

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check box if no longer subject to Section 16.
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

() Form 3 Holdings Reported
 () Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Gillespie, III, George J.
 The Washington Post Company
 1150 15th Street, NW
 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

February 2001

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 Reporting (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	2. Transaction		3. Date	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6. Dir (D) or Indir (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
	Date	Code		Amount	A/D				Price
Class B Common Stock	06/26/00	J*		4000	D	N/A	4800	D	
*These shares were held in a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's children and were distributed on June 26, 2000 to the adult children beneficiaries. The reporting person's wife was the trustee. The trust was terminated in June 2000.									

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 (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 Year	10. Dir (D) or Indir (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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Explanation of Responses:
 SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 George J. Gillespie, III by Diana M. Daniels
 DATE
 February 8, 2001