

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)

4. Statement for Month/Year
December 1999

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/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										
1. Title of Security	2. Transaction	3. Date	4. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
				Amount	A/ D	Price				
Class B Common Stock	12/20/99	G	V	1,200	D	N/A	4,800	D		
Class B Common Stock							4,000*	I	Spouse	

Table II -- Derivative Securitites Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1.Title of Derivative Security	2.Con- version or Exer- cise Price of Deriva- tive Secu- rity	3. Transaction	4. Date	5.Number of Derivative Securities Acquired(A) or Disposed of(D)	6.Date Exer- cisable and Expiration Date(Month/Day/Year)	7.Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8.Price of Derivative Security	9.Number of Derivative Securities Benefi- cially Owned at End of Month	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11.Nature of Ownership

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
DATE
January 10, 2000