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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 3

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Rivlin, Alice M.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

Brookings Institution, 1755 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.

(Street)

Washington, D.C. 20036

(City) (State) (Zip)

July 1, 2002

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

The Washington Post Company, WPO

4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

The Washington Post Company - WPO

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

[X] Director [] 10% Owner
[] Officer (give title below) [] Other (specify below)

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

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 Beneficially Owned

Table with 4 columns: 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4), 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4), 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5), 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

No securities owned

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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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. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conver- sion or Exercise Price of Deri- vative Security	5. Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.5)	6. Nature of Indirect Bene- ficial Owner- ship (Instr. 5)
	Date Expira- Exer- tion cisable Date	Title Amount or Number of of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

*Employee stock option granted pursuant to The Washington Post Company Stock Option Plan.

s/Alice M. Rivlin by Diana M. Daniels

September 6, 2002

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Alice M. Rivlin by Diana M. Daniels

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

THE WASHINGTON POST COMPANY
LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR
SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints each of Diana M. Daniels, John B. Morse Jr, Wallace Cooney and John F. Hockenberry, each acting individually, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority as hereinafter described on behalf of and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned to:

(1) prepare, execute, acknowledge, deliver and file any and all statements, reports and forms (including Forms 3, 4, and 5 and any amendments and supplements thereto) with respect to the ownership and changes in ownership of equity securities of The Washington Post Company, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and derivatives of such equity securities, with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, any national securities exchanges and the Company, as considered necessary or advisable under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time (the "Exchange Act");

(2) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information on transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such person to release any such information to the undersigned and approves and ratifies any such release of information; and

(3) perform any and all other acts which in the discretion of such attorney-in-fact are necessary or desirable for and on behalf of the undersigned in connection with the foregoing.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

(1) this Power of Attorney authorizes, but does not require, each such attorney-in-fact to act in their discretion on information provided to such attorney-in-fact without independent verification of such information;

(2) any documents prepared and/or executed by either such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney will be in such form and will contain such information and disclosure as such attorney-in-fact, in his or her discretion, deems necessary or desirable;

(3) neither the Company nor either of such attorneys-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirement of the Exchange Act, (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act; and

(4) this Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

The undersigned hereby gives and grants each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or appropriate to be done in and about the foregoing matters as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if present, hereby ratifying all that each such attorney-in-fact of, for and on behalf of the undersigned, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to each such attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 28th day of August, 2002.

s/Alice M. Rivlin
Signature

s/Alice M. Rivlin
Print Name

STATE OF: District of Columbia)
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COUNTY OF _____)

On this 28th day of August, 2002, Alice Rivlin personally appeared before me, and acknowledged that s/he executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal.

s/A.E. Burnett
A.E. Burnett
Notary Public, District of Columbia

My Commission Expires: 7-31-2007