## CATES GEORGE E Form 4 January 06, 2003 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Cates, George E. 6584 Poplar Avenue Suite 300 Memphis, TN 38138-2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Mid-America Apartment Com. Inc (MAA) 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary) 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 01/02/2003 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) (X) Director ( ) 10% Owner ( ) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other (specify below) 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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Common Stock							0
Common Stock							41360

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TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$22.14								02/20/2011	Common Stock	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$22.1875								02/22/2010	Common Stock	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$22.25								02/17/2009	Common Stock	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$23.05								06/01/2000	Common Stock	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$28.9375								02/11/2008	Common Stock	
Phantom Stock	\$0									Common Stock	
Stock Option	\$19.75								02/04/2004	Common Stock	
Stock Option	\$26.5								02/14/2006		
Stock Option	\$29.5								02/12/2007		
Limited Partnership Units	\$24.5									Common Stock	
Limited Partnership Units	\$28.5									Common Stock	
Limited Partnership Units	\$24.5									Common Stock	
Explanation	of Respo	nses:									
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