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November 21, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 21, 2003  
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AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)  
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New York	1-7657	13-4922250
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

200 Vesey Street, World Financial Center New York, New York	10285
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

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

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

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Item 5. Other events.

On November 21, 2003, American Express Company issued a press release announcing the completion of its sale of \$2.0 billion principal amount of its convertible debt securities due 2033. A copy of such press release is filed herein as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

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- 99.1 Copy of a press release issued by American Express Company, dated November 21, 2003, announcing the completion of its sale of \$2.0 billion principal amount of its convertible debt securities due 2033.

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)

/s/ Stephen P. Norman  
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Name: Stephen P. Norman  
Title: Assistant Secretary

DATE: November 21, 2003

EXHIBIT INDEX

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