SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of earliest event

reported: January 16, 2002

American Airlines, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-2691 13-1502798 (State of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

4333 Amon Carter Blvd. Fort Worth, Texas 76155 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(817) 963-1234 (Registrant's telephone number)

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Item 5. Other Events

American Airlines, Inc. (American) is filing herewith a press release issued on January 16, 2002 by its parent company, AMR Corporation, as Exhibit 99.1 which is included herein. This press release was issued to report AMR's fourth quarter and full year 2001 earnings and an agreement with Boeing for the retirement of the Company's 717 fleet.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

The following exhibits are included herein:

99.1 Press Release

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

American Airlines, Inc.

/s/ Charles D. MarLett Charles D. MarLett Corporate Secretary Dated: January 16, 2002

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Description

99.1 Press Release

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Exhibit 99.1

CONTACT: Corporate Communications Fort Worth, Texas 817-967-1577

FOR RELEASE: Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2002

Editor's Note: A live Webcast reporting fourth-quarter results will be broadcast on the Internet on Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. EST (Windows Media Player required for viewing.)

AMR REPORTS FOURTH-QUARTER LOSS OF \$734 MILLION BEFORE SPECIAL ITEMS

AMERICAN ALSO ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT WITH BOEING FOR THE RETIREMENT OF ITS 717 FLEET

FORT WORTH, Texas - AMR Corporation, the parent company of American Airlines, Inc., today reported a fourth-quarter net loss of \$734 million before special items, or a loss of \$4.75 per share. This compares with net earnings of \$56 million, or \$0.34 per share diluted, before special items in the fourth quarter of 2000.

"Influenced by the lingering effects of last September's attacks, the final three months of 2001 were incredibly difficult," said Don Carty, AMR"s chairman and chief executive officer.
"Traffic, particularly business travel, was down significantly in the quarter, which -- when combined with lower average fares -- resulted in a record quarterly loss."

While disappointed with the results, the Company has taken many positive steps to bolster its financial position. "We strengthened our cash reserves, despite the huge losses," Carty said, "and further improved our position by cutting capacity, reducing capital spending, cutting operating costs, and further simplifying the fleet."

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In addition, Carty noted that "the commitment of our people to making American an industry leader was evident in December, when American registered an industry-leading completion factor of 99.7 percent and posted outstanding on-time performance."

After accounting for the special items noted below, AMR reported a net loss of \$798 million, or \$5.17 per share, for the fourth quarter of 2001. This compares to net earnings of \$47 million, or \$0.29 per share diluted, for the fourth quarter of 2000.

Impact
of
Special
Items
(in
millions,

except

share amounts) Fourth Quarter Amount Earnings (net of per tax) share share Net loss **before special** items (\$734)(\$4.75) **Special** charges: **Aircraft** charges (35) **Facility** exit costs (34)**Employee** charges (10)0ther (14)**Total** special ** charges (93) (0.61)**Special** credit: U.S. Govn't grant 29 0.19 Net 1055 after special items (\$798)

(\$5.17)

AMR's fourth-quarter results brought the Company's full-year 2001 net loss to \$1.4 billion, or \$9.13 per share, before special items. This compares with 2000 net earnings of \$752 million, or \$4.65 per share diluted, before special items and an extraordinary loss. Including the special items noted above and prior quarters'

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special items, AMR's full-year 2001 net loss was \$1.8 billion, or a loss of \$11.43 per share, as compared to 2000 net earnings of \$770 million, or \$4.76 per share diluted.

Looking to the future, Carty said AMR still has a long way to go to return to profitability, but is encouraged by a number of signs.

"Traffic is improving, and we're in much better shape than we might have been otherwise, thanks to a strong product, great people and strategies like fleet flexibility and simplification," Carty said. "Our intent is to move forward aggressively in 2002 with marketing strategies to attract and retain customers, operating strategies that emphasize safety, security and on-time performance, and financing strategies that keep this Company's financial foundations strong."
Retirement of Aircraft

In connection with its strategy of reducing costs by simplifying its fleet, AMR announced today that it has reached an agreement with Boeing that, among other things, will result in the

agreement with Boeing that, among other things, will result in the retirement of its 717 fleet by June of this year. The 717 is a short-haul, 100-seat airplane similar in size to the Fokker F100s

already in American's fleet. American does not need two airplanes of this fleet size and had always intended to retire the 717s. The agreement with Boeing allows American to do this earlier than planned.

"The 717 is a fine aircraft," Carty said, "but we are committed to simplifying the fleet, and it just doesn't make sense to hold on to the 717s when we already have a fleet of 74 F100s in the 100-seat category. All we're doing now is accelerating a retirement that had been in our fleet plan from the beginning of our TWA acquisition."

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The 717 retirement is part of a broad fleet-simplification strategy that will see American reduce its total number of basic fleet types from 14 two years ago to seven types by the end of 2002. In 2001, American retired five fleet types "the MD11, MD90, DC10, MD87 and DC9. This year, it will take two more types out of the fleet "the 717 and the 727. As the numbers of fleet types shrink, the overall fleet becomes more reliable and easier and less costly to maintain.

Editor's note: AMR's Chief Financial Officer, Thomas W. Horton, will be available to answer questions during a telephone news conference on Wednesday, Jan. 16, from 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. EST. Reporters interested in joining the conference should call 817-967-1577 for details.

Statements in this news release contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Act of 1934, as amended, which represent the Company's expectations or beliefs concerning future events. When used in this release, the words "expects," "anticipates," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements in this release are based upon information available to the Company on the date of this release. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Forward-looking statements are subject to a number of factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations. Additional information concerning these and other factors is contained in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings, including but not limited to the Form 10-K for the year ended Dec. 31, 2000.

Detailed financial information follows:

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Current AMR Corp. news releases can be accessed via the Internet.

The address is http://www.amrcorp.com

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Three Months
Ended
December 31,
Percent 2001
2000 Change
Revenues
Passenger
American
Airlines
\$2,755 \$
4,030 (31.8)
TWA LLC

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```
AMR Eagle
    <del>277 356</del>
(22.2) Cargo
   <del>138 191</del>
<del>(27.7) Other</del>
revenues 220
  273 (19.4)
     <del>Total</del>
  <del>operating</del>
   revenues
 3,804 4,859
    (21.7)
   Expenses
    wages,
<del>salaries and</del>
   benefits
 2,027 1,771
      14.5
   Aircraft
fuel 563 727
    (22.6)
Depreciation
      and
amortization
<del>371 313 18.5</del>
     0ther
 rentals and
landing fees
297 256 16.0
Maintenance,
  materials
 and repairs
    <del>255 274</del>
     <del>(6.9)</del>
 Commissions
  to agents
    144 241
    (40.2)
   Aircraft
 rentals 225
   <del>152 48.0</del>
Food service
    <del>167 190</del>
(12.1) Other
  <del>operating</del>
expenses 801
  855 (6.3)
    Special
<del>charges, net</del>
    102
     <del>Total</del>
  <del>operating</del>
   expenses
 4,952 4,779
      3.6
  Operating
    Income
    (Loss)
<del>(1,148) 80 *</del>
Other Income
  (Expense)
   <del>Interest</del>
income 30 46
    (34.8)
   Interest
    expense
 <del>(165) (114)</del>
<del>44.7</del>
   Interest
 capitalized
28 41 (31.7)
Miscellaneous
    net (15)
<del>30 * (122) 3</del>
   * Income
    (Loss)
    <del>Before</del>
Income Taxes
<del>(1,270) 83 *</del>
  Income tax
  provision
```

```
(benefit)
 <del>(472) 36 *</del>
Net Earnings
    (Loss)
 $(798) $ 47
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                             AMR CORPORATION
          CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)
                (in millions, except per share amounts)
                                (Unaudited)
   Three
  Months
   Ended
 December
 31, 2001
   2000
 Earnings
(Loss) Per
   Share
 Basic Net
 Earnings
 (Loss) $
 (5.17) $
   0.31
  Diluted
    Net
 Earnings
 (Loss) $
 (5.17) $
   <del>0.29</del>
 Number of
  Shares
  <del>Used in</del>
Computation
 Basic 154
    <del>151</del>
  Diluted
  <del>154 165</del>
      Greater than 100%
Note: Certain amounts have been reclassified to conform with 2001
presentation.
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                             AMR CORPORATION
                          OPERATING STATISTICS
                                (Unaudited)
   Three
  Months
   Ended
 December
    31,
  Percent
 2001 2000
  Change
 American
 Airlines
  Revenue
 passenger
   miles
(millions)
  <del>22,109</del>
  27,539
  (19.7)
Available
seat miles
<del>(millions)</del>
  34,115
  39,497
  (13.6)
```

Cargo ton

```
miles
(millions)
  <del>434 587</del>
   (26.1)
 Passenger
    <del>load</del>
   factor
   64.8%
   69.7%
<del>(4.9) pts.</del>
 Breakeven
    <del>load</del>
factor (*)
   <del>86.2%</del>
67.1% 19.1
    pts.
 Passenger
  revenue
 yield per
 passenger
    mile
  (cents)
   <del>12.46</del>
   14.67
   (15.1)
 Passenger
  revenue
    per
 available
 seat mile
  (cents)
8.07 10.23
  <del>(21.1)</del>
   Cargo
  revenue
 <del>yield per</del>
 ton mile
  (cents)
   30.34
   32.21
   (5.8)
 Operating
 expenses
    per
 available
 seat mile
  (cents)
 (*) 11.10
 <del>11.02 0.7</del>
    Fuel
consumption
 <del>(gallons,</del>
     in
 millions)
  633 760
   (16.7)
Fuel price
per gallon
  (cents)
 70.4 90.8
   (22.5)
Fuel price
    per
  gallon,
 excluding
fuel taxes
  (cents)
 65.3 84.8
   (23.0)
 Operating
 aircraft
at period
  end 712
 717 (0.7)
  TWA LLC
  Revenue
 passenger
   miles
(millions)
  3,314
 Available
```

```
seat miles
(millions)
  5,642
 Passenger
    <del>load</del>
   factor
  <del>58.7%</del>
 Passenger
  revenue
 <del>yield per</del>
 passenger
    <del>mile</del>
  <del>(cents)</del>
  <del>12.50</del>
 Passenger
  revenue
     per
 <del>available</del>
 seat mile
  (cents)
   7.34
 Operating
 expenses
     <del>per</del>
 <del>available</del>
 seat mile
  (cents)
 <del>(*) 12.81</del>
 Operating
 aircraft
at period-
 end 169
 AMR Eagle
  Revenue
 passenger
    miles
(millions)
  873 909
    (4.0)
 Available
seat miles
(millions)
   \frac{1,539}{}
    1,565
    (1.7)
 Passenger
    <del>load</del>
   factor
    <del>56.7%</del>
    <del>58.1%</del>
<del>(1.4) pts.</del>
 Operating
 aircraft
at period-
  end 290
  <del>261 11.1</del>
     AMR
Corporation
  Average
Equivalent
 Number of
 Employees
 American
  Airlines
   83,800
94,400 TWA
LLC 14,100
  - Other
   <del>11,400</del>
   13,000
   <del>Total</del>
  109,300
  <del>107,400</del>
```

Year Ended December 31, Percent 2001 2000 Change Revenues Passenger **American Airlines** \$14,104 \$16,394 (14.0) - TWA LLC 1,676 AMR Eagle 1,378 1,452 (5.1) Cargo 662 721 (8.2) Other revenues 1,143 1,136 0.6 Total operating revenues 18,96319,703 (3.8) **Expenses** . Wages, salaries and **benefits** 8,032 6,783 18.4 **Aircraft** fuel 2,888 2,495 15.8 **Depreciation** and **amortization** 1,404 1,202 16.8 Other rentals and landing fees 1,197 999 19.8 Maintenance, **materials** and repairs 1,165 1,095 6.4 **Commissions** to agents 835 1,037 (19.5)Aircraft rentals 829 607 36.6 Food service 778 777 0.1 Other operating expenses 3,695 3,327 11.1 Special charges, net 610 Total operating expenses 21,433 18,322 17.0 **Operating**

Income
(Loss)
(2,470)
1,381 *
Other Income
(Expense)
Interest

```
income 110
 <del>154 (28.6)</del>
  Interest
   expense
 (538) (467)
     <del>15.2</del>
  Interest
 capitalized
   <del>144 151</del>
    <del>(4.6)</del>
Miscellaneous
  net (2) 68
(286) (94)
   * Income
 (Loss) From
 Continuing
 Operations
    Before
Income Taxes
     and
Extraordinary
Loss (2,756)
   <del>1,287 *</del>
 Income tax
  provision
  (benefit)
 (994) 508 *
    Income
 (Loss) From
 Continuing
 Operations
    Before
Extraordinary
<del>Loss (1,762)</del>
779 * Income
     From
Discontinued
 Operations
   (net of
 applicable
income taxes
and minority
 interest)
 43 Income
    (Loss)
    <del>Before</del>
Extraordinary
Loss (1,762)
    <del>822 *</del>
Extraordinary
Loss (net of
 <del>applicable</del>
    <del>income</del>
<del>taxes) - (9)</del>
     <del>- Net</del>
   Earnings
    (Loss)
 $(1,762) $
    <del>813 *</del>
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                                AMR CORPORATION
           CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)
                 (in millions, except per share amounts)
                                  (Unaudited)
 Year Ended
December 31,
  2001 2000
  Earnings
 (Loss) Per
 Share Basic
    Income
 (Loss) from
 Continuing
 Operations
 $(11.43) $
```

```
5.20
Discontinued
Operations
     0.30
Extraordinary
   Loss -
 (0.07) Net
  Earnings
    (Loss)
 <del>$(11.43) $</del>
5.43 Diluted
   Income
 (Loss) from
 Continuing
 Operations
 <del>$(11.43) $</del>
     4.81
Discontinued
Operations
    0.27
Extraordinary
   Loss -
 (0.05) Net
  Earnings
    (Loss)
 $(11.43) $
 5.03 Number
  of Shares
   Used in
 Computation
  Basic 154
 150 Diluted
   <del>154 162</del>
```

* Greater than 100%

Note: Certain amounts have been reclassified to conform with 2001 presentation. $_{14}^{}$

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AMR CORPORATION
OPERATING STATISTICS
(Unaudited)

Year Ended December 31, Percent 2001 2000 Change **American Airlines** Revenue passenger miles (millions) 106,224 116,594 (8.9)**Available** seat miles (millions) 153,035 161,030(5.0) Cargo ton **miles** (millions) 2,058 2,280

(9.7)
Passenger
load
factor

```
69.4%
   72.4%
(3.0) pts.
 Breakeven
    <del>load</del>
factor (*)
   78.1%
65.3% 12.8
    pts.
 Passenger
  revenue
 yield per
 passenger
    mile
  (cents)
   <del>13.28</del>
   14.06
   (5.5)
 Passenger
  revenue
    per
 available
 seat mile
  (cents)
9.22 10.18
   (9.4)
   Cargo
  revenue
 <del>yield per</del>
 ton mile
  (cents)
   30.24
   31.31
   (3.4)
 Operating
 expenses
    per
 <del>available</del>
 seat mile
  (cents)
 (*) 11.14
 <del>10.45 6.6</del>
    Fuel
consumption
 <del>(gallons,</del>
     in
 millions)
   2,913
   3,045
(4.3) Fuel
 <del>price per</del>
  gallon
  (cents)
 80.9 77.9
 3.9 Fuel
 price per
  <del>gallon,</del>
 excluding
fuel taxes
  (cents)
 75.4 72.3
    4.3
 Operating
 aircraft
at period-
  end 712
 <del>717 (0.7)</del>
  TWA LLC
    <del>(**)</del>
  Revenue
 passenger
   miles
(millions)
 14,381
 Available
seat miles
<del>(millions)</del>
 21,653
 Passenger
    <del>load</del>
   factor
```

```
66.4%
 Passenger
  revenue
 yield per
 passenger
    mile
  (cents)
  11.66
 Passenger
  revenue
    <del>per</del>
 available
 <del>seat mile</del>
  <del>(cents)</del>
   7.74
 Operating
 expenses
     per
 available
 seat mile
  (cents)
 (*) 10.58
 Operating
 aircraft
at period-
 end 169
 AMR Eagle
  Revenue
 passenger
   miles
(millions)
   <del>3,725</del>
   3,731
   (0.2)
 Available
seat miles
(millions)
   <del>6,471</del>
 6,256 3.4
 Passenger
    <del>load</del>
   factor
   <del>57.6%</del>
   <del>59.6%</del>
<del>(2.0) pts.</del>
 Operating
 aircraft
at period-
  end 290
 <del>261 11.1</del>
    AMR
Corporation
  Average
Equivalent
 Number of
 Employees
 American
 Airlines
   92,900
93,400 TWA
LLC 12,900
    Other
  <del>12,600</del>
  <del>13,000</del>
   <del>Total</del>
```

118,400 106,400

- (*) Excludes special charges, net
- (**) For the period April 10, 2001 through December 31, 2001.