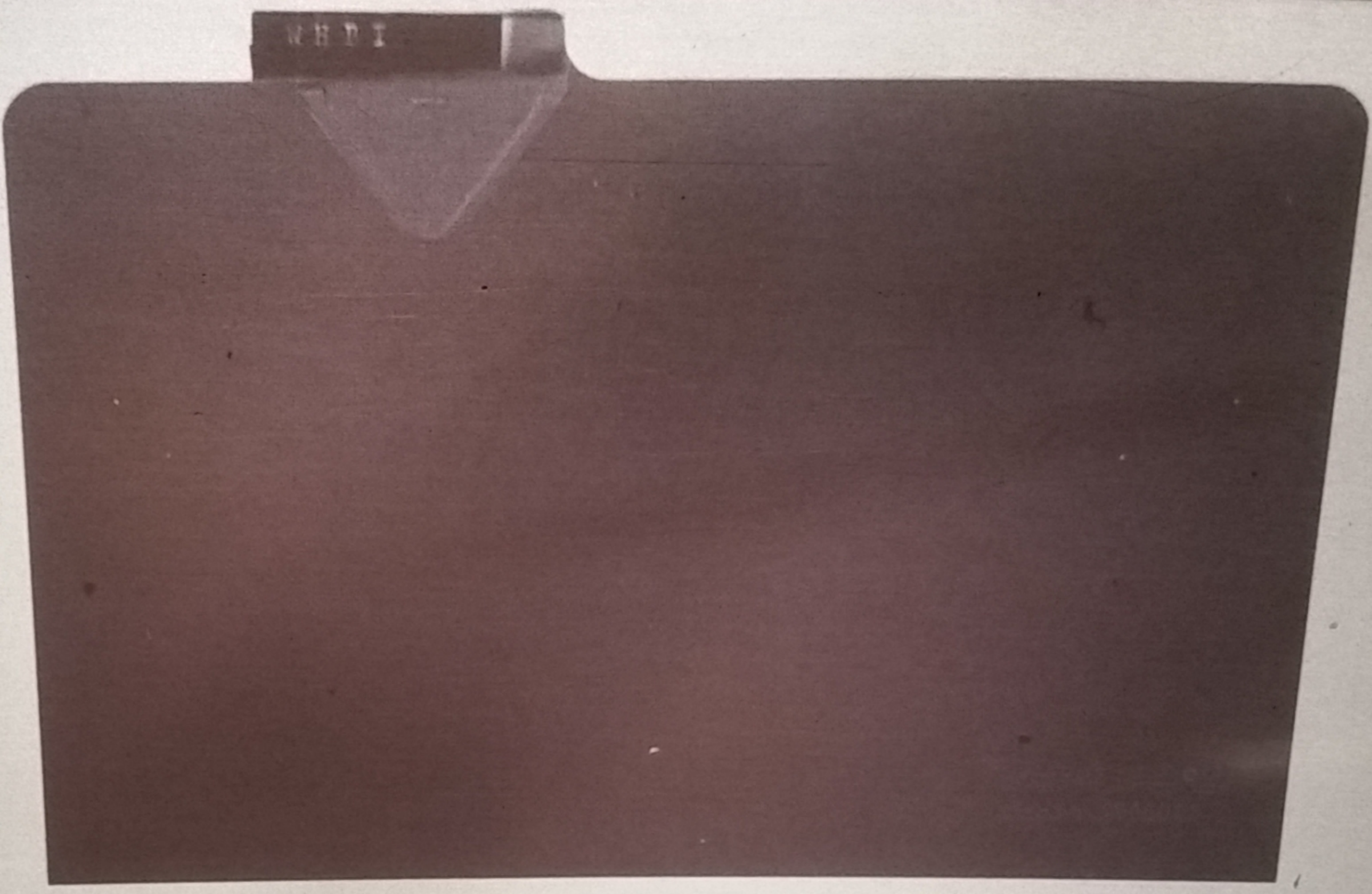

Form BC 126
June 1954 1559

FM BROADCAST

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 10-31-62

Call letters W H B I (Ltr 7-30-62 ~~W-B-C-M~~

Station location Newark, New Jersey

Name of licensee COSMOPOLITAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Transmitter location
80 Riverside Drive, New York, New York (PH-6 14 73)
X465 Park Ave., New York, N. Y. (Redesc. SH 2-1-66)
X57th & Park Ave., New York, N. Y. (PH 7-6-65)
X1180 Raymond Boulevard, Newark, New Jersey (CP-11-8-61)

Main studio location
80 Riverside Dr., New York, N. Y. (MLH 1-9-69)(Eff: 1 8 69)
X465 Park Ave., New York, N. Y. (SH 2-1-66)
X1180 Raymond Boulevard, Newark, New Jersey (CP-11-8-61)
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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Channel & Freq.	ERP Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-2624 HAAT:390ft.	11-8-61	105.9mc CH.290	32.9kw TPO:1kw	U	1-8-62 7-8-62
Construction permit for a new FM Broadcast Station.					
BMPH-7231 (1)	6-19-62	Mod. of CP(BPH-2624) to chg. type tran (RCA BTF-3B); chg. type ant. (Jampro JA-2A/2AV, 4 secs.); chg. TPO to 3kw; chg. ERP to 2.55kw (hori.) & 2.55kw (vert.)			
BLH-2201 HAAT:390ft.	10-31-62	105.9mcs TPO:3kw	2.55kw(H &V)	U	10-31 6-1-63
Lic. to cover CP (BPH-2624 as mod) which auth. a new FM B/C Station.					
BTC-4246 Eff:	4-3-63 6-17-63	Voluntary transfer of negative control of licensee corporation from Suburban Broadcasting Company, Inc. to VIP Radio, Inc.			
	5-29-63	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.			
BRH-1359	11-29-63	Renewal of license			11-29 6-1-66
BTC-4539 Eff:	4-29-64 6-10-64	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corp. by Donald Jerome Lewis (100%) thru sale of stock by Vip Radio, Inc. (50%) to the licensee Corp.			
BPH-4992 HAAT:390'	7-8065	105.9mcs. CH.#290	ERP:10kw(h&v) TPO:3.4kw	Unl.	9-6-65 3-6-66
CP to chg. ant-trans loc.; install new trans (Gates-FM-10G); install new ant (Jampro-J6B/6V, 6 horizontal and 6 vertical secs); incr. TPO; incr. horizontal ERP; and incr HAAT;					
BSH-1359 (1)	2-1-66	Mod. of Lic. to redesc. trans. loc. & chg. studio loc. to trans. loc.			
BLH-3157 HAAT:390'	3-25-66 (H&V)	105.9mcs CH 290	ERP:10kw(H) ERP:9.5kw(V)	U TPO:3.3kw	3-25 6-1-66
Lic to cover CP(BPH-4992) which auth chg ant-trans loc install new trans & ant incr Horiz ERP& incr HAAT and operate on vert ERP.					

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters ....W.H.B.I....

Station location ....NEWARK, NEW JERSEY....

Name of licensee ....COSMOPOLITAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION....

Transmitter location ....SEE CARD NO. ONE....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To-
BRH-1359	8-5-66	105.9mcs	10kw Horiz. 9.5kw Vert.	Unl.	8-5 6-1-69
BPH-5540 HAAT: 390'	9-23-66 (h&v)	105.9mc. ERP: 3.0kw(h)2.90kw(v) ch# 290 TPO: 1 kw CP to install auxiliary trans (Gates FM-1G) at Main ant-trans. location to be operated on the above facilities, for Auxiliary purposes only.			11-23-66 5-23-67
BSCA-746	12-19-66	Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a multiplex basis of 41 & 67 kilocycle			
BLH-3567 HAAT: 400'	4-28-67 (H&V)	105.9mcs ERP:3kw(H) Aux. CH.#290 ERP:2.9kw(V) TPO:1kw Lic to cover CP(BPH-5540) which auth in stall aux. trans at main trans loc. for aux. purposes only.			4-28 6-1-69
BPH-6045 HAAT: 390'	12-6-67 (h&v)	105.9mc. ERP: 10kw(h&v) U ch#290 TPO: 7kw CP to install new ant(Jampro-J3B/3V, 3 horiz. & 3 vert. sects); chg. TPO ~~and Mast~~			2-6-68 8-6-68
BMSCA-228	7-3-68	Mod. of SCA (67kcs only)			6-1-69
BLH-4050 (1)	9-6-68	Lic. to cover BPH-6045 for chgs. (Main)			
BLH-4051 (1)	9-6-68	Lic. to use Aux. trans. into main.			
BMLH-321	1-9-69	ML to chg. SL & oper. RC from new SL. Main (2) and Aux. (2)			
BMSCA-251	6-10-69	Mod. of SCA granted to be issued with renewal. 41 & 67kc.			
Ltr.	10-25-69	Main Trans: Gates FM-10H Aux Trans: Gates FMS-1G			
Letter	2-3-71, Item 2, Aural Agenda. GRANTED STA operate experiment on-the-air transmission and reception of teletype signals on 41kHz. subject to conditions thru 4-5-71.				
Letter	2-13-71	MSCA-2?? granted to be issued with renewal. 41 & 67kc			
EBSA	5-22-72				

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June 1954
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FM

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W H B I

Station location Newark, New Jersey

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-8271	6-14-73	105.9mhz.	ERP:	50kw(H&V)	max, 6-14-74
HAAT: 295'	(H&V)	#290	Class B	(RC)	
		CP chg.	TL, install new trans..		
FORFEITED 8-4-75		install new ant., make chgs. ant system (decr. hgt.) Chg. TPO, ERP, HAAT.			
BMPH-14,109 (1)	6-4-74	MP(BPH-8271) ext. time to 12-14-74			
BMPH-14,332 (2)	1-9-75 FORFEITED	MP(BPH-8271, as mod) ext to 6-14-75			
DECISION Adopt. 9-19-76 Eff.6-3-76 Renewal denied. may continue oper. til 12:01am 9-1-76 or until 30 days after appeals.					

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

COSMOPOLITAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Call Letters ~~now~~ - W C O M

Name ~~DONALD JEROME LEWIS tr/as CAMDEN BROADCASTING CO.~~ Station location - ~~Elizabeth~~, N.J. Newark

(P.O. - Box 131, Cresskill, New Jersey)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH -2624 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	2-23-59 2-26-59 3-14-59 3-16-59 3-16-59	Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 105.9 mc CH 290 ERP - ~~370 watts~~ 3.219kw Type transmitter - RCA BTF 1C Andrew 1304 Type antenna - ~~G.E. BY 2B (2 section)~~ / 4 sec. HAAT ~~126½' ft~~ ~~136½'~~ 387.9 ft. Trans. location - ~~125 Broad Street,~~ ~~Elizabeth,~~ New Jersey Studio location - Same as transmitter	~~Ret'd 3-5-59. Dtd wrong~~ GRANTED	 11-8-61
Amended R & F	6-1-59 6-2-59	Amended to increase ERP and HAAT and change type antenna.		
Amended R. & F.	7-2-59 7-8-59	AMENDED to change HAAT to 387.9 ft. and change antenna-trans. & studio location to 1180 Raymond Blvd., Newark, N. J.; change station location from Elizabeth, N.J. to Newark, N.J.		
AMENDED RECD FILED(order)	7-7-61 7-10-61 7-19-61	AMENDED to change applicant name to COSMOPOLITAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION. Atty-Koteen & Burt		

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WHBI ~~W-G-O-M~~

Name COSMOPOLITAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Newark, New Jersey

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-7231 R & F	6-9-62 6-11-62	Mod. of CP(BPH-2624, which auth. a new FM B/C Station) to change type trans(RCA BTF 3B); change type antenna(JAMPRO JA 2A/2AV, 4 section)	GRANTED	6-19-62
BMPH-7255 R & F	6-7-62 6-8-62	Mod. of CP(BPH-2624, which auth. a new FM B/C Station) for extension of completion date from 7-8-62 to _____.	DISMISSED 8-2-62 Unnecessary (L on file)	
BLH-2201 R & F Pro. test 7-13-62	7-6-62 7-6-62	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-2624, as mod) which auth a new FM B/C station.	GRANTED	10-31-62
BTC-4246 R & F	3-12-63 3-13-63	Voluntary transfer of negative control of licensee corporation from Suburban Broadcasting Company, Inc. to VIP Radio Inc. Atty. Koteen & Burt	GRANTED: EFF:	4-3-63 6-17-63

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WHBI

Name COSMOPOLITAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Newark, New Jersey

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-1359 R. & F.	3-4-63 3-5-63	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	11-29-63
BTC-1539 R & F	4-2-64 4-3-64	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Donald Jerome Lewis (100%) thru sale of stock by Vip Radio, Inc. (50%) to the licensee corporation Atty. - Koteen & Burt	GRANTED Eff:	4-29-64 6-10-64
BPH- Received	10-14-64 10-15-64	Construction permit to increase ERP to 10kw (vertical & horizontal); increase HAAT to 404.2'; increase TPO to 4.04kw; change antenna transmitter location to 57th & Park Ave., New York, N.Y.; install new trans (Gates-FM-10G) and install new ant (Jampro-J5B/5V, 5 vertical and 5 horizontal sections).	Returned 11-3-64 re short spacing	

LICENSEE NOW REPRESENTED BY DAVID H. FELDMAN & GILBERT SIEGAL PER LTR. DATED 6-11-65 & REC'D 6-14-65

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WHBI

Name COSMOPOLITAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-4992 Received Filed	10-14-64 10-15-64 6-16-65	Construction permit to change ant-trans location to 57th and Park Avenue, New York, N.Y.; install new trans (Gates-FM-10G); install new ant (Jampro-J6B/6V, 6 horizontal and 6 vertical sections); increase TPO to 3.34kw; increase horizontal ERP to 10kw and operate on a vertical ERP of 10kw; and increase HAAT to 404.2'. Atty: Harry M. Plotkin	GRANTED	7-6-65
BLH-3157 Rec'd Filed	10/31/65 11/12/65 12/7/65	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-4992) which auth. chng. ant-trans. loc., install new trans. & ant., incr. horiz. ERP & incr HAAT, and operate on vert. ERP.	GRANTED	3-25-66
BRH-1359 R & F	2-25-66 2-28-66	Renewal of license	GRANTED	8-5-66

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

CARD #5

Call Letters WHBI

Name COSMOPOLITAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-5540 Received Filed	8-22-66 8-26-66 9-13-66	CP to install Auxiliary trans. (Gates FM-1C) at Main ant.-trans. location, to be operated on 105.9mcs, Ch.#290, TPO:1kw; ERP: 1.387kw horizontal and 1.302kw vertical; and HAAT: 390 feet horizontal and vertical, for Auxiliary Purposes Only.	GRANTED	9-23-66
BSCA-746 REC'D FILED	10-8-66 10-10-66 10-17-66	Request for subsidiary Communications Authorization on a subcarrier frequencies of 41 and 67 kilocycles.	GRANTED	12-19-66
BLH-3567 R & F	12/27/66 1/9/67	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-5540) which auth. install aux. trans. at main trans. loc. for auxiliary purposes only.	GRANTED	4-28-67
BPH-6045 R & F	11-3-67 11-7-67	CP to install new ant(Jampro-J3B73V, 3 horiz. and 3 vert. sects); chg. TPO to 7.01kw; ~~and chg. HAAT to 417.7 ft~~. Engr: -----	GRANTED	12-6-67

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WHBI

Name COSMOPOLITAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH- Rec'd	1-5-68 1-10-68	Modification of Construction Permit (BPH-6045); to chg. Station Location from Newark, New Jersey to Newark, New Jersey-New York; change studio location to 80 Riverside Drive, New York, New York; and operate by remote control from the new proposed studio location. Atty - George H. Shapiro(Arent, Fox etc.) Engr: ----	Returned by Comm. letter as unacceptable for filing.	2-14-68
BMSCA-228 R & F #435978 $30 JUN 2 0 1968	6-3-68 6-13-68 6-13-68	Mod. of Subsidiary Communications Authorization to delete subcarrier frequency of 41kcs (retain 67 kcs) and make chgs. in programming.	GRANTED	7-3-68
BLH-4050 R & F #435972 $30 PT AMENDED AUG 23 1968	5/1/68 6/13/68 6/13/68 6/24/68 8/14/68	License (BPH-6045 as mod.) for changes.(Main) Re engr. data.	GRANTED	9-6-68

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W H B I

Name COSMOPOLITAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Newark, New Jersey

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLH-4051 Rec'd #445820 $30 AMENDED Filed PT AUG 23 1968	7/5/68 7/22/68 7/22/68 8/14/68 8/14/68 8/16/68	License to use auxiliary transmitter into new main antenna. Re engr. data.	GRANTED	9-6-68
BMLH-321 R & F #468153 $30 #468152 $30 Returned #468152 $30 as Unnecessary. 10-30-68 OCT 31 1968	10-22-68 10-25-68 10-25-68 10-25-68	Mod. of Lic. to chg. studo Location to 80 Riverside Drive, New York, New Yor; and operate by remote control from the new main studio location Atty - Peter Tannenwald(Arent Fox, etc.)	GRANTED 1-9-69 (Main and Auxiliary) 73.210(a)(2) waived; Eff: 3-8-69 (eff. upon notification that programming commenced from new SL; Newark identification to be cont'd.; Newark Aux. studios to be retained.	

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WHBI

Name COSMOPOLITAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Newark, N. J.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-1359	2-26-69	Renewal of license	Designated for Hearing	
R & F	3-3-69			
#496618 $105.	3-3-69---	Fee Paid for Auxiliary but not yet filed	Min. 13 DEC 1972	19657
BRSCA-746	2-20-69	Renewal of license---(S.C.A.)	DENIED	5-19-76
R & F	3-3-69	SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed as amendment		
#496619 $30.	3-3-69	to pending renewal 3-2-72 (Main, Aux &SCA)		
PRESS		PN 3-2-72		
APR 1 1 1969		AMENDED 5-8-72 re: Ascert. of community needs		
BRH-1359	4-13-69	Renewal of Auxiliary transmitter		
R & F	4-21-69			
(see fee above)				
Press				
BMSCA-251	4-13-69	Mod. of Subsidiary Communications Authorization	GRANTED	6-10-69
Rec'd	4-21-69	to add sub-carrier frequency of 41 kilocycles.	To be issued with renewal	
Filed	5-13-69	Retain 67 kilocycles.		
#514237 $30	5-13-69			
MAY 1 9 1969				

Forms Sent 4-10-69 re: Renewal of Auxiliary

Amend.req. to show SCA 67kcs only--as auth.

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105.9mc.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WHBI

Name Cosmopolitan Broadcasting Corporation
Newark, New Jersey

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMSCA-289 R & F #008428 $50 CODE: 068 PRESS: 7 JUN 1971	5-21-71 5-27-71 5-27-71	Modification of Subsidiary Communications Authorization to change programming Format. Atty - Peter Tannenwald(Arent, Fox etc.)		
BPH-8271 R & F #516417 $50 Code 061 Press FEB 27 1973	11-30-72 12-7-72 12-7-73	CP to chg. TL to: 80 Riverside Drive, New York, New York; install new trans. (CCA FM 20,000DS); install new ant. (CCA FMC HP-4, 4 sects. (H&V); make chg. ant. system (decrease height); chg. TPO; ERP: 50KW(Max DA)(H&V) and HAAT: ~~297'-(H&V); delete-remote-control.-~~ (40° 47' 7" - 73° 58' 55") REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.213(a) OF THE COMMISSION RULES. Atty: Peter Tannenwald	GRANED Conditions FORFEITED 8-4-75 (CP EXPIRED) AUG 8 - 1975	6-14-73
AMENDED AMENDED AMENDED	1-16-73 2-14-73 3-7-73	Make chg. in contour. Map showing the proposed and existing contours. Operate by RC from the SL & proposed TL.		

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

#10 105.9mhz

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W H B I

Name Cosmopolitan Broadcasting Corporation
Newark, New Jersey

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-8271 CONTINUED FROM CARD #9 AMENDED Press	5-22-73 JUN 6 - 1973	Make chg. ant. system (decrease height); and chg. HAAT: 294' (H&V).	~~GRANTED~~	~~6-14-73~~
BMPH-14,109 R & F #303019 $50 Code 057 PRESS MAY 29 1974	5-3-74 5-8-74 5-13-74	MP(BPH-8271) ext. time to _____. (Changes) Atty: Peter Tannenwald	GRANTED TO	6-4-74 12-14-74
BMPH-14,332 R & F #365422 $50 Code 057 PRESS	11-14-74 11-18-74 11-18-74 DEC 5 - 1974	MP(BPH-8271, as mod.) ext. time to _____. (Changes) Atty: Peter Tannenwald	GRANTED TO Expired	1-9-75 6-14-75

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W H B I

Name COSMOPOLITAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Newark, New Jersey

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BALH790420GB FORM 314 PRESS: MAY 3 PN FILED	1979 5-22-79	Vol AL to UNIQUE RADIO GROUP, INC. (INCLUDE SCA) Atty for assignee - Koteen & Burt for assignor - D. Tillotson (Arent, Fox etc) (SEE OVER) PETITION TO DISMISS AND PETITION TO DENY filed 6-4-79 by Atty Boros on behalf of Dock-Ross Communications, Inc. (BELL & WOOD)		
BPH790501AH PRESS (0)	MAY 2 1 1979	CP to make changes in Antenna System; chg. TL to: 350 Fifth Ave., (Empire State Bldg.), New York, New York; chg. type Trans. (GATES FM-10G); chg. type Ant. (ALFORD CUSTOM 7472, 2 sects. H&V); incre. ERP: 1.58kw(H) & 1.13kw (V); incre. HAAT: 1223' (H&V) & chg. TPO. CONTINGENT ON GRANT OF BALH-790420GB 40° 44' 54" 73° 59' 10" Atty. Rainer K. Kraus (Koteen & Burt)	~~GRANTED 7-20-79~~ ~~MISSUED~~ SET ASIDE 8-1-79 pending action on AL.	

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C. (OVER)

E: BALH/CB - PET FOR EXTRAORDINARY RELIEF FILED SEPARATEL
(E NORMAL DOCKET 19657)

AMENDED 5-2-79 re: Page 6, Sec. IV-A executed by Donald J. Lewis on behalf of Cosmopolitian B/cing Corp.
MOTION FOR EXT OF TIME TO FILE OPPOS TO Pet to Deny filed 6-18-79 by Attys Koteen & Burt on behalf of assigne
OPPOSITION TO PET TO DENY & DISMISS - filed 6-26-79 by Attys Koteen & Burt on behalf ofassignee
OPPOSITION TO PET TO DENY & DISMISS - filed 6-26-79 by Atty Tillotson on behalf of assignor

AMENDED 6-26-79 re: financial plan; bank (SBA) ltr.; & loan agreement
PETITION FOR EXT OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSE TO PLEADINGS filed 7-9-79 by Atty Boros on behalf of Lotus Com Corp.
REPLY TO BROADCAST BUREAU'S OPPOSITION TO PET FOR EXTRAORD RELIEF - filed 7-17-79 by Atty Tillotson on behalf of assignor
REPLY TO ~~AMEYX~~ OPPOSITION TO PET TO DISMISS AND PET TO DENY(6-26-79) filed 7-24-79 by Atty Boros on behalf of Beck-Ross Communications, Inc.
SUPPLEMENT TO PET FOR EXTRAORDINARY RELIEF filed 8-2-79 by Atty - Tillotson on behalf of assignor (New York)
PETITION TO DENY filed 9-20-79 by Atty Kristin Booth Glen on behalf of Ethnic B/Cing Corp(EBC), Union of Kossovars, Nat'l Federation of Italian American Societies, Haitian Family Center, Inc.& United American Croats Signature pages filed /9-26-79
ALSO - MOTION FOR DECLARATORY RULING AND/OR EXT OF TIME T TO FILE PET TO DENY AND/OR WAIVER OF 30 DAY RULE -Filed by Ethnic B/Cing Corp
Signatures filed 10-23-79 - protesting sale
OPPOSITION to "Motion for Declaratory Ruling etc" filed 11-14-79 by Atty Kraus on behalf of assignee
OPPOSITION to Pet to Deny filed 11-14-79 by Atty Kraus on behalf of assignee
ERRATA TO ABOVE PET TO DENY - filed 11-27-79 by Atty Kraus
SECOND ERRATA TO ABOVE PET - filed 12-19-79 by Atty Kraus
OPPOS. TO PETITION TO DENY filed 2-27-80 by Atty Boros on behalf of Beck-Ross Communications, Inc.

PETITION TO DISMISS APPLICATION FOR RELOCATION OF TRANS. SITE filed 1-9-80 by Atty Peter Shuebruk on behalf of Beck-Ross Communications, Inc.

AMENDED 5-29-80 re: Modification Agreement extending termination date of contract.

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.