

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  
 McDaniel, Ann  
 The Washington Post Company  
 1150 15th Street, N.W.  
 Washington, D.C. 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  
 October 21, 2002
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, Human Resources
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	Price			
Class B Common Stock	10/21/02	M	750	A	\$517.25			
Class B Common Stock	10/21/02	S	300	D	\$702.51			
Class B Common Stock	10/21/02	S	150	D	\$702.00			
Class B Common Stock	10/21/02	S	300	D	\$700.00	225	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	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)	\$517.25	10/21/02	M	750	12/11/99 - 12/11/08	Class B Common		2,250	D	

Explanation of Responses:  
 SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
 Ann McDaniel  
 DATE  
 October 22, 2002