

THE WASHINGTON POST COMPANY

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Top Hat Plan Exemption
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration
Room N-5644
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20210

Re: Top Hat Plan Filing

Dear Department of Labor:

This statement is filed with the Department of Labor to satisfy the reporting and disclosure requirements of ERISA (DOL Regulation 2520.104-23) with respect to top hat plans.

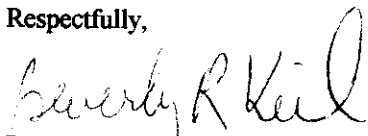
The Washington Post Company established The Washington Post Company Deferred Compensation Plan ("Plan") effective November 15, 1996 and declares that the Plan is unfunded and maintained primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees.

The Washington Post Company, 1150 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20071, EIN 53-0182885, maintains two such top hat plans as follows:

The Washington Post Company Deferred Compensation Plan with fifty-two (52) eligible participants.

The Washington Post Company Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan with sixty-one (61) participants. (ERISA reporting requirements satisfied September 29, 1992).

Respectfully,



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