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Events: 1954 Shooting

The Aftermath

John Allen Murphy describes the House Chamber after the shooting.
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There was a hole in the, there's a big table there, that was in front of the, the—they were seated up there but there's a table there in front. And to my knowledge, I guess it's still there because I heard years later—I think—I don't know whether they fixed up one of the holes but that space all we could tell and then looking—I remember looking up at the ceiling, which was kind of high. It looked like there were like little marks, like a little bullet hole or—it was by the gallery. They might, somebody might have just shot their gun off up in the air or something to get attention. Of course, I understand they had the flag, the Puerto Rican flag, and they were waving it around.