COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RAUSCHER ROBERT			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/ [CBSH]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 1000 WALNU	(First) T STREET	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/06/2004	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
KANSAS CITY, MO 64106				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivativo	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) oner Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/06/2004		M	Amount 575 (1)	` ´	Price \$ 15.3094	5,390	D	
Common Stock	12/06/2004		F	177	D	\$ 49.52	5,213	D	
Common Stock	12/06/2004		M	1,950	A	\$ 11.869	7,163	D	
Common Stock	12/06/2004		F	467	D	\$ 49.52	6,696	D	
Common Stock	12/06/2004		M	2,602	A	\$ 21.1371	9,298	D	

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.										
Common Stock						5,374	I	401K		
Stock	12/06/2004	F	1,110	D	\$ 49.52	8,188	D			

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Securities		6. Date Exerci- Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.869	12/06/2004		M		1,950	02/03/1995	02/03/2005	Common Stock	1,950
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.3094	12/06/2004		M		575 (1)	02/08/1996	02/08/2006	Common Stock	575
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.1371	12/06/2004		M		2,602	02/05/1997	02/05/2007	Common Stock	2,602

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
RAUSCHER ROBERT							
1000 WALNUT STREET			Senior Vice President				
KANSAS CITY, MO 64106							

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Signatures

By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen For: Robert J. Rauscher 12/07/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) All holdings reported in column 5 of this form have been restated for a 5% stock dividend, ex-date 11/24/2004.

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