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FIRST (CO 3-5-54) (Started 4-24-54) NDEA

Date first licensed 2-10-56 (Off. No. 156)

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(Sta. Loc. Des Moines, Iowa)

PALMER BROADCASTING COMPANY (DELAWARE CORPORATION)

X PALMER BROADCASTING COMPANY (BMLCT-159 (8-20-64) 8-5-77)

X CENTRAL BROADCASTING COMPANY (BAP-101 Gr. 6-3-54 Eff:

xWHO-TV (BAP-70 Gr. 1-6-54 EFF: 1-25-54)(6-4-54)

Name of licensee xCENTRAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

1 mile south of Alleman, Iowa (BPCT-4335 11-3-70)

X 1 mile south of Mitchellville at Polk-Jasper County Line

Transmitter location Near Mitchellville, Iowa

Main studio location 1100 Walnut Street Des Moines, Iowa

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BPCT-334	9-3-53	Ch. 13 210-216 Mcs.	V-316KW A-158KW	U	11-3-53 5-3-54
Construction permit for a new commercial television broadcast station.					
BMPCT-1622 Mod.CP(BPCT-334) antenna S. & other equipment.	12-18-53	same to chg.	same ERP, & chgs. in	V-316KW A-191KW	11-3-53 5-3-54
BAPCT-70 EFF:	1-6-54 1-25-54	Vol. assignment of CP to WHO-TV.			
3-5-54 STA Opr. Comm basis accordance CP BMPCT-1622,except using RCA TT-10 AH transmitter power output 10 kw Vis, 6 kw Aur. Period Ending 5-3-54					
BMPCT-2010 MOC CP (BPCT-334) conversion of obstruction marking specifications	4-5-54	same to extend	same completion date	same	11-3-53 11-3-54
4-3-54 EXT STA Opr. Comm basis accordance CP BMPCT-2010 except using RCA TT-10AH Transmitter, power output 10 kw Vis,6 kw Aur. Period Ending 11-2-54					
BMPCT-2010 Mod CP(BPCT-334) Conversion of obstruction marking specifications	4-5-54	same to extend	same completion date	same	11-3-53 11-3-54
BAPCT-101 EFF:	6-3-54 6-4-54	Assignment of CP to Central Broadcasting Company.			
Wire	8-23-54	Mod.STA Opr. Comm. basis exact accord CP BMPCT-2010 pending filing of Lic.Appl.Per.End. 11-2-54.			
BMPCT-2538 Mod.CP(BPCT-334,as mod) (Long form)	10-11-54	same to extend	same completion date. (deleted Condition(b) MPCT-2010)	same	11-3-53 5-3-55
WIRE 2538 pending filing of license appl. Per. End. 5-2-55.	11-2-54	EXT STA Opr. Comm. basis accord CP BMPCT-			
BLCT-298 AH 780 ft.	2-10-56	CH 13 210-216	V-316 kw A-191 kw	U	2-10-56 2-1-59
License to cover CP(BPCT-334,as mod)					
WIRE End. 11-30-56 with 158 kw aural ERP to study tube loss. Appl.forms being mailed.	10-23-56	Ext. authority gr. opr. WHO-TV Temp.Per.			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WHO-TV

Name of licensee CENTRAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location SEE CARD #1

Main studio location SEE CARD #1

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BMLCT-43 AH 780	11-29-56	CH.#13 210-216	V-316kw A-158kw	U	11-29-56 2-1-59
Modification of license to change Aur. ERP.					
WIRE	9-13-57	CONDUCT TECHNICAL EXPERIMENTATION PERIOD 12-13-57			
WIRE	12-13-57	EXTENSION AUTH. OPER. PURSUANT SEC.3.666 CONDUCT TECHNICAL EXPERIMENTAION WITH AURAL POWER LESS THAN PRESCRIBED BY SEC.3.682(A)(15) WITH FACIL. SPEC. IN LICENSE BMLCT-43, PROVIDED INVESTIGATION INCLUDES REPRESENT. COMPARATIVE MEAS. IN FRINGE AREAS OF AURAL VS VISUAL FIELD INTENSITIES OVER RANGE OF POWER RATIOS USED & SUBSEQUENT REPORT SUBMITTED. SECTION 3.666(C) WAIVED. PERIOD ENDING 2-13-58.				
BRCT-156 AH:780'	1-21-59	CH #13 210-216	V-316 kw A-158 kw	U	2-1-59 2-1-62
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BRCT-156	1-9-62	same	same	U	2-1-62
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					2-1-65
BMLCT-165 BMLCT-159	8-20-64	CH.#13 210-216	V-316kw A-47.9kw	U	8-20-64 2-1-65
Mod.ofLicense to reduce Aural ERP & change name					
BRCT-156	4-15-65	same	same	same	4-15-65
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					2-1-68
BMLCT-486 AH:780'	2-9-66	CH-13 210-216	V-316 kw A-47.4 kw	U	2-9-66 2-1-68
Mod. of license to change type of transmitter.					
BRCT-156	1-30-68	same	same	same	2-1-68
RENEWAL OF LICENSE & NDEA					2-1-71
BPCT-4335 AH:2000' MSL:2988'	11-3-70	Ch. 13 210-216	V.240 kw DA A.33.9 kw	U	1-3-71 5-3-72
CP chg. ERP, TL, TRANS. & ANT. HAAT.					
BRCT-156	1-29-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S) (NDEA)			2-1-74
WIRE	12-17-71	STATUS REPORT RECEIVED FROM MR. IRWIN OF DRESSER CO., INDICATES THAT LIGHTING OF NEW TOWER AUTH. BPCT-4335, BPCT-4397, BPET-365, NOT IN ACCORD, WITH SEC. 17.45 of the rules.			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed _____ Call letters WHO-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
BMPCT-7337	12-27-71	Ch. 13	V. 162 kw	U	1-3-71
AH: 1970' MSL: 2988'		210-216	A. 24.5		5-3-72
MP (BPCT-4335) chg. ERP, type trans, & HAAT.					
WIRE	1-13-72	RE TENDERED LIC. APPLIC. PENDING COMM.			
EVALUATION OF TRANS. TYPE ACCEPT. REQ. FILED BY MANUFACTURER					
AUTHORITY GR. OPER. TEMP. PER. ENDING 2-13-72 ACCORD.					
BMPCT-7337					
WIRE	1-19-72	RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR.			
OPER. ON PTA ACCORD OF BMPCT-7337					
BLCT-2134	2-9-72	Lic. (BPCT-4335 as mod) chg. 2-1-74			
EBSA	5-15-72				
BTC-6916	7-31-72	Vol. TC			
BRCTV-143	5-15-73	Remote control authority			
BRCT-156	1-31-74	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (L)			2-1-77
BPCT-4801	2 4 75	Ch. 13	V. 316 kW		4-4-75
AH: 746' MSL: 1706'		210-216	A. 46.8 kW		8 4 76
CP to install an Aux. Trans & Aux. Ant.					
Wire	8-13-76	Re tend. lic. appl., auth. grtd. oper.			
Aux. trans. & ant. PTA accord. 73.629 & BPCT-4801.					
BRCT-156	1-13-77	Renewal of license (S)			2-1-80
WIRE	9-22-77	Auth. grtd. temp. oper. of WHO-TV in			
accord. with BPCT-5011 pend. filing lic. appl., This					
auth. expires 10-22-77.					
BPCT-5011	7-27-77	Ch. 13	V. 224 kW	U	9-27-77
AH: 1970' MSL: 2988'		210-216	A. 33.1 kW		1-27-79
CP to chg ERP. ant.					
BALCT-651	8-5-77	VOL A/L			
BRCT-79100KI BRCT-78072IF	2-29-80	Renewal of license(S)			9-27-82
BLCT-2532	3-31-77	Lic. (BPCT-4801) Aux. Trans. & antenna.			2-1-80

Form 94 #1

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name CENTRAL BROADCASTING COMPANY
(P.O. 1002 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-334 Rec'd Filed	2-18-48 2-20-48 2-20-48	Construction permit for a new commercial television b/c station Frequency: Ch.#9, 186-192 mc. ERP: Vis. & Aur. 31.2 kw Hours of Operation: Unlimited S-Location: 914 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa T-Location: 31st & Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa (Vis & Aur. RCA, Type TT-5A) Filed by Clair L. Stout, Att'y	GRANTED	9-3-53
Amended Rec'd Filed	3-1-48 3-11-48 3-11-48	Amended to change Ch. from Ch.#9, 186-192 mc. to Ch.#2, 54-60 mc; to decrease ERP from Vis. & Aur. 31.2 kw to Vis. 16.5 kw, Aur. 8.25 kw; change T-Location from 31st & Grand St., Des Moines, Iowa to 5th Ave. & Locust St., Des Moines, Iowa; change equipment and antenna system (Vis. G.E. Type TT-7-A, Aur. G.E. Type TT-8-A) Filed by Clair L. Stout, Att'y Equitable Bldg.		

(See Card 2)

A. D. Ring & Co. Engr.
Munsey Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Form 94 #2

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Call Letters W H O - TV ~~[illegible]~~ (U)

Name CENTRAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-334 Amended Rec'd Filed	 6-2-48 6-23-48 7-2-48	to change freq. from Ch.#2, 54-60 mc. to Ch.#12, 204-210 mcs.,change antenna system and equipment, change ERP from Vis. 16.5 kw Aur. 8.25 kw, to Vis. 31 kw, Aur. 15.5 kw, change S-Location from 914 Walnut St., Des Moines, Iowa to To be determined, Des Moines, Iowa. Visl & Aur. RCA, TT-5A Filed by Clair L. Stout, Att'y	SEE CARD	# 1 FOR ACTION.

CARD #3
FORM A-170
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV B/C

Call Letters WHO - TV (U)

Name CENTRAL BROADCASTING COMPANY
(PO. 1002 Brady St., Davenport, Iowa)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-334 AMENDED Rec'd Filed	6-12-52 6-30-52 6-30-52	(PURSUANT TO SIXTH REPORT & ORDER-4-11-52) FREQ: Ch. #13, 210-216 mcs ERP: Vis. 316 kw, Aur. 158 kw Hours of operation: Unlimited S-L: 1100 Walnut St., Des Moines, Iowa T-L; Mitchellville, Iowa (Vis. & Aur. RCA TT-50AH) (779') Filed by Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Attys.	SEE CARD	# 1 FOR ACTION.
BMPCT-1622 Recd. Filed	11-27-53 12-3-53 12-3-53	Mod. of CP(BPCT-334, which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to change ERP from Aural 158 kw to Aural 190 kw. Make changes in antenna system and other equipment. Filed by Francis X. McDonough, Atty. (784')	GRANTED	12-18-53
~~BMPCT-2018~~ ~~Recd.~~ ~~Filed~~	~~7-20-54~~ ~~7-20-54~~ ~~7-20-54~~	~~Mod. of CP(BPCT-334, which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 5-7-54 to 7-1-54.~~ ~~Filed by Francis X. McDonough, Atty.~~		

A. E. Ring & Co. Engrs.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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WHO-TV

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Name x CENTRAL BROADCASTING COMPANY
Davenport, Iowa

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAPCT-70 Recd. Filed	11-27-53 12-3-53 12-3-53	Voluntary assignment of construction permit from Central Broadcasting Company to WHO-TV. Filed by Francis X. McDonough, Atty.	GRANTED EFF	1-6-54 1-25-54
BMPCT-2010 Recd. Filed	3-19-54 3-29-54 3-29-54	Mod. of CP(BPCT-334, which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 5-3-54 to 7-1-54. Filed by Francis X. McDonough, Atty.	GRANTED	4-5-54
BAPCT-101 Recd. Filed	5-21-54 5-21-54 5-21-54	Vol. Assignment of Construction Permit from WHO-TV to Central Broadcasting Company. Filed by Francis X. McDonough, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	6-3-54 6-4-54
BMPCT-2538 Recd & filed	9-30-54 10-1-54	Modification of CP (BPCT-334 as modified, which authorized a new commercial TV broadcast station) to extend completion date from 11-3-54 to 2-3-55 Francis F. McDonough, Atty.	GRANTED	10-11-54

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WHO-TV

Name CENTRAL BROADCASTING COMPANY
Des Moines, Iowa

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLCT-298 Recd & filed	3-29-55 4-4-55	License to cover construction permit (BPCT-334 as modified), which authorized a new commercial TV b/c station. Filed by Francis F. McDonough, Atty.	GRANTED	2-10-56
BMLCT-43 Recd & filed	11-12-56 11-20-56	Modification of License to change Aur. ERP from 191 kw to 158 kw Filed by Francis F. McDonough, Atty.	GRANTED	11-29-56
BRCT-156 Recd & Filed	10-17-58 11-4-58	Renewal of License. Filed by John A. Rafter, Atty.	GRANTED	1-21-59
BRCT-156 Recd.&Filed	10-20-61 11-3-61	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Francis F. McDonough, Atty.	GRANTED	1-9-62

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Call Letters WHO-TV

PALMER BROADCASTING COMPANY (BMLCT-159

Name X CENTRAL BROADCASTING COMPANY
Des Moines, Iowa

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-3138 R & F	12-31-62 1-7-63	Construction permit to change transmitter location from 1 mile South of Mitchellville, at Polk-Jasper County Line, near Mitchellville, Iowa to Approximately 2.0 miles NW of Polk City, Iowa; change type of transmitters to RCA TT-35CH; type of antenna to RCA TW-15A13-R; make changes in antenna system and equipment and change antenna height above average terrain to 1545 feet. Clair L. Stout-atty A. D. Ring and Associates,-Engr.	Doc 15376 DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE ORDER IN DOCKET #15376	APR 26 1965 Wm
AMENDED Received Filed	9-12-64 9-14-64 9-21-64	Amended to change name to Palmer Broadcasting Company		
BMLCT-159 Recd.&Filed	7- -64 7-21-64	Modification of license to change name to Palmer Broadcasting Company Dow, Lohnes & Albertson-atty (F. X. McDonough)	GRANTED	8-20-64

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name PALMER BROADCASTING COMPANY

CH.13 DES MOINES, IOWA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMLCT-165 Recd.&Filed	7-28-64 8-4-64	Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from 158 KW to 47.4 KW. (Contingent on the Grant of BMLCT-159.) L.Adrian Roberts,Atty.(Dow,Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	8-20-64
BRCT-156 REce.&Filed	10-9-64 11-2-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE L.Adrian Roberts,Atty.(Dow,Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	4-15-65
BMLCT-486 R & F	1-17-66 1-28-66	Mod. of License to change type of aural transmitter. Dow,Lohnes & Albertson,Atty.	GRANTED	2-9-66
BRCT-156 R & F	10-12-67 11-2-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, Atty. (Charles J. McKerns)	GRANTED	1-30-68

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Name PALMER BROADCASTING COMPANY
CH-13 DES MOINES, IOWA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-4335 R & F #581883 $150 PRESS: PN REC'D:	2-27-70 3-4-70 3-4-70 MAR 11 1970 4-8--70	CP, chg. ERP to Vis. 294kw(H), Aur. 44.1kw(H); TL to Approx. 1 mi. S. of Alleman, Iowa (41-48-33 93-36-53); type trans. to RCA TT-35FH; type ant. to RCA TBF-10AH Butterfly; and HAAT to 1996 ft. Atty.: Charles J. McKerns (Dow, Lohnes and Albertson) Engr.: Richard L. Biby (A. D. Ring & Associates) AMENDED 10-20-70 re Engineering.	GRANTED Condition: re type accepted eqpt.	11-3-70
Engr. data filed 6-26-70				
BRCT-156 Rec. & filed PN RECD PRESS	10-26-70 11-3-70 11-3-70 NOV 20 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Charles J. McKerns (Dow, Lohnes)	GRANTED	1-29-71

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name PALMER BROADCASTING COMPANY

CH-13 DES MOINES, IOWA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-7337 R & F #023910 $50 AC: 062 PRESS	8-9-71 8-12-71 8-12-71 AUG 20 1971	MP(BPCT-4335) to chg. ERP to Vis. 223kw(H), Aur. 33.3kw(H); type trans. to RCA TT-50FH; type ant. to RCA TBF-18AH; and HAAT 1973 ft. Atty.: L. Adrian Roberts (Dow,Lohnes) Engr. data filed 12-9-71	GRANTED	12-27--71
BLCT-2134 R & F #030634 $50 AC: 069 PRESS	1-7-72 1-7-72 1-7-72 JAN 25 1972	Lic. to cover (BPCT-4335 as mod.) for chgs. Atty.: Charles J. McKerns (Dow, Lohnes)	GRANTED	2-9-72
BTC-6916 R & F #092512 $250 AC: 055 PRESS:	7-14-72 7-19-72 7-19-72 JUL 24 1972	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from D. D. Palmer to D. D. Palmer, Trustee of the Daniel David Palmer Trust. Atty.: Charles J. McKerns (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED EFF:	7-31-72

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name PALMER BROADCASTING COMPANY

CH-13 DES MOINES, IOWA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRCTV-143 R & F #158785 $50 AC-069 PRESS:	2-27-73 3-2-73 3-2-73 MAR 21 1973	Request authority to operate trans. by remote control from 1100 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Atty: Charles J. McKerns (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) Amended 4-16-73 re engineering	GRANTED	5-15-73
BRCT-156 R & F PN REC'D PRESS:	10-25-73 11-5-73 11-5-73 NOV 20 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Charles McKerns(Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	1-31-74
BPCT-4801 R & F #356282 $50 AC: 058 PRESS:	10-4-74 10-18-74 10-18-74 NOV 5 1974	CP to install an Auxiliary Trans. (RCA TT-50AH) and Auxiliary Ant. (RCA TF-12AH) at a location 1 mile South of Mitchellville, Iowa (41-39-12 93-20-56). Atty.: Charles J. McKerns (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	2-4-75 L-729

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COMMERCIAL TV

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Name PALMER BROADCASTING COMPANY

Ch-13 DES MOINES, IOWA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRCT-586 R&F PN RECD PRESS	9-25-76 10-1-76 10-12-76 15 OCT 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Contours filed , annual report filed. Ownership report with WHO(AM) Atty.: Charles McKerns (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) AMENDED 10-12-76 re publication	GRANTED	1-13-77
BLCT-2532 R&F PRESS #598856 $50 AC: 001	7-22-77 7-29-77 FEB 24 1977 7-29-76	Lic. to cover (BPCT-4801) to install an Auxiliary Trans. and Auxiliary Ant. Atty.: Charles J. McKerns (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GR.	3-31-77 3-31-77
BPCT-5011 R&F PRESS	2-11-77 2-22-77 MAR 3 1977	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 316kW(Max) 223.7kW(H), Aur. 33.5kW(H); and make chgs. in ant. sys. (Ant. modified to RCA TBF-18AH). Atty.: Charles J. McKerns (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) CONTOURS FILED 3-10-77	GRANTED	7-27-77

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name PALMER BROADCASTING COMPANY
Ch-13 DES MOINES, IOWA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BALCT-651 R&F PRESS (Form 316)	7-12-77 7-19-77 JUL 26 1977	Voluntary assignment of license to Palmer Broadcasting Company (Assignor Iowa Corp- Assignee Del Corp)	GRANTED EFF:	8-5-77
BTC-780725IF R&F PN RECD PRESS (Form 315)	7-25-78 AUG 25 1978	Involuntary TC from the Estate of Daniel D. Palmer (who was sole Trustee of 5 family trusts) to Robert H. Harter, Charles J. McKerns, Richard L. Braunstein, and Davenport Bank and Trust Company, Trustees Daniel David Palmer Trust. Atty.: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson		
BRCT 791001KL R & F PN REC'D PRESS	9-28-79 10-1-79 10-1-79 79 10 23	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: MICHAEL J. MCCARTHY (DOW, LOHNES & ALBERTSON)	GRANTED	2-29-80

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WHO-TV

Name PALMER BROADCASTING COMPANY(DELAWARE CORPORATION)
CH-13 DES MOINES, IOWA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLCT-2633 R&F PRESS	11-14-77	Lic. to cover CP(BPCT-5011) to chg. ERP; and ant. systm. Adrian Roberts, atty. (DOW, LOHNES & ALBERTSON)	+ ef	P

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 12th 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.