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		Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	,	
Common Stock	12/12/2018	P		500	A	\$ 30.748	81,226	D	
Common Stock							23,383	I	By Parent (1)
Common Stock							53,405	I	By Power of Attorney (1)

(A)

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 4)

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Common Stock	13,778	I	By Nonprofit Trust (1)
Common Stock	17,589	I	By Thrift Plan Trust
5.95% Preferred Stock	3,200	D	
5.95% Preferred Stock	7,739	I	By Parent
5.95% Preferred Stock	16,121	I	By Power of Attorney (1)
5.95% Preferred Stock	11,300	I	By Nonprofit Trust (1)

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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	unt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Unde	rlying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	rities	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr	. 3 and 4)	
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					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares	

Reporting Owners

Relationships

Reporting Owner Name / Address

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Priest Jeffrey W GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, INC. 530 FIFTH AVE - 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036

President & CEO

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey W. Priest 12/13/2018

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

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) Mr. Priest has dispositive power but disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.
- (2) By Issuer's Employees' Thrift Plan Trust. The undersigned disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.

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