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## **Events: 1954 Shooting**

### **Responding to the Shooting**

John Allen Murphy recalls responding to the shooting at the Capitol on March 1, 1954.  
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I was coming out of Herman's Restaurant getting—you know we always ate in the car. We wouldn't have time to go and sit somewhere and eat. I'd gone in and got a corned beef sandwich and a coke, which was at Sixth and Pennsylvania Avenue. And I'm coming out the door and my partner, Jimmy Johnson, "Murph, we got an alleged shooting at the Capitol." And I jumped in the car, opened up the glove compartment, put my sandwich and the coke there. And Jimmy had me there and we were there in two or three minutes.