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Patent No. 1390199

B.S. 1449

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

W G A Y (Eff: 12-17-71)

X W G A Y (Ref: 2-1-60)

Date first licensed 3-11-47

Call letters W G A Y

Location: Silver Spring, Maryland

GREATER MEDIA, INC. (BML 6-27-72)

X GREATER NEW YORK MEDIA, INC. (AL 6-30-71 EFF: ~~6-30-71~~)

X W G A Y, INC. (AL 6-19-59 EFF: 7-21-59)

X CONNIE B. GAY (BAL 4-8-59 EFF: 6-1-59)

Name of licensee X TRI-SUBURBAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Silver Spring, Maryland

S.E. of inters. of Capital Beltway & Sligo Creek Pkwy. in Sligo Creek Golf Course,

X 11306 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, Maryland (Ltr. 5-10-51)

X Old Kamps Mill Road, approx. 2.5 miles from

Transmitter location Silver Spring, Maryland (CP 9-12-46)

World Bldg., 10th Floor, 8121 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Md. (LP 11-2-5)

X 11306 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, Maryland (Ltr. 5-10-51)

Main studio location X Old Kamps Mill Road, approx 2.5 miles from Silver Spring, Md. (CP 9-12-46)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period		
					From	To	
31-P-4541	9-12-46	1050	1kw	Daytime	11-12	5-12-47	
CP for a new station							
1-MP-2317	1-6-47	Mod. CP (4541) for change type T and make changes in vertical antenna and mount FM antenna on top of AM tower				11-12	5-12-47
1-L-2206	3-11-47	1050	1kw	Daytime	3-11	5-1-47	
1-L-2024	Lic. to cover CP (4541 as mod.) for new station and determine operating power by direct method						
1-1449	4-27-48	1050	1kw	Daytime	5-1	5-1-51	
BR-1449	4-25-51	1050	1kw	Daytime	5-1	5-1-54	
Telegram	4-30-54	Action on renewal deferred			4-28-54	and continued operation auth. until final determination on renewal	
1-1449	6-9-54	1050	1kw	Daytime	6-9	10-1-54	
BR-1449	9-15-54	Renewal of license			10-1	10-1-57	
BR-1449	9-5-57	Renewal of License			10-1	10-1-60	
AL-3234	4-8-59	Vol. assignment of license to					
EFF:	6-1-59	Connie B. Gay.					
BR-4129	6-17-59	Authority to determine operating power (1) by direct measurement of antenna power.					
AL-3192	6-17-59	Voluntary assignment of license to					
EFF:	7-21-59	W. G. A. Y., INC.					
BR-1449	9-14-60	1050kc	1kw	Day	10-1	10-1-63	
BTC-3521	12-5-60	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Connie B. Gay, et al (All stockholders) to Connie B. Gay Broadcasting Corporation.					
EFF:	1-1-61	Ref. Form 123					
P-14455	11-21-60	1050	1kw	Day	1-21	7-21-61	
CP to install new transmitter (RCA BTA-1R).							
10-30-63 COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.							
1449	3-18-64	Renewal of License			3-18	10-1-66	

June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

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Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
32-5182	4-22-64	1050kc	1kw	Day	4-22 10-1-66
		Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power			
BP-16886	11-2-65	1050kc	1kw	Day	1-2 7-2-66
		CP to change ant-trans. loc, and change main studio loc., operate transmitter by remote control from studio location (Cond'1).			
BR-1449	3-9-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			3-9 10-1-69
BL-11,345	5-1-67	1050kc	1kw	Day	5-1 10-1-69
		Lic to cover CP(BP-16,886) which auth chg. ant-trans loc. chg. main studio loc operate RC from studio loc.			
32-6152	6-22-67	auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power.			
BR-1449(L)	9-25-69	RENEWAL			10-1-72
TELEGRAM	12-15-70	PSA	500w		
BTC-6490	3-24-71	VOL. TO		EFF: 5-7-71	
BAL-7336	6-30-71	VOL. AL		EFF: 6-30-71	
BS-1449(1)	12-17-71	Mod. of lic. to change call letter to: W G A Y.			
EBSA	6-12-72				
BMI-2413(1)	6-27-72	M to change corporate name.			
BR-1449(L)	11-9-72	RENEWAL			10-1-75
Ltr.	8-8-74	Trans. RCA BTA-1S now installed.			
BL-13,769(L)	7-7-75	Lic. to use former main trans. for auxiliary purposes only.			10-1-75
BR-1449(S)	9-12-75	RENEWAL OF LIC. (Main & Aux.)			10-1-78
BR-1449	9-14-78	(S) REN. OF LIC.			10-1-81
SUPERSEDED	12-1-78	ABOVE to include Aux. Trans.			10-1-81

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Call M Q M R
 Letters K W G A Y
 x New

Name TRI-SUBURBAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION (P.O. 6720 Conway Ave., Silver Spring, Md.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B1-P-4541	2-11-46	C.P. for a new Standard Broadcast Station to be operated on: Frequency - 1050 kc Power - 1kw Hours of Operation - Daytime Transmitter location - Old Kamps Mill Road, approx. 2.5 miles from city limit of Silver Spring, Md. Studio location - Old Kamps Mill Road, approx. 2.5 miles from city limit of Silver Spring, Md. (Filed by Atty. Marks - Engr. D.B. McKey)	Docket No. 7550 Granted petition for reconsideration and grant of application Order issued	9-12-46
Recd.	2-11-46			
Filed	2-11-46			

RCA BTA-11 Transmitter

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LettersW J M P
X W G A Y

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Name TRI-SUBURBAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B1-MP-2317 Rec'd Filed	12-6-46 12-9-46 12-9-46	Mod. of C.P. (B1-P-4541, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type of transmitter (Collins 20K), make change in the vertical antenna and mount FM antenna on top of AM tower. (Leonard H. Marks, Atty.; D. B. McKey, Engr.)	GRANTED	1-6-47
B1-L-2206 Rec'd Filed	12-5-46 12-5-46 12-5-46	License to cover C.P. (B1-P-4541, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Leonard H. Marks, Atty., D. B. McKey, Engr.)	GRANTED	3-11-47
B1-Z-2024 Rec'd Filed	12-5-46 12-5-46 12-5-46			

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Letters W G A YName TRI-SUBURBAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1449 Rec'd	3-1-48 3-1-48	Renewal of license Filed by Leonard H. Marks atty.	GRANTED	4-27-48
BP-7252 Rec'd Filed	5-26-49 5-27-49 6-3-49	Construction permit to change hours of operation from daytime to unlimited, with power of 500w, 1kw-LS and install directional antenna for night use only. Leonard H. Marks, Atty. Dixie B. McKey, Engr.	DISMISSED	7-26-50 ORDER ISSUED
BR-1449 Rec'd	3-1-51 3-5-51	Renewal of license Filed by Leonard H. Marks atty.	GRANTED	4-25-51
BR-1449 Rec'd Filed	1-28-54 2-1-54 2-1-54	Renewal of License Filed by Leonard Marks, Atty.	Granted	6-9-54

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Letters W G A Y

Name TRI-SUBURBAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Silver Spring, Md.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP Rec'd	12-13-50 12-13-50	Construction permit to change hours of oper. from Daytime to Unlimited, with power of 500w, 1kwLS and install directional antenna for night use only.	RET'D Atty's request	2-12-62

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FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

CONNIE B. GAY

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Letters WGAYName X TRI-SUBURBAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1449 Rec'd Filed	6-24-54 6-25-54 6-25-54	Renewal of License (Informal Request) Filed by Leonard H. Marks, Atty.	GRANTED	9-15-54
BR-1449 Rec'd Filed	6-26-57 6-27-57 6-27-57	Renewal of License. Leonard H. Marks, Atty.	GRANTED	9-5-57
BAL-3234 Rec'd. Filed	11-6-58 11-10-58 11-10-58	Voluntary assignment of license to Connie B. Gay. D.F. Prince, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	4-8-59 6-1-59
BZ-4129 Rec'd Filed	5-22-59 5-25-59 5-25-59	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. D. F. Prince, Atty.	GRANTED	6-19-59

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Call W G A Y
Letters X W G A Y

WGAY, INC.

Name X COLNIE B. GAY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-3492 Rec'd. Filed	5-26-59 5-29-59 5-29-59	Voluntary assignment of license to W G A Y, Inc. D. F. Prince, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	6-19-59 7-21-59
BR-1449 Rec'd Filed	6-30-60 7-5-60 7-5-60	Renewal of license D. F. Prince, Atty.	GRANTED GRANTED	9-14-60
BTC-3521 Rec'd Filed	8-17-60 8-22-60 8-22-60	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Connie B. Gay, et al (All Stockholders) to Connie B. Gay Broadcasting Corporation. D. F. Prince, Atty.	GRANTED EFF: Per Form 323	12-5-60 1-1-61
BP-14,455 R & F	10-25-60 10-28-60	Construction permit to install new transmitter. (RCA BTA-1R) Atty: D. F. Prince	GRANTED	11-21-60

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Letters WQMRName WGAY, INC.
Silver Spring, Md.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-8295 Rec'd Filed	12-12-60 12-13-60 12-13-60	License to cover construction permit (BP-14455) which authorized the installation of a new transmitter. Atty. - D.F. Prince	GRANTED	5-26-61
BR-1449 R & F	6-28-63 8-2-63	Renewal of license Atty. Ray R. Paul	GRANTED	3-18-64
BZ-5182 R. & F.	1-29-64 1-30-64	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. Atty- Prince & Paul	GRANTED	4-22-64

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Call Letters WQMR

Name W G A Y, INC.
Silver Spring, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-16,886 Rec'd. Filed (order)	6-1-65 6-1-65 6-1-65 9-29-65	<p>C.P. to change ant. & trans. location to S.E. of intersection of Capital Beltway and Sligo Creek Pkwy., in Sligo Creek Golf Course, Silver Spring, Maryland, change main studio loc. to World Bldg. - 10th Floor, 8121 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland and operate transmitter by remote control from studio location. REQUEST FOR WAIVER SEC. 73.37 OF RULES GRANTED & APPL. ACCEPTED by Comm. 9-29-65.</p> <p>Atty: Prince & Paul Engr. A.D. Ring & Associates</p>	GRANTED Cond'l re: In Docket	11-2-65 Final decision No. 158/61/62.

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Call
Letters W Q M R

Name W G A Y, INC.
Silver Spring, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-11,345 R & F	5/4/66 5/5/66	Lic. to cover CP (BP-16,886) which auth. chng ant-trans location, chng main studio location, operate remote control from studio location. Atty: Prince & Paul	GRANTED	5-1-67
BR-1449 R & F	6/30/66 7/5/66	Renewal of License Atty: Prince & Paul	GRANTED	3-9-67
BZ- 6452 Rec'd Resub. R & F	4/14/67 4/21/67 4/25th/67 4/27/67	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. Atty: R. R. Paul Engr: T. J. English, Wash., D.C.	RETURNED Incorrect date. GRANTED	4/25/67 - Sect. - I date. 6-22-67
BR-1449 R & F 526738 \$75 P. N.	6-30-69 7-2-69 7-2-69	Renewal of License Atty: Ray R. Paul	GRANTED	9-25-69
JUL 2 1955 Ltr.	3-5-70	Silger & Gasser now Atty.		

7-25-69 Atty: called: re. Sect. 11, Para. 11

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Call
Letters W G A YName WGAY, INC.
Washington, D. C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BH-919 R & F #526737-105 F. N. JUL 28 1969	6-30-69 7-2-69 7-2-69	Renewal of license (Main & Auxiliary) Atty: Ray R. Paul (Prince & Paul)	GRANTED	9-25-69
BTC-8490 Re: 18 FEE PD: \$1000 #654861 CORP. 049 (also see WQMR) PN filed FEB 26 1971	1-7-71 1-8-71 1-27-71 1-29-71	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Connie B. Gay Broadcasting Corporation to Greater New York Media, Inc. Atty for transferor - M. Glaser for transferee - Schwartz & Woods AMENDED 3-2-71 - legal data re subsidiary (Sentinel Pub. Co) of transferee Schwartz & Woods now attys.	GRANTED Reg. grant fee \$63,300.00. Grant fee includes stations WQMR-WTOR-WVQM also. EFF: 5-7-71 Fee paid 5-11-71. #W005521.	3-24-71
Ltr.	5-27-71			

7-25-69

Atty: called re: Sect. 11, Para. 11 (Main & Aux.)

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Call W G A Y
Letters x W Q M R

Greater New York Media, Inc.

Name W G A Y, Inc.
Silver Spring, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
	9-18-70	Annual license fee paid \$224.00 #631034 combined with WQMR-AM 128.00		FM Fee
BTC-5490	1-7-71	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from	GRANTED	3-24-71
R & F	1-8-71	Connie B. Gay Broadcasting Corporation to	Req. grant fee	
FEE PD: \$1000	#654860	Greater New York Media, Inc.	\$63,300.00 grant fee	
CODE 047 (also see FM WGAY)		Atty for transferor - M. L. Glaser	includes stations	
FILED	1-27-71	for transferee - Schwartz & Woods	WGAY-WTCH-WVQM also.	
PN filed	1-29-71	(SEE OVER)	EFF: 5-7-71	
Ltr.	5-27-71	Schwartz & Woods now attys.	Fee paid 5-11-71.	
			# W 005521.	
BAL-7336	6-8-71	Voluntary assignment of license to	GRANTED	6-30-71
R & F	6-9-71	GREATER NEW YORK MEDIA, INC.	EFF: 6-30-71	
FEE PD: \$250	#010734	Atty - Schwartz & Woods		
CODE 053 (Form 316)				
(also see FM WGAY)				

RE: BTC

~~APPLY-WAS-CALLED-1-26-71~~-- Articles & By-Laws

nec. FILED 1-27-71 / ALSO SEC. VI nec.

AMENDED 3-2-71 - legal data re subsidiary of transferee

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W G A Y

Card #10

GREATER MEDIA, INC.

Name GREATER NEW YORK MEDIA, INC.
SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BML-2413 R&F \$50-075878 AC-060 PRESS: JUN 1 1972	5-22-72 5-23-72 5-23-72	Modification of license to change corporate name to GREATER MEDIA, INC. Atty. Louis Schwartz	GRANTED	6-27-72
BR-1449 R & F PN PRESS AUG 7 1972	6-26-72 6-30-72 6-30-72	Renewal of License ATTY: SCHWARTZ & WOODS	GRANTED	11-9-72
BL-13,769 R & F \$50#336855 PTA PRESS 2 5 NOV 1974	8-7-74 8-19-74 8-21-74 8-25-74	Lic. to use former Main Trans. for Auxiliary Purposes Only, RCA BTA-1R Atty: Lawrence M. Miller(Schwartz & Woods)	GRANTED	3-27-75

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1050 kc

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Call
Letters W G A YName GREATER MEDIA, INC.
SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1449 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	5-28-75 6-2-75 " JUL 11 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. TRANS.) Louis Schwartz, Atty.	GRANTED	9-12-75
CP Recd \$6735 \$300	6-29-76 6-30-76 7-1-76	CP increase power to 2.5kw and change trans. to HARPIS MW-5 Atty: Louis Schwartz Engr: David Steel, Sr.	RETURNED	6-21-78 Request for Waiver of the Rules DENIED. pursuant SECTION 0.281 Rules.
BR-1449 R & F PRESS	5-28-78 6-1-78 JUL 7 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) Atty. Louis Schwartz (Schwartz & Woods)	GRANTED	9-14-78

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Call
Letters W G A Y

Name GREATER MEDIA, INC.
Silver Spring, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR780728UK R & F PRESS	7-21-78 7-28-78 AUG 11 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY)	CRANTED	9-14-78
780721AH Rec'd (resub) Filed PRESS: PN FI ED	6-29-78 7-21-78	Construction permit to increase power to 2.5KW and chg trans HARRIS MW-5 ATTY: Louis Schwartz ENGR: David Steel, Sr.	RETURNED MO&O (Memo # 20448)	8-21-79
	8-11-78	OPPOSITION TO REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION FILED BY WCMS RADIO NORFOLK, INC. THRU ITS ATTY. PHILIP M. BAKER		
	8-18-78	MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FILED BY GREATER MEDIA, INC. THRU ITS ATTYS LOUIS SCHWARTZ, ROBERT A. WOODS & LAWRENCE M. MILLER		
	9-14-78	MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FILED BY GREATER MEDIA, INC. THRU ITS A ATTYS. LOUIS SCHWARTZ, ROBERT A. WOODS & LAWRENCE M. MILLER		

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

1050 kHz

Call Letters: W G A Y

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Name: GREATER MEDIA, INC.

Station Location: SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
EZ-810417AK R & F DM PRESS MAY 04 1981	4-17-81	DIRECT MEASUREMENT Atty: Malcolm Stevenson (Schwartz, Woods & Miller)	GRANTED 4-29-81 (Issued with renewal)
BR810601H3 PRESS AUG 10 1981		Renewal of License Atty.: Malcolm G. Stevenson	GRANTED 10-22-81

W G A Y - RECORD OF DENIALS OF INFORMAL APPLICATIONS

BS-1449 5-3-48 to opr. additional time from sign-off
(time 7:15 pm EST) to 8:30 pm EST (9:30 pm,
Eastern Daylight Saving Time) May 3, 1948, in
order to broadcast election returns, only.

Ltr. 10-22-48 advising applicant that request for STA for
election returns 11-2-48 not considered in
accordance Sec. 1.324 of the Rules

Ltr. 11-2-50 To remain on air 11-7-50 to broadcast election
returns.

Ltr. 10-31-51 To remain on air 11-6-51 to broadcast
election returns

Ltr. 9-12-52 - Denied authority remain on air for election

Ltr. 9-30-53 - Waiver of Sec. 3.5 to operate from 4 am to
7 pm throughout the year

Telegram 10-28-54 Remain on air night of 11-2-54 to broad-
cast election coverage to Montgomery and
Prince Georges Counties

WIRE 9-20-56 Operate additional time 9-20-56 Political

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form – 3" by 5" filing cards – for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

