

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
 Simmons, Richard D.
 417 South Fairfax Street
 Alexandria, VA 22314
 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
 April 1998
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 Date | 3. 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 | 4/30/98 | F | 1,685 | D | 518.2875 | | | |
| Class B Common Stock | 4/30/98 | M | 5,000 | A | 199.375 | | | |
| Class B Common Stock | 4/30/98 | F | 2,590 | D | 518.2875 | | | |
| Class B Common Stock | 4/30/98 | M | 5,000 | A | 268.50 | 7,410 | D | |
| Class B Common Stock | | | | | | 1,228 | | Charitable Remainder |
| | | | | | | | | AnnuityTrust |

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. Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (A/D) | 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 |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------|--|---|--|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 268.50 | 4/30/98 | M | 5,000 | D 12/12/90 12/12/99 | Class B Common | 5,000 | | | |

Explanation of Responses:
 SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 Richard D. Simmons by Diana Daniels
 DATE
 May 8, 1998