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Events: 1954 Shooting

Immediate Response

Benjamin Jason recalls learning of the shooting at the Capitol.
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It was approximately 2:30 p.m. on March 1st. My partner and I, John Bias were patrolling in scout 13. Now, it was very fortunate that we were on Louisiana Avenue, just a block from the Capitol, because we could have been over at the Washington Monument, because that was our patrol area. But we just happened to be on Louisiana Avenue when the call came out, "Shooting in the House of Representatives." And we acknowledged we were responding and we got there immediately.