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As the matter of fact, freedom of the press is accepted in every democratic countries. Considering on its duty which has to present news or informations to the public who have the right to know about various situations in the country. On this aspect, press seems to be represent of people in preserving the benefit of the public. However, press still will be liable on libal suits if that kind of news or informations which presented, has inflicted to other person in goodname.

This thesis focussed on the scope of presenting news or informations by the press which will not liable in libel suits in order to achieve the duty of the press that is the protecting benefit to all people.

The result from study showed that presenting news or informations in goddfaith on the government's work, on public officials, on public figures or presenting on the court proceeding or report of the meeting which can open to public will not be liable on libel suits but this will not include on the presenting news or informations on private individual.