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B OFFICIAL NO. 706

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed December 4, 1952

Call letters KDFC

Station Location: San Francisco, Calif.

Name of licensee SUNDIAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Transmitter location Top of Wolfback Ridge Rd., Sausalito, CA {LH 7-11-77}
X Mount Beacon, near Sausalito, California

Main studio location Same as transmitter site
X To be determined, San Francisco, California

FCC-65

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPM-1327	4-23-48	102.1	33 kw.	1050 ft.	By 8-1-48
C.P. issued 6-1-48				Aver. Terr	To 2-1-49
Telegram	8-30-48	Relet Atty. 17. Auth. granted operate period ending 11-30-48 using facilities specified in CP BPM-1327 for purpose providing program service. Effy. 2011, when operation has commenced.			
Telegram	11-29-48	Relet atty. 19. Auth. ext. interim operation period ending 2-1-49.			
Telegram	1-27-49	Relet atty. 19. Auth. ext. period ending 6-1-49 op. using fac. spec. in BMPH-3088 re FM prog. serv.			
BMPH-3088	1-26-49	Ext. of completion date to 6-1-49.			
BMPH-3454	5-10-49	Ext. of completion date to 12-1-49			
Telegram	5-25-49	Relet Atty. 20. Auth. ext. period ending 12-1-49 op. using fac. spec. in BMPH-3454 re FM prog. serv.			
Telegram	11-25-49	Relet atty 18. Auth. ext. period ending 6-1-50 op. using fac. spec. in BMPH-3870 re FM prog. serv.			
BMPH-3870	11-14-49	Ext. completion date to 6-1-50			
BMPH-4161	5-10-50	Ext. of completion date to 12-1-50			
Telegram	5-24-50	Relet atty 18. Auth. ext. period ending 12-1-50 op. using fac. in BMPH-4161			
BMPH-4178	5-26-50	Mod. of C.P. to change studio location to Sausalito, Calif.			12-1-50
BMPH-4368	11-8-50	Ext. of Compl. date to			6-1-51
Telegram	11-10-50	Relet atty 9. Auth. ext. period ending 6-1-51 op. using fac. in BMPH-4368			
BLH-740	11-7-52	License to cover C.P. to			12-1-53
BRE-706	11-4-53	Renewal of license to			12-1-56
WIRE	11-30-55/	RELET 18. Auth. granted to Multiplex opr. on Non-comm. basis multiplex equipment.			2-1-56 conduct purposes develop

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No. 2

FM

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

OFFICIAL NO. 706.

Date first licensed DEC. 4, 1952

Call letters KDFC

Name of licensee SUNDIAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Transmitter location Mount Beacon, near Sausalito, California.

Main studio location Mt. Beacon, Near Sausalito, Calif.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Day	Period From- To-
BSCA-21	12/14/55	Appl.for Subsidiary Com. Background music-SIMPLEX			Authorization. 7-1-56
WIRE	1-24-56	RELET 18.	Auth. ext. conduct		Multiplex opr. to 4-1-56
ORDER	6-13-56	Simplex operation BSCA-21 extended to ~~(1-15 or end of license period if sooner to sooner)~~			12/1/56
11-28-56	ACTION ON ~~BRH~~ DESIGNED (ownership report)				
BRH-706	1-30-57	Renewal of License			to 12-1-59 S
BRSCA-21	1-30-57	Renewal of Subsidiary Com. SIMPLEX			Authorization to 7-1-57
Order	6-13-57	Simplex operation BRSCA-21 extended to 1-1-58			
Order	12-5-57	Extend Simplex SCA to			3-1-58
BMSCA-23	3-27-58	Mod. SCA to conduct background music on multiplex basis.			3-27-58 12-1-59
BSCA-21	9-30-58	Mod. SCA to delete condition to 12-1-59			
ORDER	10-1-58	EXTEND SIMPLEX OPERATION to 10-31-58			
BRH-706	1-30-57	Correcting authorization to correct transmitter specifications (called 2-4-59).			
ORDER	10-28-59	Commission ORDER 10-1-58 STAYED pending final Court Action on Simplex operation.			
Wire	8-25-60	BMSCA-88 (modification of SCA to make changes in programming format) authorization not issued. Commission grnt Issued with Renewal granted 9-7-60.			
BRH-706	9-7-60	Renewal of License			9-7 12-1-62
BRSCA-21 BMSCA-88	9-7-60	SUBSIDIARY ~~XXXX~~ COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORIZATION ON MULTIPLEX BASIS 26 & 65kc			to 12-1-62
BRH-706	11-28-62	Renewal of License			12-1 12-1-65

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FM BROADCAST

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters K D F C

Station location SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF

Name of licensee SUNDIAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-4012 HAAT:1050'	3-1-63	102.1mcs Ch.271	ERP:33kw TPO:6.9kw	Unl.	5-1 11-1-63
	CP to install new ant. (Jampro JA-5A, 5 secs.); & decr. TPO.				
BPH-4011 HAAT:1050'	3-11-63	102.1mcs Ch.271	ERP:33kw TPO:6.9kw	Unl.	5-11 11-11-63
	CP to install ALTERNATE MAIN TRANS. (WE 506B-2).				
BLH-2427 (1)	9-25-63	Lic. to cover CP(BPH-4012) which auth. install new ant. & decr. TPO.			
BMPH-7700 (1)	11-4-63	Mod. of CP(BPH-4011) for extension of completion date to			1-11-64.
BLH-2470 HAAT:1050'	4-9-64	102.1mcs Ch.#271	ERP:33kw TPO:6.90kw	Unl.	4-9-64 12-1-65
	Lic. to cover CP(BPH-4011, as mod.) which auth. a new ALTERNATE MAIN TRANSMITTER.				
BRH-70	11-5-65	102.1mcs.	33kw	U	12-1 12-1-68
BRSCA-21	11-5-65	Renewals of SCA		to	12-1-68
BRH-70c	11-5-65	Renewal of License ALT MAIN to			12-1-68
BPH-6488 HAAT: 1050' (MAIN)	11-13-68	102.1mc. ch#271 CP make chgs. in trans. equipment.	ERP: 33kw TPO: 6.9kw	Unl.	7-13-69
BPH-6489 HAAT: 1.050'	11-13-68	102.1mc. ch#271 CP make chgs. in trans. equipment	ERP: 33kw TPO: 6.90kw	Unl. ALT. MAIN TRANS	7-13-69
BRH-706(L)	4-9-69	Renewal of License (Main & Alt. Main)			4-9 12-1-71
BRSCA-21	4-9-69	Renewal of SCA			4-9 12-1-71
BLH-1367(S) (1)	5-20-69	Lic BPH-6488 (Main)			12-1-71
BLH-1368(S) (1)	5-20-69	Lic BPH-6489 (Alt-Main)			12-1-71
BPH-7085	7-10-70	CP make chgs. in transmitter equip, (Main)			7-10-71.
BMSCA-278	12-24-70	Mod. of SCA to transfer present sub-carrier from 65 to 67 kilocycles			12-1-71
BLH-4972	12-29-70	Lic. (BPH-7085) chg. trans equip. (Mai & Alt)			12-1-71

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters KDFC

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
BRH-706(S)	12-15-71	RENEWAL OF MAIN & ALT. M			12-1-74
BRSCA	12-15-71	RENEWAL OF SCA			12-1-74
EBSA	5-22-72				
BPH-9283 (L)	6-30-75	102.1MHz. ERP: 33kw U			6-30-76
HAAT: 1050 ft		CP mke chgs in transmitting equip.			
BRH-706(S)		Renewal of License			12-1-77
BRSCA-21	10-7-75	(Main & Alt. Main)			
BMPH-14,724(1)	2-19-76	MP(BPH-9283) chg ant & TPO			
BMPH-14,724 (T)	5-10-76	Supersede to include aux. transmant.			
		102.1mhz	33kwH&V	1050'	H&V Main
			33kwH&V	1000'	H&V Aux.
Comlet	3-12-76	Waiver Sec.73.242(a) re AM duplication granted to expire 12-1-77			
COMTEL	5-10-76	Show Trans same as in BMPH-14,724, specify chg if any in FCC Form 302 when submitted			
BMSCA-473	12-30-76	Mod of SCA chg programming			
COMTEL	1-24-77	Trans.: COMPOSITE consisting of a COLLINS-310Z-2 exciter and a SPARTA, 525 final amplifier (MAIN)			
BLH-7311	7-11-77	Lic{BPH-9283, as mod} Chgs {Main & Aux. Trans & Antennas}			12-1-77
BLH-7311	7-11-77	SUPERSEDING AUTHORIZATION OT CORRECT POLARIZATION OF AUX. ERP & HAAT; SPELLING OF SL; AND MAIN & AUX. TRANS.			
BRH-706(S) BRSCA-21	5-20-80	Renewal of License			12-1-80
BRH-800721UF BRSCA-800721UF	(S) 11-17-80	Renewal of License			12-1-83

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Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING FM (CLASS B)

Call Letters ~~WBF~~ K D F C

Name SUNDIAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION

~~(P.O. 18 East Ninth Street, New York, New York)~~

149 California Street San Francisco, Calif.

P.O. Box 33, Sausalito, Calif.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-1327 Rec'd. Filed	7-22-47 7-29-47 7-29-47	Construction permit for new FM broadcast station (Class B) to be operated on Frequency: Channel 259 99.7 Mcs. Effective Radiated Power: 30 kw. Antenna height above average terrain: 1,053 ft. Transmitter: Mt. Beacon, near Sausalito, Calif. (WE 506-B2 Max. 10 kw) Studio: To be determined, San Francisco, Calif. Program analysis received, 7-29-47. Filed by Joseph F. Zias, Attorney.	Granted conditionally 9-19-47. station. 9-30-47. Frequency: Ch#271 102.1 Mc. C.P. Granted 4-28-48 Issued 6-1-48 Exp. 2-1-49	Class "B" Letter mailed

Engineer: Stuart L. Bailey

Letter 6-10-48: Loucks, Zins, Young & Jansky represent applicant.

CARD # 2

FCC Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KDFC

Name SUNDIAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-3088 Recd. Filed	1-11-49 1-13-49 1-13-49	Mod. of C. P. (BPH-1327) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 2-1-49 to 6-1-49. Filed by Joseph F. Zias, Att'y.	GRANTED	1-26-49
BMPH-3454 Recd. Filed	4-27-49 5-3-49 5-3-49	Mod. of C. P. (BPH-1327) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 6-1-49 to 12-1-49. Filed by Joseph F. Zias, Atty.	GRANTED	5-10-49
BMPH-3870 Recd. Filed	10-31-49 11- 4-49 11- 4-49	Mod. of C. P. (BPH-1327 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 12-1-49 to 6-1-50. Filed by Joseph F. Zias, Attorney	GRANTED	11-14-49
BMPH-4161 Recd. Filed	4-28-50 5- 3-50 5- 3-50	Mod. of C. P. (BPH-1327 as mod.) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 6-1-50 to 12-1-50.. Filed by Joseph F. Zias, Att'y	GRANTED	5-10-50

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KDFC

Name SUNDIAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-4178 Recd Filed	4-28-50 5-3-50 5-3 -50	Mod. of C.P. (BPH-1327 as mod.) to change studio location from To be determined, San Francisco, Calif. to Mt. Beacon, Near Sausalito, Calif. Filed by Joseph Zias, Atty.	GRANTED	5-26-50
BMPH-4300 Recd. Filed	10-22-50 10-23-50 10-30-50	Mod. of C. P. (BPH-1327 as mod.) which authorized a new FM B/c. station for extension of completion date from 12-1-50 to 6-1-51. Filed by Joseph F. Zias, Atty.	GRANTED	11-8-50
BLH-740 Rec'd. Filed	4-30-51 5-9-51 5-9-51	License to cover C. P. (BPH-1327 as mod.) which authorized a new FM broadcast station. Filed by Joseph F. Zias, Atty.	GRANTED	11-7-52
BRH-706 Recd. & Filed	8-22-53 8-31-53 8-31-53	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-4-53
BSCA-21 Recd & Filed	7-21-55 7-25-55	Appl. for Subsidiary Communications Authorization • Amend. recd 10-20-55 re Comm. ltr. 9-23-55 - Amend. recd. 11-22-55 Background music SIMPLEX ~~& MULTIPLEX~~	GRANTED	12/14/55.

CARD 4

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters KDFC

Name SUNDIAL BROADCASTING CORP.
RADIO STATION KDFC, P.O.Box 33, SAUSALITO, CALIF.
149 California Street, San Francisco, Calif.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-706 Recd & filed 9-4-56	8-30-56	Renewal of license Amend. recd. 10-24-56 re Comm. ltr. of 10-8-56 re financial data. Amend. recd. 11-9-56 re Q 10.	323 on file GRANTED	1-30-57
BRSCA-21 Recd.&Filed	8-30-56 9-4-56	Subsidiary Communications Authorization. Renewal of Simplex operation. Station in Sausalito, Calif.	GRANTED	1-30-57
BMSCA-23 Recd Filed	9-18-57 9-23-57 9-23-57	Modification of subsidiary communications authorization (BRSCA-21) to specify 67 kc to be used for functional music and ~~42 kc~~ to be used for storecasting; ~~RCA multiplex exciter unit to be used.~~	GRANTED	3-27-58
Amended Rec'd Filed	3-6-58 3-7-58 3-7-58	Amended to change frequency to 26kc for storecasting and change to Harkins Equipment.		

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Aug 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KDFC

Name SUNDIAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-706 Rec'd&Filed	8-17-59 8-31-59	Renewal of license	GRANTED	9-7-60
BRSCA-21 Rec'd&Filed	8-21-59 8-31-59	Renewal of Subsidiary Communications Authority on Multiplex Basis.	GRANTED	9-7-60
BRSCA-28 R & F	5-17-60 5-20-60	Modification of SCA to make changes in programming format (multiplex basis)	GRANTED Telegram sent- not issued. Issued with Renewal 9-7-60	8-25-60
BRH-706 Rec'd Filed	8-21-62 8-27-62 8-27-62	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-28-62
BRSCA-21 Rec'd Filed	8-21-62 8-27-62 8-27-62	Renewal of Subsidiary Communications Authorization	GRANTED	11-28-62

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FORM BC-121 #6
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KLFC

Name SUNDIAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION
San Francisco, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-4011 R & F	2-13-63 2-15-63	Construction permit to install ALTERNATE MAIN trans (Western Electric-506-B2).	GRANTED	3-11-63
BPH-4012 R & F	2-7-63 2-11-63	Construction permit to install a new ant (Jampro-JA5A, 5 sect) & decr TPO from 10 to 6.85 kw.	GRANTED	3-1-63
BLH-2427 R & F	7-26-63 7-29-63	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-4012) which auth install new ant and chg to TPO.	GRANTED	9-25-63
BMPH-7700 R & F	10-8-63 10-9-63	Mod. of CP (BPH-4011 which auth install Alt main trans) for ext. of completion date from 11-11-63 to 1-11-64.	GRANTED	11-4-63
BLH-2470 R & F	11-18-63 11-20-63	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-4011, as mod) which auth install Alternate main trans.	GRANTED	4-9-64
Ltr. dated	-26-65 from	Imlay re request waiver 73.242 if applicable		B/C

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters K D F C

Name SUNDIAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION
San Francisco, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-706 R & F	8-21-65 8-30-65	Renewal of license (Main & Alternate Main) Atty: Carl H. Imlay	GRANTED	11-5-65
BRSCA - 21 R & F	8-21-65 8-30-65	Renewal of license (SCA)	GRANTED	11-5-65
BRH-706 BRSCA-21 R. & F. #454207 $210	8-23-68 8-23-68 8-26-68 8-26-68	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALT. MAIN) (SCA) AMENDED 10-28-68 to delete 26kcs on SCA use 65kcs only AMENDED 2-17-69 re: Financial data	GRANTED	4-9-69
BPH-6488 Rec'd Filed #466666 $60	10-11-68 10-16-68 10-17-68 10-17-68	CP make chgs. in transmitting equipment. (Main)	GRANTED condl -Subj.to subm. of proofreq.by 302	11-13-68
BPH-6489 Rec'd Filed Fee paid with Main #466666	10-11-68 10-16-68 10-17-68 10-17-68	CP Make chgs. in transmitting equipment. (alt.main)	GRANTED condl-Subj. to subm. of proof req. by 302	11-13-68

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RE BRSCA--application shows 65kcs only--requested to advise if 26kcs is to be renewed.

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters K D F C

Name SUNDIAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION
San Francisco, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLH-4367 R & F #499961 $30 PT MAY 16 1969	3/15/69 3/19/69 3/19/69 3/27/69	License (BPH-6438) for changes. (Main)	GRANTED	5-20-69
BLH-4368 R & F #487305 $30 PT MAY 16 1969	1/27/69 1/28/69 1/28/69 2/10/69	License (BPH-6489) for changes. (Alt.)	GRANTED	5-20-69
BTH-7084 R & F #591197$30. PRESS: APR 20 1970	4-6-70 4-7-70 4-7-70	CP make changes in transmitter equipment.	GRANTED	7-10-70
BMSCA-278 R & F #646696 $50. CODE 068 PRESS: DEC 9 1970	11-25-70 11-30-70 11-30-70	Mod. of Subsidiary Communications Authorization to transfer present sub-carrier from 65 to 67 kilocycles.	GRANTED	12-24-70

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Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters K D F C

Name SUNDIAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION
San Francisco, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLH-4972	11-11-70	Lic.(BPH-7085) for changes. (Main & Alt)	GRANTED	12-29-70
R & F	11-13-70			
#643940 $50.	11-13-70			
AC-068				
PTA	11-23-70			
PRESS DEC 28 1970				
BRH-706	8-23-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALT.MAIN)	GRANTED	12-15-71
BRSCA-21	"	RENEWAL OF SCA		
R & F	8-25-71			
PN Recd.	"			
PRESS AUG 2 1974				
SEP 3 1971				
BRH-706	7-17-74	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALT.MAIN)	Granted 8-12-75.	
BRSCA-21	"	RENEWAL OF SCA	Not Issued.	
R&F	8-25-74	AMENDED 8-20-74 re: engineering statement	Grant RESCINDED. 9-3-75.	
PN Recd.	"			
PRESS	8-2-74		GRANTED	10-7-75

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September 1969

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters KDFC

Name Sundial Broadcasting Corporation
San Francisco, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-9283 R & F #378040 $50 Code 057 PRESS	12-6-74 12-9-74 12-9-74 JAN 15 1975	CP to make changes in transmitting euipment	GRANTED COND'L	6-30-75
BMPH-14,724 R & F #517415$100 Code 001 PRESS	1-6-76 1-7-76 1-14-76 FEB 13 1976	MP(BPH-9283) to chg. ant. (Phelps-Dodge CFM-HP-4, 4 sects.(H&V); chg. TPO.	GRANTED	2-19-76
BMSCA-473 R & F 644740$100 CODE 001 PRESS	11-15-76 12-7-76 12-8-76 DEC 20 1976	Modification of Subsidiary Communications Authorization to make changes in programming Atty----	GRANTED	12-30-76

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters K D F C

Name Sundial Broadcasting Corporation
San Francisco, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLH-7311	6-29-76	Lic. (BPH-9283) for changes.	GRANTED	7-11-77
Rec'd	7-2-76	SL-TL redes. as: Top of Wolfback Ridge Rd.,		
Filed	8-2-76	Sousalito, California		
#589013$100	7-8-76			
Code 001		(MAIN) Trans.: Composite consisting of		
PTA	7-16-76	Bauer 660 exciter, Sparta 602A driver, final		
PRESS	MAR 28 1977	amplifier Sparta 625A using the Western Electric 506-B2 power supply and cabinet.		
AMENDED	8-2-76	Section II (Auxiliary Facilities)		
PTA	5-20-77	(MAIN & AUXILIARY TRANSMITTERS & ANTENNAS)		
BRH-706	7-16-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALT.MAIN)	GRANTED	5-20-80
BRSCA-21	7-16-77	RENEWAL OF SCA		
PN Recd.	7-21-77			
R&F	7-21-77			
PRESS	AUG 1 1977			

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

102.1

Call Letters: K D F C

Name: SUNDIAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Station Location: SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRH 800723 UF BRSCA " PRESS SEP 25 1980		RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA	Granted 11-17-80

Form BC-121
March 1979

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.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) 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 radio station history.