

April 20, 2011

VIA EDGAR

Mr. Larry Spigel  
Assistant Director  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
Division of Corporation Finance  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

RE: The Washington Post Company  
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended January 2, 2011  
Filed March 2, 2011  
File No. 1-6714

Dear Mr. Spigel:

The Company has received your letter dated April 6, 2011 relating to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended January 2, 2011 of The Washington Post Company (the "Company"). Due to staffing conflicts, the Company needs additional time to complete our response, which we expect to finalize no later than April 27, 2011.

Please contact me at (202) 334-6676 with any questions.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Wallace R. Cooney

Wallace R. Cooney  
Vice President – Finance and Chief  
Accounting Officer

cc: Terry French  
Christy Adams