

September 29, 2009

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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 December 28, 2008
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Dear Mr. Spigel:

The Company has received your letter dated September 15, 2009 relating to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 28, 2008 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 October 9, 2009.

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
Claire DeLabar