

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 McDaniel, Ann
 The Washington Post Company
 1150 15th Street, N.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20071
 USA
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
 September 13, 2001
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 The Washington Post Company
 WPO
5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other
 (specify below)
 Vice President, Human Resources
6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct(D) or Indirect(I)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Class B Common Stock	225	D	

Table II -- Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct(D) or Indirect(I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)*	12/11/02 12/11/08	CLASS B COMMON STOCK	1,000 \$517.25	D	
"	12/20/03 12/20/09	CLASS B COMMON STOCK	1,000 \$543.00	D	

Explanation of Responses:

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

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

Ann McDaniel

DATE

September 21, 2001