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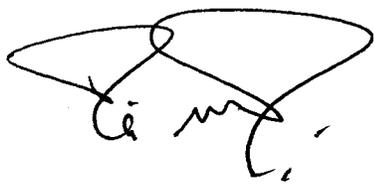
File No. 4-460: Order Requiring the Filing of Sworn Statements  
Pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is the statement under oath of each of Donald E. Graham, chief executive officer, and John B. Morse Jr., chief financial officer, of The Washington Post Company for filing pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Order No. 4-460.

To acknowledge receipt of this filing, the SEC's Filing Desk is requested to stamp the enclosed copy of this letter and return it to my messenger.

Very truly yours,



Encl.

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

I, John B. Morse Jr., 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:

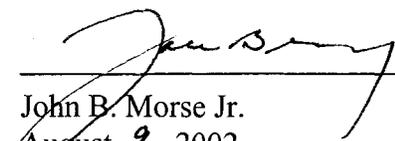
- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make 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).

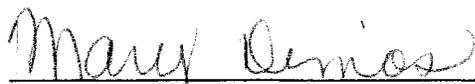
(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.

(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.

  
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John B. Morse Jr.  
August 9, 2002

  
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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 4-14-2007

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