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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.7917	10/27/2004		M	7,200	01/21/1999 ⁽²⁾ 01/21/2008	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THORSON JOHN A			Sr. Vice President & Treasurer	

Signatures

By: John "Robert" A Thorson 10/28/2004

**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) Includes holdings through 9/30/04 in Westamerica Bancorporation's Tax Deferred Savings/Retirement (ESOP) Plan.
- (2) These options vest ratably over three years beginning one year from date of grant.
- (3) Includes dividends reinvested through 9/30/04.

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