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in the newspaper business. He did state that DE MAR seemed to be sincere, but for the above reasons it appeared that he might be seeking publicity.

RIPLEY advised that the following are the only individuals he knows by name to have actually been in the basement of the DMB at the time of the OSWALD shooting:

JOHN MC CULLOUGH
Reporter
"Philadelphia Bulletin"
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

PEGGY SIMPSON
Associated Press
Dallas, Texas

FRANCOIS PELOU
Reporter
France Press
believed stationed at Washington, D.C.

TOM PETIT
NBC-TV
believed to be stationed in New York City

RIPLEY advised from overall observation the security offered by the Dallas Police Department was rather "relaxed" and offered this observation in comparing other important affairs which he covered with the security taken by other police departments. He based this mostly on the fact he, RIPLEY, was allowed down the ramp without being challenged, even though he was previously challenged elsewhere.

JAMES N. STANDARD, reporter, Oklahoma Publishing Company, advised he traveled to Dallas, Texas, at approximately 12:00 noon, November 22, 1963, to cover the assassination of President KENNEDY for his newspaper. He stated on November 22 and 23, 1963, he spent his time talking to witnesses concerning the assassination and attempting to locate other eye witnesses and photographs of the assassination.

STANDARD advised during this period of time he did not see JACK RUBY at any time in the Dallas Police Department or that vicinity. He stated some of the reporters, names unrecalled, had mentioned RUBY was present at the District Attorney's conference regarding OSWALD and the assassination and had asked the District Attorney a question concerning OSWALD and the assassination. He stated he could not verify this information because he was not present himself at the District Attorney's press conference.

STANDARD stated he was present in the Dallas Police Department basement alleyway on the morning of November 24, 1963, when OSWALD was to be transported to the Dallas County Jail. He advised he gained entrance to the alleyway through the door from the Police Department Identification Section adjacent to the jail elevator door from which OSWALD was removed. He stated as he entered the door to the alleyway he was confronted by two policemen requesting he exhibit press credentials. He informed these policemen he had no press card and exhibited a credit card and a group insurance card which identified him as an employee of the Oklahoma Publishing Company. He said one of the policemen did not want to permit him to pass; however, the other officer agreed to pass him only after a complete search of his person. STANDARD was of the opinion the security measures set up at the Dallas Police Department were very rigid and he knew of no one present in the basement alleyway who had not exhibited credentials to gain entrance.

STANDARD stated he saw no one present in the alleyway who was not connected with law enforcement or news media.

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