FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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	nd Address of	Al	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC [AFG]										eck all app	icable)	10% Owner		vner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE EAST FOURTH STREET							f Earli	est Tran	ısac	ction (Mo	onth/[Day/Year)		below		Other (specify below)		ъреспу 			
(Street) CINCIN			45202 (Zip)		4. 1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day								ar)	Lin	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Execution			Ί.	3. Transac Code (li 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)				Benefic	ies cially Following	Forn (D) o	n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Î	Code	v	Amount	(,	A) or D)	Price		ction(s)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 02/17/2							2006			M		5,000		A	\$22.3	1	13,723		D		
Common	Stock	k 8.425 I							DRIP ⁽¹⁾												
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,		ransaction ode (Instr.		n of		Date Exe piration onth/Day	Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	s lly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Da Ex	ite ercisabl		xpiration ate	Title	C	Amount or Number of Shares	per					
Employee Stock Option	\$22.34	02/17/2006			M			5,000	06	5/06/2003	3 0	6/06/2013	Comr		5,000	\$0.00	0		D		

Explanation of Responses:

1. These shares were purchased through, and are held in, the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan ("DRIP").

Remarks:

Terry S. Jacobs By: Karl J. **Grafe as Attorney-in-Fact**

02/21/2006

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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