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AMERICAN EXPRESS CO Form 8-K June 27, 2002

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): June 27, 2002

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

New York 1-7657 13-4922250

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation or Identification No.) organization)

200 Vesey Street, World Financial Center

New York, New York 10285

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

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

(Zip Code)

Item 5. Other Events.

On June 27, 2002, the Registrant issued a press release announcing a write down of WorldCom, Inc. securities that it holds and its expectations relating to earnings for the quarter ending June 30, 2002. Such press release is filed herein as Exhibit 99.1.

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SIGNATURE

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/ Gary L. Crittenden Name: Gary L. Crittenden

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

DATE: June 27, 2002

EXHIBIT INDEX

Item No. Description

99.1 Press release of American Express Company, dated June 27, 2002, announcing its write down of WorldCom, Inc. securities and its expectation as to earnings for the quarter ending June 30, 2002.