

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  
 Cohen, Martin  
 The Washington Post Company  
 1150 15th Street, N.W.  
 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  
 April, 1997
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 (X) Director ( ) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other  
 (specify below)  
 Vice President
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 (X) 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. Transaction Date	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month A/D Price	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
				21,215*	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. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date A/Exercise Date	7. Title and Number of Shares 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:  
 \* In addition to the direct ownership of the Class B shares herein, I am one of five trustees of a charitable trust which owns 194,770 Class B shares in which I disclaim any beneficial interest.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
 Martin Cohen by Diana Daniels  
 DATE  
 May 9, 1997