sales price on the New York Stock Exchange on the last business day of the Plan year. Investments in mutual funds and collective investment funds are valued at the closing net asset values of the funds on the last business day of the Plan year. Participant loan accounts are valued at cost, which approximates fair value. All other investments are carried at fair value.

PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100 percent vested in their accounts.

OTHER

Purchases and sales of securities are reflected on a trade-date basis. The cost of securities sold is determined using the average cost method. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Income from other investments is recorded on the accrual basis. As required by the Plan, all dividend and interest income is reinvested into the same investment funds in which the dividends and interest arose.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and include the use of management estimates in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. INVESTMENTS

INVESTMENT ELECTIONS

A participant may currently elect to invest contributions in any combination of investment funds in increments of 1% and change investment elections for future contributions on any business day the New York Stock Exchange is open, with the

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exception of the Self-Directed Brokerage Account (SDA). The SDA has a minimum initial transfer of \$3,000 and additional increments of at least \$500. Future contributions cannot be made directly to the SDA.

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American Express Incentive Savings Plan Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2002

INVESTMENT FUNDS

A brief description of the investment funds at December 31, 2002 is set forth below:

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY STOCK FUND - Is considered to be an Employer Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) effective April 4, 2002. The Fund invests primarily in the Company's common stock, purchased in either the open market or directly from the Company, and in cash or short-term cash equivalents.

ISP INCOME FUND - Invests in various investment contracts, directly or indirectly, offered by insurance companies or other financial institutions. Contracts may be subject to penalties if they are terminated before their stated maturity if the purpose for termination is other than to obtain funds for ordinary participant benefit payments. The average yield on investment contracts was 5.30% and 5.96%, for 2002 and 2001, respectively. American Express Trust Company acts as investment manager for the ISP Income Funds. The fund also invests in the American Express Trust Income Fund I (which invests primarily in investment contracts) and the American Express Trust Money Market Fund I (which invests primarily in short-term debt instruments). The goal of this fund is to maximize current income consistent with the preservation of principal.

THE "AMERICAN EXPRESS FUNDS" - The "American Express Funds" - the AXP(R) Bond Fund, AXP(R) International Fund, AXP(R) Mutual Fund, AXP(R) New Dimensions Fund, AXP(R) Stock Fund, AXP(R) Global Balanced Fund and AXP(R) Equity Select Fund - are mutual funds offered to the general public. Each of the AXP(R) Funds is managed by American Express Financial Corporation and distributed by American Express Financial Advisors Inc. American Express Financial Corporation is a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Express Company; American Express Financial Advisors Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Express Financial Corporation.

COLLECTIVE FUNDS - The American Express Trust Small Cap Equity Index Fund I, American Express Trust Equity Index Fund III, American Express Trust Short-Term Horizon (25:75) Fund, American Express Trust Medium-Term Horizon (50:50) Fund and the American Express Trust Long-Term Horizon (80:20) Fund are collective funds, managed by American Express Trust Company.

SELF-DIRECTED BROKERAGE ACCOUNT (MUTUAL FUNDS ONLY) - The Self-Directed Brokerage Account (SDA) gives participants the freedom to invest in a wide variety of Mutual Funds in addition to the other aforementioned investment options. Participants are provided a list of over 900 mutual funds to make choices and investment selections of their own design.

At December 31, 2002, the fair value of investment contracts was estimated to be \$433,504,018. Fair value for traditional investment contracts was estimated based upon discounting future cash flows under the contract at current interest rates for similar investments with comparable terms. Fair value for synthetic contracts was estimated based on the market values of the underlying securities. Related wrap instruments for synthetic contracts were valued at the difference

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between the fair value of the underlying securities and the contract value attributable by the wrapper to such assets. Contracts with maturities of one year or less were valued at contract value, which approximates fair value. This valuation is made in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 107, "Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments" and does not necessarily reflect the value that would be realized as a result of premature liquidation of the contracts.

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American Express Incentive Savings Plan Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2002

At December 31, 2002 and 2001, investments with a fair value representing 5% or more of the Plan's net assets were as follows:

DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF SHARES	COST	FAIR VALUE
2002			
COMMON SHARES			
American Express Company - Nonparticipant-Directed	8,201,133	\$122,705,482	\$289,910,065
American Express Company - Participant-Directed	16,164,016	324,717,346	571,397,952
MUTUAL FUNDS			
AXP(R)New Dimensions Fund, Inc.	24,455,178	\$653,075,370	\$471,251,273
2001			
COMMON SHARES			
American Express Company - Nonparticipant-Directed	8,688,721	\$121,549,404	\$310,100,457
American Express Company - Participant-Directed	17,451,828	336,706,386	622,855,737
MUTUAL FUNDS			
AXP(R)New Dimensions Fund, Inc.	26,241,977	\$671,597,795	\$645,027,804
AXP(R)Stock Fund, Inc.	8,518,733	203,780,001	163,133,746

4. INCOME TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service issued a favorable letter of determination on May 28, 1996, to the effect that the Plan is qualified and that the Trust established under the Plan is tax-exempt in conformity with the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and certain subsequent tax acts. The Company filed with the IRS on February 26, 2002, an application for determination on behalf of the Plan to confirm that the Plan, as amended and restated, continues its tax-qualified status. The Company also filed with the IRS on November 4, 2002, an application for determination to confirm the Plan continues its tax-qualified status with an application for determination of an Employee Stock Ownership

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Plan (ESOP). To maintain its qualified status, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the code requirements. The Company believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes that the Plan, is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

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American Express Incentive Savings Plan
Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets "Held at End of Year"
December 31, 2002

IDENTITY OF ISSUE, BORROWER, LESSOR, OR SIMILAR PARTY	NUMBER OF SHARES / UNITS OR FACE AMOUNT		CO
MUTUAL FUNDS			
AXP (R)New Dimensions Fund, Inc. *	24,455,178	\$	653,
AXP (R)Bond Fund, Inc. *	19,547,592		93,

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AXP(R)Mutual Fund, Inc.*	6,964,848	84,
AXP(R)Stock Fund, Inc. *	8,099,461	190,
AXP(R)Global Balance Fund, Inc. *	908,977	4,
AXP(R)International Fund, Inc. *	9,836,261	48,
AXP(R)Equity Select Fund, Inc. *	8,263,728	88,

		1,162,

COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT FUNDS -		
American Express Trust Horizon Short-Term Fund *	354,831	6,
American Express Trust Horizon Medium-Term Fund *	1,600,844	33,
American Express Trust Horizon Long-Term Fund *	681,861	14,
American Express Trust Small Cap Equity Index I Fund *	3,017,040	32,
American Express Trust Equity Index III Fund *	926,309	23,

		110,

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY STOCK FUND -		
American Express Trust Money Market Fund I *	19,554,656	19,
American Express Company Common Shares *	24,365,149	447,

		466,

SELF-DIRECTED BROKERAGE ACCOUNT		44,

* Indicates Party-in-interest

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AMERICAN EXPRESS ISP INCOME FUND -

American Express Trust Money Market Fund I *	19,280,028	19,
American Express Trust Income Fund I *	1,023,042	54,
INVESTMENT CONTRACTS		
AIG Financial I		
Contract #148433, 5.42%	17,691,276	22,
Managed Synthetic GIC Wrap		
Instrument for AIG Financial I #148433	--	(4,
AIG Financial II		
Contract #160270, 6.51%	9,946,816	14,
Managed Synthetic GIC Wrap		
Instrument for AIG Financial II #160270	--	(4,
Allstate II, 5.74%		
Managed Synthetic GIC Wrap	19,226,810	24,
Instrument for Allstate II	--	(5,
Allstate I, 6.17%		
Managed Synthetic GIC Wrap	7,952,334	10,
Instrument for Allstate I	--	(2,
Bank of America		
Contract #97002-A, 5.12%	20,507,633	24,
Managed Synthetic GIC Wrap		
Instrument for Bank of America #97002-A	--	(3,
Bank of America II, 5.23%		
Managed Synthetic GIC Wrap	7,774,991	11,
Instrument for Bank of America II	--	(3,
CDC I		
Contract #1025-01, 4.74%	8,396,664	10,
Managed Synthetic GIC Wrap		
Instrument for CDC I #1025-01	--	(2,

* Indicates Party-in-interest

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AMERICAN EXPRESS ISP INCOME FUND - CONTINUED

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INVESTMENT CONTRACTS - CONTINUED		
CDC II, 6.1%	25,026,713	31,
Managed Synthetic GIC Wrap		
Instrument for CDC II	--	(6,
JP Morgan/Chase I, 7.36%	39,156,350	52,
Managed Synthetic GIC Wrap		
Instrument for JP Morgan/Chase I	--	(13,
Monumental Life II		
Contract #ADA00281TR, 4.53%	13,788,440	12,
Managed Synthetic GIC Wrap		
Instrument for Monumental Life II #ADA00281TR	--	1,
Monumental Life V, 5%	22,791,618	16,
Managed Synthetic GIC Wrap		
Instrument for Monumental Life V	--	6,
Pacific Life, 3.79%	25,454,603	16,
Managed Synthetic GIC Wrap		
Instrument for Pacific Life	--	9,
Rabobank I, 6.28%	9,963,042	14,
Managed Synthetic GIC Wrap		
Instrument for Rabobank I	--	(4,
Rabobank III, 5.04%	22,278,255	26,
Managed Synthetic GIC Wrap		
Instrument for Rabobank III	--	(4,
State Street I, 4.63%	9,400,600	10,
Managed Synthetic GIC Wrap		
Instrument for State Street I	--	(1,
State Street II, 5.8%	28,137,810	32,
Managed Synthetic GIC Wrap		
Instrument for State Street II	--	(4,

* Indicates Party-in-interest

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IDENTITY OF ISSUE, BORROWER, LESSOR, OR SIMILAR PARTY	NUMBER OF SHARES / UNITS OR FACE AMOUNT	CO

AMERICAN EXPRESS ISP INCOME FUND - CONTINUED		
INVESTMENT CONTRACTS - CONTINUED		
UBS I		

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Contract #2137, 5.15%	19,755,095	24,
Managed Synthetic GIC Wrap		
Instrument for UBS I #2137	--	(4,
UBS III		
Contract #2141, 5.64%	24,655,922	27,
Managed Synthetic GIC Wrap		
Instrument for UBS III #2141	--	(2,
West LB		
Contract #WLB-023, 5%	32,174,051	35,
Managed Synthetic GIC Wrap		
Instrument for West LB #WLB-023	--	(2,
SEC Life Denver		
Contract #433, 1.53%	10,000,000	10,
GIC Wrap Instrument for		
SEC Life Denver #433	--	
United of Omaha		
Contract #12476, 1.59%	5,000,000	4,
GIC Wrap Instrument for		
United of Omaha #12476	--	

		379,

		452,

LOANS TO PARTICIPANTS

Various, 4.00% - 13.50%, due 4/02 - 9/32

* Indicates Party-in-interest

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Plan #: 002

American Express Incentive Savings Plan
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Year Ended December 31, 2002

DESCRIPTION OF ASSETS	SHARES/UNIT OR FACE AMOUNT	PURCHASE PRICE
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CATEGORY (iii) - SERIES OF TRANSACTIONS IN EXCESS OF 5% OF THE FAIR VALUE OF PLAN ASSETS

AET Money Market I *	191,106,434	\$191,106,4
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DESCRIPTION OF ASSETS	COST OF ASSET	CURRENT VALUE ASSET ON TRANSACTION DA
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CATEGORY (iii) - SERIES OF TRANSACTIONS IN EXCESS OF 5% OF THE FAIR VALUE OF PLAN ASSETS

AET Money Market I *	\$191,106,434	\$191,106,
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* Indicates party-in-interest

Note: There were no category (i), (ii) or (iv) reportable transactions during the Plan year ended December 31, 2002.

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SIGNATURE

THE PLAN. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Employee Benefits Administration Committee has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN EXPRESS INCENTIVE SAVINGS PLAN

By /s/ Valeria Christensen

 Valeria Christensen
 Delegate
 Employee Benefits Administration
 Committee

Date: June 27, 2003

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number -----	Description -----
23.1	Consent of Independent Auditors
99.1	Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

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EXHIBIT 23.1

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

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We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements (Form S-8, No. 2-46918, No. 2-59230, No. 33-02980 and No. 33-53801) pertaining to the American Express Incentive Savings Plan and in the related Prospectuses of our report dated June 25, 2003 with respect to the financial statements and schedules of the American Express Incentive Savings Plan included in this Annual Report on Form 11-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Minneapolis, Minnesota
June 25, 2003

EXHIBIT 99.1

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Annual Report on Form 11-K of the American Express Incentive Savings Plan (the "Plan") for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), each of the undersigned, as a member of the Employee Benefits Administration Committee of American Express Company, the Administrator of the Plan, hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

(1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

(2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Plan.

/s/ Arleane S. Baltrusitis

Name: Arleane S. Baltrusitis
Date: June 27, 2003

/s/ Paul Connolly

Name: Paul Connolly
Date: June 27, 2003

/s/ Richard Miller

Name: Richard Miller

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Date: June 27, 2003

The foregoing certification is being furnished solely pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and is not being "filed" as part of the Form 11-K or as a separate disclosure document for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to liability under that section. This certification shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act except to the extent that this Exhibit 99.1 is expressly and specifically incorporated by reference in any such filing.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Plan and will be retained by the Plan and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.