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was not aware of any announced or security procedures of the Police Department, but does know he was required to identify himself on several occasions, which he did by use of his press card. He has no personal knowledge of any unauthorized persons being permitted in the basement, assuming that everyone was checked as he was by the Police Department.

He had no knowledge that anybody in the Police Department or elsewhere conspired with RUBY to shoot OSWALD. RABUN had never seen RUBY at any time and particularly between November 22 - 24, 1963, and had no knowledge of any association or relationship between JACK RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

RABUN is not acquainted with RUBY and has never been in the Carousel Club or the Vegas Club. He stated there was such a mob of people in the basement that it would be difficult for him to give any estimate as to the number who were there, but did state it was very crowded and it was necessary for the Police Department to hold the newsmen back since there were so many of them.

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WILLIAM RAILLEY, Manager, United Press International, Press Building, 2100 Rusk Avenue, Houston, Texas, advised SA EDWARD G. STORK, that on November 22, 1963, he was in his office at Houston, when he learned of the assassination of President KENNEDY. He said that he immediately proceeded to Dallas, Texas, via the airlines, arriving there around 3:00 P. M. Central time the same date.

RAILEY advised that at that time suspect OSWALD was being held on the third floor of Dallas Police Jail, and that he had to display his Texas State Press Card, to officers at the entrance to the Police Department, before he was allowed to enter the building. Further, that on reaching the third floor of the building, he was again requested to display his press card to two officers before he was permitted to go in the hall where members of the news media were congregated.

RAILEY said that he is in possession of numerous "press cards" issued by various news organizations and anyone of which is usually sufficient for identification to police authorities, but the Dallas officers were concerned mainly with the card issued by the State of Texas, and that anyone not having this card was not permitted into the building. He cited one case of a newsman (unidentified) who did not have a Texas State Press Card who was denied entrance to the Police Department when it was "quite obvious that the person was a newsman". He said that this person was "loaded down" with photographic equipment and was displaying all sorts of press cards, but lacking the aforementioned card was denied entrance.

RAILEY said that, in his estimation, the security measures of the Dallas Police Department, were as "tight" as he had ever encountered.

RAILEY said that as of 12:10 A. M., November 24, 1963, security measures were extended to all entrance ways to the basement of the Dallas Police Department, where

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OSWALD was to be taken out for removal to the County Jail, RAILEY thinking that the Police Department would remove OSWALD prior to the announced hour, positioned himself in the basement at midnight and remained there until approximately 6:00 A. M., November 24, 1963, at which time he was relieved by his associate, FRANK JOHNSON, Photographer, UPI, American Stationary Building, Austin, Texas.

RAILEY advised that he then returned to his hotel to sleep, since he had been awake some seventeen straight hours. On awakening at noon he learned that OSWALD had been killed. RAILEY then returned to the basement of the Dallas Police Department, gaining entrance via the ramp, and was again "checked out" by Officers.

RAILEY stated that he has never known RUBY or OSWALD, and did not recall seeing RUBY at the Dallas Police Department at any time. Further, that he has never interviewed RUBY or OSWALD; knows of no possible connection between RUBY or OSWALD, or of any relationship between RUBY and the Dallas Police Department.

RAILEY advised that the only persons that he could recall seeing at the Police Department, on November 22, 23 or 24, 1963, were FRANK JOHNSON (previously mentioned) JACK BEERS, Dallas Morning News and BOB JOHNSON, Dallas Times Herald.

ANTHONY (no middle name) RIPLEY, 414 West Harrison, Royal Oak, Michigan, was interviewed at his residence.

He stated he is a reporter for "The Detroit News", a daily Detroit publication, which is located at 815 West Lafayette, Detroit, Michigan. He has been employed as a reporter for this publication since November, 1958. He stated he arrived at Dallas, Texas, at 7:30 PM, on November 22, 1963, having been sent to cover the assassination of President KENNEDY. He said he did not know the identity of President KENNEDY's assassinator at the time he left Detroit. He said his assignment was to cover the investigation to apprehend the assassinator of President KENNEDY.

He advised that en route to Dallas, Texas, from Detroit, he changed planes at Atlanta, Georgia, and on this plane he met JOE CUMMINGS or CUMMING, who represents the Newsweek Magazine and who is stationed in Atlanta. He said he also met one STEWART LOORY of the "New York Herald Tribune", New York, New York. He said he is not certain if either CUMMINGS or LOORY were at the scene of the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

RIPLEY said he was actually present in the basement of the Dallas Municipal Building (DMB), which houses the Dallas Police Department and other city offices. He said he assumed, but does not know of his own personal knowledge, that everyone present in the basement of the DMB was either a representative of the news media, police officer or other law enforcement agency of the State of Texas.

He said that the only other individual that may have been present in the basement of the DMB was one TOM HOWARD, who is now the defense attorney from Dallas for JACK RUBY. He said he could not now recall who stated this, but it might have been one GERALD O'LEARY, reporter, "Washington Star," Washington, D.C. He stated HOWARD's office is located across the street from the DMB.

He advised that at about 9:45 AM, on November 24, 1963, he was proceeding to the DMB, arriving at the corner of the DMB, which is closest to the Statler Hilton Hotel, where he was staying. He said one of the cross streets was Commerce Street. He stated as he arrived at this corner, he was immediately challenged by an officer of the Dallas Police Department, identity unknown. He advised he immediately displayed his press card to this officer and was allowed to proceed.

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