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June 1954

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 6-5-67 (OFF. NO. 624)

WDCA-TV (1-22-64)  
Call letters

Station location WASHINGTON, D.C.

CHANNEL 20, INCORPORATED (BAPCT-397, gr. 5-11-67 OFF: 5-11-67)

Name of licensee X CAPITAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

5202 River Road, Bethesda, Maryland (BPCT-3 27--9-21-66)

x5200 River Road, Bethesda, Maryland (BMPCT-6035 6-3-65)

Transmitter location X CORNER OF GEORGE MASON DRIVE AND LEE HIGHWAY, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

5202 River Road, Bethesda, Maryland (BPCT-3827--9-21-66)

x 5200 River Road, Bethesda, Maryland (BMPCT-6035 6-3-65)

Main studio location X (To be Determined), WASHINGTON, D.C.



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period	
					From	To
BPCT-3122	8-13-63	CH.#20	Vis-596 kw	U	10-13-63	
AH: 510'	MSL:766.6'	506-512	Aur-298 kw		4-13-64	
<u>Construction Permit for a New Comm. TV B/C Station.</u>						
BTC-4506	2-28-64	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of permittee corporation by Milton Grant (50.2%) through purchase of 2 shares of stock from A. Dana Hodgdon				
<u>EFF</u>						
BMPCT-5967	5-18-64	CH.#20	V-596 kw	U	10-13-63	
AH: 510 feet		506-512	A-298 kw		11-18-64	
MSL:766.6 feet. Mod. of CP (BPCT-3122) to extend completion date						
<u>L.F. to show change of call letters.</u>						
BMPCT-6032	11-17-64	same	same	same	10-13-63	
<u>Mod. of CP (BPCT-3122) to extend completion date</u>					5-17-65	
BMPCT-6104	5-20-65	same	same	same	10-13-63	
<u>Mod. of CP (BPCT-3122, as mod) to extend compl. dt.</u>					11-20-65	
BMPCT-6035	6-3-65	CH.20	V-646 kw	U	10-13-63	
AH: 770'		506-512	A-64.6 kw		12-3-65	
MSL:1049'. Mod. of CP (BPCT-3122, as mod) to chg. ERP, TL, type						
<u>transmitter, antenna, AH.</u>						
BMPCT-6035	6-3-65	CH.20	V-646 kw	U	10-13-63	
AH: 770'	MSL:1049'	506-512	A-64.6 kw		12-3-65	
<u>SUPERSEDED 8-4-65 To correct geo. coordinates.</u>						
WIRE 3-28-66 RE TENDERED LIC. APPL., AUTH. GRANTED						
OPER. WDCA-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SEC. 73.629 RULES						
6 CP BMPCT-6182, EXCEPT WITH TRANS. OUTPUT POWER OF 30KW						
VISUAL AND 3KW AURAL AND WITH FORM. EFF. RADIATED POWER						
OF 397 KW VISUAL & 39.7 KW AURAL						
BMPCT-6182	11-29-65	same	same	same	10-13-63	
<u>Mod. of CP (BPCT-3122, as mod) to extend compl. dt.</u>					5-29-66	
WIRE 8-5-66 PENDING ACTION ON APPLI. FOR PERMANENT						
CHANGE, AUTH. GR. WDCA-TV INSTALL RCA TYPE ITU-50C						
TRANSMITTER AND OPER. AT POWERS NOT TO EXCEED THOSE						
<u>SPECIFIED IN BMPCT-6182 TEMP. PER. END 9-5-66.</u>						



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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters ..... WDCA-TV

Station location .....

Name of licensee ..... CAPITAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location ..... SEE CARD #1

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div	Period From - To
WIRE	9-6-66	RELETATY 6. PENDING ACTION ON APPL. FOR PERMANENT CHANGE, EXTENSION AUTH. WDCA-TV INSTALL RCA TYPE TTU-50C TRANSMITTER AND OPER. AT POWERS NOT TO EXCEED THOSE SPECIFIED IN BMPCT-6182 TEMP. PER. END.			
	10-5-66	-----			
WIRE	11-25-66	RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPER. WDCA-TV ON PROG. TEST ACCORD SEC. 73.629 RULES & CP			
	BPCT-3827	-----			
BPCT-3827	9-21-66	Ch. 20	V. 724 kw	U	11-21-66
AH: 770' MSL: 1049'		506-512	A. 72.4 kw		5-21-67
	CP to chg. ERP & type of trans.				
BAPCT-397	VOLUNTARY ASSIGNMENT OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT TO CHANNEL 20, INCORPORATED. GR. 5-11-67 EFF: 5-11-67				
BLCT-1571	6-5-67	CH. 20	V-724 kw	U	6-5-67
BLCT-1631		506-512	A-72.4 kw		10-1-69
AH: 770' MSL: 1049'	LICENSE to cover CP (BPCT-3827 & BPCT-3122, changes) for a new Comm. TV B/C Station.				
BTC-5801	5-7-69	VOL. T/C			
BRCT-624	9-30-69	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			
		10-1-72			
BTC-6089	12-16-69	VOL. T/C			
WIRE	8-13-70	PENDING COMM. CONSIDERATION OF BPCT-4374 AUTH. GR. INSTALL GATES BT-55U TRANS. ACCORD. REQUEST. THIS ACTION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A COMMISSION DECISION REGARDING FACILITIES REQ. IN BPCT-4374.			
BPCT-4374	10-5-70	Ch. 20	V. 3090 kw	U	12-5-70
AH: 770' MSL: 1049'		506-512	A. 309 kw		4-5-72
	CP chg. ERP, trans. & ant.				
WIRE	10-20-70	PENDING COMPLETION CONSTRUCTION ACCORD BPCT-4374 AND FIL. LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPER. TEMP. PER. END. 1-20-71 ACCORD BRCT-624 EXCEPT WITH GATES BT-55U TRANSMITTER.			
WIRE	1-14-71	Above auth. ext. to			
		4-5-71			



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Date first licensed .....

Call letters WDCA-TV .....

Station location .....

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div	Period From To
WIRE	3-11-71	RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI.			PENDING
FIL. ADD. MEASUREMENTS ESTABLISHING COMPLIANCE WITH TYPE ACCEPTANCE REQ. OF SEC. 73.640 RULES AUTH. GR. OPER. TEMP. PER. END. 4-16--71. REC. FILE ADD. AURAL FM NOISE MEASUREMENTS ESTABLISHING COMPLIANCE WITH SEC. 73.687*b)(4) DURING THIS MONTH.					
WIRE	3-11--71	Auth. to oper.			remote control
WIRE	-4-16-71	ABOVE AUTH. GR.			3-11-71 ext. 6-16-71
WIRE	6-15-71	RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI.			AUTH. GR.
OPER. ON PTA CP BPCT-4374.					
BLCT-2091	9-1-71	Ch. 20 V.	3090 kw	U	9-1-71
AH: 770' MSL: 1049'		506-512 A.	309		10-1-72
Lic. (BPCT-4374) chg.					
ERSA	5-15-72				
BRCTV-160	11-27-74	Remote control authority			
Wire sent; not issued; to be issued with Renewal.					
BRCT-624	7-23-75	Ch. 20 V.	3090 kw		10-1-75
AH: 770' MSL: 1049'		506-512 A.	309 kw		
Renewal of license					
BRCT-624	12-9-75	Renewal of license (S)			10-1-78
BTC-8735	6-26-78	Vol. T/C			
BRCT-624	2-6-79	Renewal of License (S)			10-1-81



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WDCB-TV (4-77-64)

Call Letters NEW

Name CAPITAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

PO c/o Milton Grant, Suite 5, 2480 - 16th. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT- 3122 R. & F	11-19-62	Construction permit for a new Commercial TV broadcast station Channel 20, 506-512 mcs. ERP: Vis. 600.2 kw, Aur. 300.10 kw STATION LOCATION: WASHINGTON, D. C. Transmitter location: Corner of George Mason Drive and Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia Studio location: To be determined, Washington, D. C. ( RCA TTU-25B) AH: 513.45 feet Mallyck and Bernton-attys Silliman, Moffet & Kowalski-engr.	GRANTED	DOCKET #15075 8-13-63
	11-19-62		Condition: That no construction shall commence until the appropriate application for construction permits to modify WAVA-AM and WAVA-FM antennas have been filed & granted.	
Amended R & F	1-3-63	Amended to correct geographic coordinates		
	1-7-63	Mallyck & Bernton-attys		



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LettersName CAPITAL BROADCASTING COMPANY  
Washington, D. C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-4506 Rec. & filed	2-20-64 2-20-64	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of permittee corporation by Milton Grant (50.2%) through purchase of 2 shares of stock from A. Dana Hodgdon. Mallyck and Bernton-attys	GRANTED EFF:	2-28-64
BMPCT-5967 Recd. & Filed	4-10-64 4-10-64	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3122, which authorized a new Comm. TV Broadcast station) to extend comple- tion date from 4-13-64 to _____ Mallyck & Bernton, Atty.	GRANTED Previous condition See BPCT-3122 Card 1	5-18-64
BMPCT-6032 Recd. & Filed	11-2-64 11-3-64	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3122, as mod. which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend comple- tion date from 11-18-64 to _____ Mallyck & Bernton, Attys.	GRANTED	11-17-64



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Letters WDCA-TVName CAPITAL BROADCASTING COMPANY  
Washington, District of Columbia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
EMPCT-6035 R & F	10-30-64	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3122, as mod., which auth. a new station) to change ERP from 15. 596 kw, Aur. 298 kw to Vis. 642 kw (Horiz), Aur. 64 kw (Horiz); Transmitter location from Corner of George Mason Drive and Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia and Studio location from "To be Determined, Washington, D. C., BOTH to 5200 River Road, Bethesda, Maryland; change type transmitters to RCA TTU-50B; type of antenna to RCA TFU-30J (elec. beam tilt); make changes in antenna system and change antenna height above average terrain to 770 feet. REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.613 OF COM'S RULES. Mallyck & Bernton-attys David Steel & Assoc.- engr.	GRANTED Subject to Compliance with Section 73.640 of Rules.	6-3-65
	11-3-64			
AMENDED	2-23-65	Amended to change antenna height above average terrain to 767.5 ft and submit supplemental engineering data.		
Rec. & filed	2-23-65			



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Letters WDCA-TVName CAPITAL BROADCASTING COMPANY  
CH. 20 Washington, D.C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-6104 Recd. & Filed	5-12-65 5-14-65	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3122, as mod., which auth. a new station) to extend completion date from 5-17-65 to 11-17-65. Mallyck & Bernton, Atty.	GRANTED	5-20-65
BMPCT-6182 R & F	11-10-65 11-12-65	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3122, as mod., which auth. a new station) to extend completion date from 12-3-65 to 6-3-66. Mallyck & Bernton, Atty.	GRANTED	11-29-65
LETTER(3)	3-10-66	REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF SECTIONS 73.651(a)(1), 73.651(a)(2) and 73.651(c) OF COMMISSION'S RULES TEMPORARILY. Mallyck & Bernton-attys filed request		
BLCT-1571 R & F	3-23-66 3-25-66	LICENSE to cover CP (BPCT-3122, as mod.), which authorized a new Comm. TV Broadcast Station. Mallyck & Bernton, Atty.	GRANTED	6-5-67



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Letters WDCA-TV

CHANNEL 20, INCORPORATED  
 X CAPITAL BROADCASTING COMPANY  
 Name  
 CH-20 Washington, D. C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-3827 Rec. Filed	7-25-66 7-27-66 8-16-66	CP to make the following changes: ERP to Vis. 723 kw (Horz), Aur. 72 kw (Horz); change type of transmitter to RCA TTU-50C. Mallyck & Bernton, Atty.	GRANTED	9-21-66
BLCT-1631 R & F	11-18-66 11-22-66	License to cover CP(BPCT-3827) which auth. changes in an existing station. Mallyck & Bernton- Attys. David L. Steel, Sr., Engr. AMENDED to change name pursuant to BAPCT-397.	GRANTED	6-5-67
BAPCT-397 R & F (Form 316)	3-31-67 4-14-67	Voluntary assignment of construction permits to CHANNEL 20, INCORPORATED  Atty - Mallyck & Bernton	GRANTED EFF:	5-11-67 5-11-67



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CH-20 Washington, D. C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action		
			Nature	Date	
BTC-5801 R & F Press PN Rec'd #475753 (Form 315)	11-29-68	Voluntary transfer of control of Capital Broadcasting Company (parent company of licensee corporation) from Milton Grant. A. Dana Hodgdon, Edward Mernone, et al to Superior Tube Company. (Request Waiver of <b>Three Year Rule</b> ) Pierson, Ball & Dowd, Atty. (William S. Green)	GRANTED	5-7-69	
	12-2-68		REF:	5-13-69	
	DEC 11 1968		Order #29652 adopted		
	3-27-69				
			AMENDED 1-15-69 re legal (submit amended copy of articles and by-laws)		
			Ltr. from atty. 2-20-69 submitting employment agreement for Milton Grant.		
	AMENDED 3-10-69 re legal (other business interests).				
	AMENDED 3-25-69 re legal (additional statement re Section I, para. 2)				
	AMENDED 4-9-69 re legal and financial.				



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Name CHANNEL 20, INCORPORATED  
CH-20 Washington, D. C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-5801	Cont'd	AMENDED 4-14-69 re legal, filed by Mallyck & Bernton and financial, filed by Arthur Stambler. <u>ASSIGNOR'S PORTION</u>	GRANTED Ordered #29652 adopted	5-7-69
BRCT-624	6-11-69	RENEWAL OF LICENSE		
R & F	6-12-69	Robert E. Hodson, Atty. (Pierson, Ball & Dowd)	GRANTED	9-30-69
\$150 #521928	"			
PRESS	JUN 18 1969			
PN Recd.	6-12-69			
BTC-6089	10-29-69	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee		
R & F	10-31-69	corporation from Capital Broadcasting Company	GRANTED	12-16-69
#553896 \$30	10-31-69	to Superior Tube Company.	EFF:	12-31-69
PRESS:	NOV 18 1969			
PN REC'D:		Atty.: William S. Green (Pierson, Ball & Dowd)		
		AMENDED 11-13-69 to submit signed agreements.		
ENGR. DATA FILED	7-7-70			



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Name CHANNEL 20, INCORPORATED  
CH-20 WASHINGTON, D. C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-4374 R & F #616355 \$30 PRESS:	7-14-70	CP, chg. ERP to Vis. 3090kw(H), Aur. 309kw(H); type trans. to Gates BT-220U; and type ant. to RCA TFU-22G.	GRANTED	10-5-70
	7-15-70			
	JUL 9 1970	Atty.: L. J. Bernard, Jr. (Pierson, Ball & Dowd)		
	10-2-70	Annual License fee \$138.00 #634248 paid		
BLCT-2091 Received Filed #669688 \$50 AC: 069 PRESS	3-10-71	Lic. to cover (BPCT-4374) for chgs.	GRANTED	9-1-71
	3-9-71	Atty.: L. J. Bernard, Jr. (Pierson, Ball)		
	3-10-71			
	3-9-71			
	JUN 18 1971			



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Name CHANNEL 20, INCORPORATED  
CH-20 WASHINGTON, D. C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-624 R & F PN REC PRESS	6-29-72 7-3-72 7-3-72 JUL 20 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Robert E. Hodson (Pierson, Ball & Dowd) AMENDED 7-17-72 to correct type trans. Amended 8-31-72 re financial data. AMENDED 12-11-72 re equal employment AMENDED 5-1-73 re other business interests	GRANTED	7-23-75
BRCTV-160 R & F \$50 refunded PRESS: JUL 16 1973	4-24-72 4-27-72 JUL 16 1973	Request auth. to oper. trans. by remote control from 5202 River Road, Washington, D. C. REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.676(c) OF THE RULES. Atty.: Harrison T. Slaughter (Pierson, Ball & Dowd) Additional Engineering filed 10-7-74.	GRANTED Wire sent;	11-27-74 not issued; to be issued with Renewal.



PETITION TO PREVENT EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION filed 9-1-72 by Media Task Force et al,  
 OPPOSITION OF CHANNEL 20, INCORPORATED TO "PETITION TO PREVENT EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION"  
 filed 9-14-72 by William S. Green on behalf of WDCA-TV.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 10-31-72 by Albert H. Kramer on behalf of Citizens  
 Communications Center.

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO "REPLY TO LICENSEES' OPPOSITIONS TO PETITION TO PREVENT EMPLOY-  
 MENT DISCRIMINATION" filed 11-28-72 by Albert Kramer on behalf of Petitioners.

OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO STRIKE filed 12-4-72 by Albert H. Kramer on behalf of Petitioners.

1972 Renewal Granted 7-23-75; Memorandum Opinion and Order adopted 7-23-75, released  
 8-6-75, FCC 75-889: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That the "Petition to Prevent Employment  
 Discrimination" filed September 1, 1972 by Cynthia Clark Maattews, individually and as  
 Coordinator for Media Task Force et al, IS GRANTED to the extent indicated above and DENIED  
 in all remaining aspects. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the following license renewal  
 applications ARE GRANTED for the remainder of their current terms (to October 1, 1975);  
 WETA-FM-TV, ASH-FM, WMAL-AM-FM-TV, STOP-AM-FM and WDCA-TV.



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters ..... WDCA-TV .....

Name CHANNEL 20, INCORPORATED

CH-20 Washington, D. C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-624 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	5-30-75 6-2-75 6-2-75 16 JUL 1975 5 AUG 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE APPLICATION Annual Report Filed Atty: William S. Green (Pierson, Ball & Dowd) Amended 7-22-75 re business interests. Ltr. 11-17-75 re subscription television.	GRANTED	12-9-75
BSTV-16 R & F #488848 \$700 AC: 001 PRESS: PN REC'D:	10-15-75 10-16-75 10-16-75 4 NOV 1975 5-3-76	Request authority to install Subscription Television equipment. Atty.: Finkelstein & Firestone AMENDED 10-23-75 to submit programming survey.	Designated for Min. JUN 30 1976 RETURN TO PROC. UNIT 4-21-81	



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters WDCA-TVName  
Ch-20 CHANNEL 20, INCORPORATED  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-624 R&F P PRESS	5-31-78 6-1-78 6-1-78 JUN 13 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: John Duffy	GRANTED COMMISSION ACTION	2-6-79
BTC-8735 R&F PRESS (Form 316)	6-1-78 6-6-78 JUN 20 1978	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Superior Tube Company to Improvement Leasing Company. Atty.: William S. Green (Pierson, Ball & Dowd)	GRANTED EFF:	6-26-78 7-7-78



PETITION TO DENY OR TO RENEW FOR ONLY ONE YEAR filed 8-15-78 by Christopher W. Walker and James H. Burch. (See WRC-TV)

PETITION TO DENY filed 9-1-78 by Washington Association for Television and Children.

OPPOSITION TO PLEADING ENTITLED "PETITION TO DENY OR TO RENEW FOR ONLY ONE YEAR" filed 9-14-78 by John Duffy for WDCA-TV/

OPPOSITION TO PLEADING ENTITLED "PETITION TO DENY" filed 10-2-78 by William Green for WDCA-TV.

PETITIONER'S REPLY filed 10-3-78 by Walker & Burch

REPLY TO OPPOSITION filed 10-23-78 by WATCH.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 2-6-79, released 2-16-79 FCC 79-83 5142: Therefore, IT IS ORDERED, That the Petition to Deny filed by the Washington Association for Television and Children IS DENIED. IT IS ALSO ORDERED, That the above-captioned application for renewal of license for Station WDCA-TV, Washington, D. C., IS GRANTED for the remainder of the license term for District of Columbia stations -- i.e., until October 1, 1981.

(Lic. file #3, with orig. appl. & orig. pleadings - to Konrad Herling 712 2-26-79)

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 2-14-79, released 3-2-79 FCC 79-100 5144: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That the petition to deny, filed by Christopher W. Walker and James H. Burch, IS DENIED.

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION 3-19-79 by WATCH.

MOTION FOR STAY PENDING RECONSIDERATION 3-19-79 by WATCH

OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND TO MOTION FOR STAY PENDING RECONSIDERATION 4-3-79 by Green for Channel 20, Incorporated



COMMERCIAL TELEVISION  
APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WDCA-TV

Name: CHANNEL 20, INCORPORATED

CH-20

Station Location: WASHINGTON, DC

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
		<p>RENEWAL GRTD. 2-6-79: MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 8-1-79, released 9-6-79 FCC 79-496 14446: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That the petition for reconsideration, filed March 19, 1979 by the Washington Association for Television and Children, IS DENIED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That WATCH's motion for stay of our Memorandum Opinion and Order granting Channel 20's renewal pending out resolution of the instant petition for reconsideration, IS DISMISSED AS MOOT. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the Secretary of the Commission shall send, by Certified Mail-Return Receipt Requested, a copy of the Memorandum Opinion and Order to each of the parties to this proceeding. Sent Certified 9-7-79 - pd</p>	



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May 1976

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters WDCA-TVName CHANNEL 20, INCORPORATED  
CH-20 WASHINGTON, DC

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
PETITIONS {CONT'D} REPLY TO OPPOSITION WATCH.		TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION	4-10-79 by COOK for	



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call  
Letters WDCA-TVName CHANNEL 20, INCORPORATED  
CH-20 WASHINGTON, D. C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC- 780725IB R&F PN REC'D PRESS (Form 315)	7-25-78 7-25-78 7-25-78 <b>AUG 17 1978</b>	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Improvement Leasing Company to Taft Broadcasting Company.  Attys.: Transferor-William S. Green (Pierson, Ball & Dowd) Transferee-M. Smile Humphrey (Koteen & Burt)  Amended 9-15-78 re legal & additional information Amended 10-20-78 re business interests	GRANTED	8-16-79
BRCT- 810601KS R&F PN REC'D	5-29-81 6-01-81 6-01-81	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: MARGOT SMILEY HUMPHREY {KOTEEN AND BURT}		



PETITION TO DENY 3-19-79 by WATCH.

MOTION TO DISMISS 4-3-79 by Bernard Koteen for Taft Broadcasting Company

REPLY TO MOTION TO DISMISS 3-10-79 by Washington Association for Television and Children for the same.

MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT PLEADINGS 4-10-79 by WATCH for the same.

REPLY TO RESPONSE OF TAFT BROADCASTING COMPANY 4-26-79 by WATCH for the same.

MOTION TO ACCEPT LATE-FILED PETITION TO DENY 4-26-79 by Wilhelmina  
Reuben Cooke for WATCH.

OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO ACCEPT LATE-FILED PETITION TO DENY 5-4-79 by  
Bernard Kottten for Taft Br/c

MOTION TO STRIKE UNAUTHORIZED STATEMENT 6-20-79 by Cooke for Citizens.

SUPPLEMENTAL PLEADINGS 7-5-79 by by Cooke for CCC.

COMMENTS ON "MOTION TO STRIKE UNAUTHORIZED STATEMENT" 7-3-79 by Koteen for Taft B/c Co.

COMMENTS ON "SUPPLEMENTAL PLEADING" 7-10-79 by Koteen for Taft.

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REPLY TO COMMENTS ON SUPPLEMENTAL PLEADINGS 7-17-79 by Cooke for WATCH

~~RESPONSE TO EXTRAORDINARY COMMISSION ACTION~~ -----

RESPONSE TO EXTRAORDINARY COMMISSION ACTION 8-8-79 by Cook for WATCH.

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amendment re. Taft's Request for waiver of Top Fifty Policy 8-2-79 by Dudley  
S. Taft {President of Taft} for Taft.

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opposition of WATCH to Taft's amendment of Top Fifty Request 8-2-79 by Cooke  
for WATCH.



CARD NO. 12A

## APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV  
Call Letters: WDCXName: CHANNEL 20, INCORPORATED  
CH-20

Station Location: WASHINGTON, DC

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
		PETITIONS CONT'D: MEMORANDUM RE COMMISSION STAFF BIAS by Cooke for WATCH --8-15-79	
		MOTION FOR IMMEDIATE AND EMERGENCY STAY OF DECISION 8-16-79 by Cooke for WATCH.	
		MOTION FOR IMMEDIATE AND EMERGENCY ISSUANCE OF ORDER DIRECTING THE PARTIES TO RESCIND PREMATURE TRANSFER OF CONTROL PENDING ISSUANCE OF FINAL COMMISSION ORDER 8-22-79 by Cooke for WATCH.	
		MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 8-17-79, released 8-17-79 BC FCC 79-511 14491: In view of these factors, we are not persuaded that WATCH's stay request should be granted. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, that the "Motion for Immediate and Emergency Stay of Decision" filed on behalf of WATCH in connection with the above-captioned proceeding IS DENIED.	
		ORDER adopted & released 8-31-79 FCC 79-516: Pursuant to the Order of the Court, the Commission hereby ORDERS Taft Broadcasting Company "to take no action in operating WDCX-TV, pending (the) Court's determination of WATCH's Petition for Writ of Mandamus, which would in any way affect the ability of the Federal Communications Commission to rescind the transfer of control of Channel 20, Inc., and reinstate the status quo that existed on August 16, 1979 prior to the transfer of control to Taft Broadcasting Company. {OVER}	to be 21 March 1979



OPPOSITION OF TAFT BROADCASTING COMPANY TO MOTION FOR ORDER DIRECTING  
RESCISSION OF TRANSFER 8-30-79 by Bernard Koteen for Taft.-----

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 8-31-79 by Michael Finkelstein for Improvement.

RESPONSE TO OPPOSITION OF TAFT BROADCASTING COMPANY TO MOTION FOR ORDER  
DIRECTING RESCISSION OF TRANSFER 9-10-79 by Cooke for WATCH.

REPLY OF TAFT BROADCASTING COMPANY TO "COMMENTS" OF IMPROVEMENT LEASING  
COMPANY 9-10-79 by Bernard Koteen for Taft.

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COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF WATCH MOTION FOR ORDER TO RESCIND 9-7-79 by Finkelstein  
for Improvement.-----

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted ~~8-13~~ 9-13-79, released 9-14-79 FCC 79-536 14676 ADVANCE  
COPY: WATCH's "Motion for Immediate and Emergency Issuance of Order Directing the Parties to  
Rescind Premature Transfer of Control Pending Issuance of Final Commission Order" IS DENIED.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 8-16-79, released 9-28-79 FCC 79-508 14447: Accordingly,  
IT IS ORDERED, that the "petition" filed by Washington Association for Television and  
Children IS DISMISSED, and, as an informal objection IS DENIED, and that the application of  
Improvement Leasing Company for the transfer of 100% control of Channel 20, Incorporated,  
licensee of WDCA-TV, Washington, D.C., to Taft Broadcasting Company IS GRANTED.

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402(b) appeal filed 10-12-79 by Improvement Leasing Company

402(b) appeal filed 10-12-79 by WATCH



## 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 radio 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.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. 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 for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, 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.

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 television station history.

