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MCINERNEY THOMAS E Form 5 January 25, 2006 OMB APPROVAL FORM 5 OMB UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 3235-0362 Number: Washington, D.C. 20549 Check this box if January 31, Expires: no longer subject 2005 to Section 16. Estimated average ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL Form 4 or Form burden hours per 5 obligations **OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES** response... 1.0 may continue. See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4 Transactions Reported 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ^{*} 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer MCINERNEY THOMAS E Symbol AMERISAFE INC [AMSF] (Check all applicable) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (First) (Last) (Middle) (Month/Day/Year) Director _X__ 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 12/31/2005 below) below) C/O WELSH, CARSON, ANDERSON & STOWE, 320 PARK AVENUE, SUITE 2500 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year) (check applicable line) NEW YORK, NYÂ 10022 _X_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of 6. 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction (A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned at end Direct (D) Ownership of Issuer's or Indirect (Instr. 4) Fiscal Year (I)(A) (Instr. 3 and (Instr. 4) or 4) Amount (D) Price By Welsh, Carson, Common Anderson 12/14/2005 Â **S**4 432.231 D 7,636,475 $I_{(1)}^{(1)}(2)$ Stock & Stowe VII, L.P. (1)

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

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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) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | umber Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) erivative ecurities cquired a) or isposed (D) nstr. 3, | | 7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr. | unt of rlying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. O B O E I S G E I S (I |
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| _ | | | | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|------------|-----------|---------------|-------|---|--|--|--|
| 1 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| MCINERNEY THOMAS E C/O WELSH, CARSON, ANDERSON & S 320 PARK AVENUE, SUITE 2500 NEW YORK, NY 10022 | TOWE | Â | ÂX | Â | Â | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | | |
| /s/ Jonathan M. Rather, Attorney-in-Fact | 01/24/2006 | | | | | | | |
| **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).

The Reporting Person is one of several general partners of the sole general partner of Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VII, L.P.

- (1) Pursuant to Instruction 4(b)(iv) of Form 5, the Reporting Person has elected to report as indirectly beneficially owned the entire number of securities beneficially owned by such entity. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities, and any proceeds thereof, that exceed his pecuniary interest therein, and/or that are not actually distributed to him.
- (2) The Reporting Person also directly beneficially owns 12,892 shares of Common Stock.

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