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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Schwartz Harold E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MFA FINANCIAL, INC. [MFA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/13/2017

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

Senior Vice President

below)

Other (specify

C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC., 350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR

(Street)

(State)

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

Form filed by More than One Reporting

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

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(City)

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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)

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Schwartz Harold E C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC. 350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022

Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Harold E. 12/15/2017 Schwartz

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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 shares acquired by the Reporting Person were received as a portion of the Reporting Person's annual incentive compensation and are fully vested as of the date of grant. The net shares acquired (i.e., net of the surrender of a portion of the shares acquired in order to satisfy tax obligations (as described in Note 2 below)) are subject to a three-year holding period and may not be sold or otherwise transferred prior to December 13, 2020.
- The reported disposition represents the surrender of shares to satisfy tax obligations arising from the receipt by the Reporting Person of the shares described in Note 1 above.

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