

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
Morse, John B., Jr.
The Washington Post Company
1150 15th Street, N.W.
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)
() Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
Vice President
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 Date	3. Transaction 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			
Class B Common Stock	12/6/99	M	1,500	A	\$205.50		
Class B Common Stock	12/6/99	F	546	D	\$564.125		
	12/10/99	S	447	D	\$575.00	1,872	D

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
				Amount	A/D	Exercisable Date	Expiration Date					
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$205.50		M	1,500	D	12/11/91	12/11/00	Class B Common				
(Option right to buy)	\$543.00	12/20/99	J	1,000	A	12/20/00*	12/20/09	Class B Common	1,000	4,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

*Employee Stock Option granted on transaction date pursuant to The Washington Post Company Stock Option Plan in transaction exempt under old Rule 16b-3. Option becomes exercisable in 25 percent increments on anniversary dates of the grant, starting December 20, 2000.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

John B. Morse, Jr.

DATE

January 10, 2000