

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 The John J. Curley Charitable, Remainder Unitrust #2
 c/o John J. Curley, Trustee
 Gannett Co., Inc.
 1100 Wilson Boulevard
 Arlington, VA 22234
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
 December 9, 1997
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Gannett Co., Inc.
 ("GCI")
5. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other
 (specify below)
 Trust with Insider Trustee
6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct(D) or Indirect(I)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	13,217	D	

Table II -- Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership: Form of Derivative Security: Direct(D) or Indirect(I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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Explanation of Responses:
 John J. Curley, the trustee of the reporting person, is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the issuer. His ownership of securities of the issuer are separately reported.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 /s/ John J. Curley, Trustee