

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
 GOMORY, RALPH E.
 The Washington Post Company
 1150 15th Street, N.W.
 8th Floor Corporate
 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
 August 1997
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)
 Director
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (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 Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Class B Common Stock	8/7/97	J	V 300	A 426.6875		
Class B Common Stock	8/7/97	J	V 100	A 426.375	1,400	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. Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	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 Month	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Explanation of Responses:
 SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 Ralph E. Gomory by Diana M. Daniels
 DATE
 September 9, 1997