

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
August 9, 2002

Commission File Number 1-6714

THE WASHINGTON POST COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

53-0182885
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1150 15th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20071
(Address of principal executive office and zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:
(202) 334-6000

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On August 9, 2002, each of the Principal Executive Officer, Donald E. Graham, and Principal Financial Officer, John B. Morse, Jr., of The Washington Post Company submitted to the SEC sworn statements pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Order No. 4-460.

A copy of each of these statements is attached hereto as an Exhibit (99.1 and 99.2).

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

THE WASHINGTON POST COMPANY
(Registrant)

Date: August 9, 2002

/s/ John B. Morse, Jr.

John B. Morse, Jr., Vice President-Finance
(Principal Financial Officer)

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Exhibit 99.1 Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer dated August 9, 2002

Exhibit 99.2 Statement Under Oath of Principal Financial Officer dated August 9, 2002

STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICER AND PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER
REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING
TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS

I, Donald E. Graham, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of The Washington Post Company, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.

(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

- Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2001, filed with the Commission of The Washington Post Company;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of The Washington Post Company filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of August 2002.

/s/ Mary Dimos

/s/ Donald E. Graham

Donald E. Graham
August 9, 2002

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 04-14-2007

STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER
AND PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER
REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING
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I, John B. Morse, Jr., state and attest that:

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/s/ Mary Dimos

/s/ John B. Morse, Jr.

John B. Morse, Jr.
August 9, 2002

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