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JOSEPH GOULDEN, news reporter, "Philadelphia Inquirer," advised that he was the only reporter from the "Philadelphia Inquirer" to be in Dallas and write anything regarding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. He stated he was in Dallas from about 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 3, 1963, until the late evening of December 7, 1963.

Mr. GOULDEN said that prior to coming to work for the "Inquirer" in Philadelphia in 1961, he had for three years been a news reporter covering the Sheriff's Office and Police Department in Dallas for the "Dallas News." As a result, he stated he had many contacts in the law enforcement field and news media in the Dallas area.

Mr. GOULDEN said that he had obtained the information that JACK LEON RUBY had gotten into the basement of the Dallas Police Department on November 24, 1963, from a law enforcement officer in Dallas whom he declined to identify. He said that the officer told him that he had obtained this information from RUBY himself and GOULDEN said that he believed the word of the officer to be unimpeachable; however, GOULDEN did not, of course, know whether or not RUBY had been speaking the truth when he told the officer that he had gotten into the building by carrying TV camera equipment on the morning of the shooting of OSWALD.

Mr. GOULDEN stated that he would attempt to contact the unnamed officer by telephone to see if he would consent to having his name revealed.

Later in the evening of December 9, 1963, Mr. GOULDEN telephonically advised that he had been unable to contact the officer by telephone but that he would attempt to do so again late in the evening of December 10, 1963.

Mr. GOULDEN also advised that the identity of the cameraman who allowed RUBY to carry in his camera equipment to the basement of the Dallas Police Department on November 24, 1963, when LEE HARVEY OSWALD was to be transferred from the custody of the Police Department

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to the Sheriff's Office in Dallas, was JACK RENFRO, who was employed by WBAP-TV of Fort Worth, Texas. He stated that the immediate superior of RENFRO is JAMES KERR, and they both are normally working in the city of Dallas. GOULDEN said that while he was in Dallas he questioned RENFRO regarding the information that RENFRO had allowed RUBY to obtain entrance to the basement of the Police Department by carrying RENFRO's equipment. RENFRO told GOULDEN that he did not know how RUBY got into the building and refused to discuss the matter further.