UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 FORM 4
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b)
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Gillespie, III, George J.
The Washington Post Company
1150 15th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20071
USA 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
The Washington Post Company
WPO
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
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4. Statement for Month/Year
December 1999
E TO A CONTROL BUILDING ON THE TOTAL (MANUAL MANUAL)

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

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

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Explanation of Responses: *The reporting person disclaims any beneficial ownership in these securities.
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
George J. Gillespie, III by Diana M. Daniels

January 10, 2000