

worthy that, with the close of September 1963, our total crime trend exceeded the previous alltime high of crime established in December 1952.

I would also like to mention that the House Committee on the District of Columbia published in its report on H.R. 7525 data furnished by this Department showing the clearance of part 1 felonies as related to the *Mallory* decision.

After that table was provided by us, the statistics for fiscal year 1963 have become available and, I might inform this committee, the trends established in previous years have been continued.

I have furnished today for each member of the committee copies of an updated graph and statistical table reflecting the foregoing data through the fiscal year 1963, and will be glad to provide additional data on whatever points the committee may want to cover.

That is the end of the statement, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, both the "Part 1 Felonies in the District of Columbia" and the attached table, if it can be reproduced, and I imagine it can, will be made a part of the record at this point in your testimony and, very obviously, you will want to comment in depth on this, I am sure, when you are back before us next week—

Chief MURRAY. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN (continuing). When we get into title I, which is the *Mallory* section of H.R. 7525.

Chief MURRAY. Yes, sir; I would like to come back next week.

(The documents referred to follow:)

PART 1 FELONIES¹ IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA; APPARENT

RELATIONSHIP OF "MALLORY" DECISION

Part 1 felonies in the District of Columbia reached a record low of 9,155 offenses for the fiscal year ending June 1957. Since that month there has been a relatively steady increase in those offenses to a high of 15,191 for the fiscal year 1963.

The following table reflects the number and percent of part 1 felonies reported and cleared for past fiscal years:

Fiscal year	Number reported	Number cleared	Percent cleared	Fiscal year	Number reported	Number cleared	Percent cleared
1952.....	14,066	8,197	58.3	1958.....	9,895	5,746	58.1
1953.....	15,251	7,798	51.1	1959.....	10,163	6,167	60.7
1954.....	11,917	6,989	58.6	1960.....	11,714	6,311	53.9
1955.....	11,488	7,453	64.9	1961.....	12,948	6,647	51.3
1956.....	10,048	5,996	59.7	1962.....	13,274	6,493	48.9
1957.....	9,155	5,304	57.9	1963.....	15,191	6,770	44.6

As the total number of offenses has increased, the total number cleared has also increased, but the proportion of clearance has, in general, fallen behind. The reasons for this are readily obvious: a general increase in total offenses at first brings with it a large number of crimes which are cleared on the scene when the report is made or which are relatively easy to clear; however, as the increase continues, the overwhelming workload begins to affect the number and proportion of clearances possible with a given number of personnel.

It is significant that, even with increased emphasis on detection operations, this department has not been able to attain in recent years either the number or proportion of clearances attained during the high crime years prior to 1957.

¹Part 1 felonies includes all offenses in the part 1 classification except negligent homicide and attempt housebreaking (which together usually comprises only about 1 percent of the part 1 classification) and petit larceny (which usually comprises about 40 percent of the part 1 classification).