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to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.	ANNUAL	STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BEN OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES	EFICIAL	Estimated av burden hour response	/erage		
See Instruction 1(b). Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported Form 4 Transactions Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Transactions Reported							
1. Name and Address TRUST F B O AI STEPHEN F U A	LTSCHUL	 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC [GAM] 	5. Relationship of I Issuer (Check	Reporting Person	``		
(Last) (F	First) (Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2004	below)	itle 10% below) President & CE	\ 1 \ J		

C/O OVERBROOK MANAGEMENT CORP., 122 **EAST 42ND STREET**

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

SUITE 2500, NYÂ 10168-2500

(State)

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(City)

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(City)	(State)	Tab	le I - Non-Dei	rivative Securities Acquire	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	(A) or Disposed of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Owned at end	Direct (D)	Ownership
					of Issuer's	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
				(A)	Fiscal Year	(I)	
				(A)	(Instr. 3 and	(Instr. 4)	
				or	4)		
				Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/23/2004	Â	J <u>(1)</u>	1,146 A \$ 31.015	40,691	D	Â

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. 6. Date Exercisable and Number of Expiration Date of (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		ate	7. Title Amour Underl Securit (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
				4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
TRUST F B O ALTSCHUL STEPHEN F U A D 10 22 58 C/O OVERBROOK MANAGEMENT CORP. 122 EAST 42ND STREET SUITE 2500, NY 10168-2500	Â	Â	Â	Trustee/President & CEO	

Signatures

/s/Spencer Davidson, Trustee Trust FBO Stephen F. Altschul, U/A/D 01/28/2005 10/22/58

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares received in payment of dividends.

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