## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Rel. No. IC-22817; File No. 811-4818]

# Great American Reserve Variable Annuity Fund; Notice of Application

September 11, 1997.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission").

**ACTION:** Notice of application for an order under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("1940 Act").

**SUMMARY:** Applicant seeks an order declaring that is has ceased to be an investment company as defined by the 1940 Act.

**APPLICANT:** Great American Reserve Variable Annuity Fund.

FILING DATES: The application was filed on April 1, 1996, and amended and restated on July 8, 1997.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Secretary of the SEC and serving Applicant with a copy of the request, in person or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on October 6, 1997, and should be accompanied by proof of service on Applicant, in the form of an affidavit, or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the requester's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons may request notification of a hearing by writing to the Secretary of the SEC.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Applicant, Great American Reserve Variable Annuity Fund, 11815 N. Pennsylvania St., Carmel, Indiana 46032.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Koffler, Attorney, or Mark Amorosi, Branch Chief, Office of Insurance Products (Division of Investment Management), at (202) 942–

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Following is a summary of the application; the complete application is available for a fee from the Public Reference Branch of the SEC, 450 Fifth St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549.

### **Applicant's Representations**

1. Applicant, a separate account of Great American Reserve Insurance Company ("Great American Reserve"),

is an open-end, diversified management investment company for which a notification of registration as an investment company on Form N-8A was filed with the Commission on August 29, 1986. Applicant succeeded to the business of Voyager Variable Annuity Fund, a separate account established in 1980 by Voyager Life **Insurance Company from whom Great** American Reserve acquired the assets of Applicant on May 15, 1986. On December 27, 1985, Applicant filed a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 on Form N-3 (File No. 33-2458), for individual and group variable annuity contracts. The registration statement was declared effective on or about May 20, 1986.

- 2. The security holders of Applicant, Great American Reserve Variable Annuity Account C ("Account C") and Great American Reserve Variable Annuity Account D ("Account D"), at a combined special meeting of security holders held on December 14, 1992, approved an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization ("Reorganization") of Applicant, Account C and Account D. The Board of Directors of Great American Reserve authorized the Reorganization on February 28, 1993.
- 3. On May 1, 1993, the effective date of the Reorganization, Applicant, Account C and Account D were combined and restructured into a single unit investment trust separate account (Account C). The security holders of Applicant received an interest in the Common Stock Sub-account of Account C in exchange for, and equal in value to, their interest in Applicant.
- 4. Great American Reserve paid all expenses associated with Applicant's merger.
- 5. Within the last 18, months, Applicant has not transferred any of its assets to a separate trust, the beneficiaries of which were or are security holders of the Applicant
- 6. Applicant has not assets, no debts or other liabilities, and no security holders. Applicant is not a party to any litigation or administrative proceeding, and is not engaged and does not propose to engage in any business activities other than those necessary for the winding up of its affairs.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

### Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.
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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Rel. No. IC-22818; File No. 811-4820]

## Great American Reserve Variable Annuity Account D; Notice of Application

September 11, 1997.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission").

**ACTION:** Notice of application for an order under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("1940 Act").

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:** Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company as defined by the 1940 Act.

**APPLICANT:** Great American Reserve Variable Annuity Account D.

**FILING DATES:** The application was filed on April 1, 1996, and amended and restated on July 8, 1997.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Secretary of the SEC and serving Applicant with a copy of the request, in person or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on October 6, 1997, and should be accompanied by proof of service on Applicant, in the form of an affidavit, or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the requester's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons may request notification of a hearing by writing to the Secretary of the SEC.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549.
Applicant, Great American Reserve Variable Annuity Fund, 11815 N. Pennsylvania St., Carmel, Indiana 46032.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Koffler, Attorney, or Mark Amorosi, Branch Chief, Office of Insurance Products (Division of Investment Management), at (202) 942–0670.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Following is a summary of the application; the complete application is available for a fee from the Public Reference Branch of the SEC, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549.

## **Applicant's Representations**

1. Applicant, a separate account of Great American Reserve Insurance

Company ("Great American Reserve"), is an open-end, diversified management investment company for which a notification of registration as an investment company on Form N-8A was filed with the Commission on August 29, 1986. Applicant succeeded to the business of Voyager Variable Annuity Account D, a separate account established in 1980 by Voyager Life Insurance Company from whom Great American Reserve acquired the assets of Applicant on May 15, 1986. On December 27, 1985, Applicant filed a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 on Form N-3 (File No. 33-2459), for individual and group variable annuity contracts. The registration statement was declared effective on or about May 20, 1986.

- 2. The security holders of Applicant, Great American Reserve Variable Annuity Account C ("Account C") and Great American Reserve Variable Annuity Fund ("Annuity Fund'"), at a combined special meeting of security holders held on December 14, 1992, approved an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization ("Reorganization") of Applicant, Account C and Annuity Fund. The Board of Directors of Great American Reserve authorized the Reorganization on February 28, 1993.
- 3. On May 1, 1993, the effective date of the Reorganization, Applicant, Account C and Annuity Fund were combined and restructured into a single unit investment trust separate (Account C). The security holders of Applicant received an interest in the Money Market Sub-account of Account C in exchange for, and equal in value to, their interest in Applicant.
- 4. Great American Reserve paid all expenses associated with Applicant's merger.
- 5. Within the last 18 months, Applicant has not transferred any of its assets to a separate trust, the beneficiaries of which were or are security holders of the Applicant
- 6. Applicant has no assets, no debts or other liabilities, and no security holders. Applicant is not a party to any litigation or administrative proceeding, and is not engaged and does not propose to engage in any business activities other than those necessary for the winding up of its affairs.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

### Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application to Withdraw From Listing and Registration; (The New York Times Company, Class A Common Stock, \$0.10 Par Value) File No. 1–5837

September 11, 1997.

The New York Times Company ("Company") has filed an application with Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") and rule 12d2–2(d) promulgated thereunder, to withdraw the above specified security ("Security") from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Amex" or "Exchange").

The reasons cited in the application for withdrawing the Security from listing and registration include the following:

According to the Company, it believes that listing the Security on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE") will provide the Company with a higher profile venue for trading and that the holders of the Security will benefit from access to the larger trading market offered by the NYSE.

The Company has complied with Amex Rule 18 by filing with the Exchange a certified copy of the resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company authorizing the withdrawal of the Security from listing and registration on the Amex, and a statement of Mr. Solomon B. Watson IV, the Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the Company, setting forth in detail the reasons for such proposed withdrawal, and the facts in support thereof.

Any interested person may, on or before October 2, 1997, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the exchange and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matters.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.

#### Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### **Sunshine Act Meetings**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94–409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meetings during the week of September 15, 1997.

A closed meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 1997, at 3:00 p.m. An open meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18, 1997, at 2:30 p.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), (8), (9)(A) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(4), (8), (9)(i) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

Commissioner Johnson, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the closed meeting in a closed session.

The subject matter of the closed meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 1997, at 3:00 p.m., will be:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions.

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature.

The subject matter of the open meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 1997, at 2:30 p.m., will be:

Consideration of whether to issue a release soliciting comment on proposals to improve the operation of rule 14a-8. Rule 14a-8 governs the submission of shareholder proposals to companies and their inclusion in companies' proxy materials. The proposals would also make related amendments to rules 13d-5, 14a-2, 14a-4, and 14a-5. The Commission will simultaneously issue a report on its study of the shareholder proposal process required by Section 510(b) of the National Securities Markets Improvement Act of 1996. For FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Frank Zarb, Office of Chief Counsel, Division of Corporation Finance, at (202) 942-2900.