

SCHEDULE 13G

Amendment No. 2
American Financial Group Incorporated
common stock
Cusip # 025932104

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Item 1: Reporting Person - FMR Corp.
Item 4: Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Item 5: 0
Item 6: 0
Item 7: 0
Item 8: 0
Item 9: 0
Item 11: 0.000%
Item 12: HC

Cusip # 025932104
Item 1: Reporting Person - Edward C. Johnson 3d
Item 4: United States of America
Item 5: 0
Item 6: 0
Item 7: 0
Item 8: 0
Item 9: 0
Item 11: 0.000%
Item 12: IN

Cusip # 025932104
Item 1: Reporting Person - Abigail P. Johnson
Item 4: United States of America
Item 5: None
Item 6: None
Item 7: 0
Item 8: None
Item 9: 0
Item 11: 0.000%
Item 12: IN

SCHEDULE 13G - TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS
FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b)

Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:
American Financial Group Incorporated

Item 1(b). Name of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
One East Fourth Street, Suite 919
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:
FMR Corp.

Item 2(b). Address or Principal Business Office or, if None,
Residence:
82 Devonshire Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109

Item 2(c). Citizenship:
Not applicable

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:
common stock

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:
025932104

Item 3. This statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) and the person filing, FMR Corp., is a parent holding company in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G). (Note: See Item 7).

Item 4. Ownership

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 0
- (b) Percent of Class: 0.000%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
 - (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
 - (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
0
 - (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
0

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Common Stock.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof, the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of any of the class of securities, check the following (X).

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not applicable

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification.

Inasmuch as the reporting persons are no longer the beneficial owners of more than five percent of the number of shares outstanding, the reporting persons have no further reporting obligation under Section 13(d) of the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder, and the reporting persons have no obligation to amend this Statement if any material change occurs in the facts set forth herein.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this Schedule 13G in connection with FMR Corp.'s beneficial ownership of the common stock of American Financial Group Incorporated at December 31, 1998 is true, complete and correct.

February 01, 1999

Date

/s/Eric D. Roiter

Signature

Eric D. Roiter
Duly authorized under Power of Attorney
dated December 30, 1997, by and on behalf
of FMR Corp. and its direct and indirect
subsidiaries

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Members of the Edward C. Johnson 3d family and trusts for their benefit are the predominant owners of Class B shares of common stock of FMR Corp., representing approximately 49% of the voting power of FMR Corp. Mr. Johnson 3d owns 12.0% and Abigail Johnson owns 24.5% of the aggregate outstanding voting stock of FMR Corp. Mr. Johnson 3d is Chairman of FMR Corp. and Abigail P. Johnson is a Director of FMR Corp. The Johnson family group and all other Class B shareholders have entered into a shareholders' voting agreement under which all Class B shares will be voted in accordance with the majority vote of Class B shares. Accordingly, through their ownership of voting common stock and the execution of the shareholders' voting agreement, members of the Johnson family may be deemed, under the Investment Company Act of 1940, to form a controlling group with respect to FMR Corp.

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RULE 13d-1(f)(1) AGREEMENT

The undersigned persons, on February 01, 1999, agree and consent to the joint filing on their behalf of this Schedule 13G in connection with their beneficial ownership of the common stock of American Financial Group Incorporated at December 31, 1998.

FMR Corp.

By /s/Eric D. Roiter
Eric D. Roiter
Duly authorized under Power of Attorney
dated December 30, 1997, by and on behalf
of FMR Corp. and its direct and indirect
subsidiaries

Edward C. Johnson 3d

By /s/Eric D. Roiter
Eric D. Roiter
Duly authorized under Power of Attorney
dated December 30, 1997, by and on behalf
of Edward C. Johnson 3d

Abigail P. Johnson

By /s/Eric D. Roiter
Eric D. Roiter
Duly authorized under Power of Attorney
dated December 30, 1997, by and on behalf
of Abigail P. Johnson