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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

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*
 Gillespie III, George J.

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
 1150 15th Street, N.W.

 (Street)
 Washington, D.C. 20071

 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 The Washington Post Company, WPO

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

4. Statement for Month/Year
 July 31, 2001

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

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Owner-ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Amount	or Price	(A) or (D)			

Class B Common Stock	07/24/01	G V	800	D	N/A	4,000	D	
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