

<div>FORM 3</div>		<div>UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION</div> <div>Washington, D.C. 20549</div> <div>INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES</div> <div>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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940</div>		<div>OMB APPROVAL</div> <div>OMB Number: 3235-0104</div> <div>Expires: January 31, 2005</div> <div>Estimated average burden hours per response. . . . 0.5</div>			
<div>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</div> <div>Hess, William H.</div> <div>(Last) (First) (Middle)</div> <div>116 Huntington Avenue</div> <div>(Street)</div> <div>Boston, MA 02116</div> <div>(City) (State) (Zip)</div>		<div>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)</div> <div>February 26, 2003</div> <div>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)</div>		<div>4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</div> <div>American Tower Corporation (AMT)</div> <div>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</div> <div>Director 10% Owner</div> <div>X Officer Other</div> <div>Officer/Other Description</div> <div>Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary</div>		<div>6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)</div> <div>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</div> <div>X Individual Filing</div> <div>Joint/Group Filing</div>	
<div>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned</div>							
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)		2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form : (D) Direct (I) Indirect (Instr. 5)		4. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
Class A Common Stock		150		D			
Class A Common Stock		11,000		I		By 401(k)	

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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<div>Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)</div>											
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		2. Date Exercisable(DE) and Expiration Date(ED)		3. Title and Amount of of Underlying Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price		5. Ownership Form (D) Direct or (I) Indirect (Instr. 5)		6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
		(DE) (ED)									
Option to purchase Class A Common Stock		(1) 03/14/2011		Class A Common Stock - 25,000		\$22.69		D			
Option to purchase Class A Common Stock		(2) 09/07/2011		Class A Common Stock - 75,000		\$11.00		D			
Option to purchase Class A Common Stock		(3) 11/14/2012		Class A Common Stock - 100,000		\$1.55		D			

Explanation of Responses :

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/ William H. Hess

** Signature of Reporting Person

02-27-2003

Date

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

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<div>FOOTNOTE Descriptions for American Tower Corporation (AMT)</div>		<div>Form 3 - February 2003</div>	
<div>William H. Hess</div> <div>116 Huntington Avenue</div> <div>Boston, MA 02116</div>			
<div>Explanation of responses:</div> <div>(1) This option was granted pursuant to the 1997 Stock Option Plan, as amended, and is exercisable in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning March 14, 2002.</div> <div>(2) This option was granted pursuant to the 1997 Stock Option Plan, as amended, and is exercisable in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning September 7, 2002.</div> <div>(3) This option was granted pursuant to the 1997 Stock Option Plan, as amended, and is exercisable in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning November 14, 2003.</div>			