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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities
Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the
Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Gearon, Jr.	J.	Michael
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)

116 Huntington Avenue
(Street)

Boston	Massachusetts	02116
(City)	(State)	(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

American Tower Corporation (NYSE: AMT)

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

September 2001

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)

X

Director

X

Officer

10% Owner

Other

(give title below)

(specify below)

President of American Tower International

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

X

Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I--Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans-action Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Trans-action Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Owner-ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of In-direct Bene-ficial Owner-ship (Instr. 4)
		Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock (1)	9/10/01	P		5,000	A	\$11.02			
Class A Common Stock (1)	9/10/01	P		5,000	A	\$11.07	733,743(2)	D	
							2,028,854(2)	I	By Partnership
							40,000(2)	I	By Partnership

Reminder: Report on a seperate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
* If this form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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

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. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)
			Code	V	

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

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) This Form 4 is being filed to report Mr. Gearon's purchase of 10,000 shares of Class A Common Stock on the open market on September 10, 2001.
- (2) The information set forth in column 5, "Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month" includes information, as of September 10, 2001, only with respect to Mr. Gearon's beneficial ownership of Class A Common Stock. It does not include information about Mr. Gearon's beneficial ownership of stock options to purchase Class A Common Stock because Mr. Gearon had no reportable transactions in such securities during the period for which this report is filed.

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/ J. Michael Gearon, Jr. September 10, 2001

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.
If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.