

The subcommittee made certain recommendations relating to the shipment of large sums of currency in a report adopted by the House Government Operations Committee on April 10, 1963 (H. Rept. 207, 88th Congress). Several copies were forwarded to the then Postmaster General for the special attention of Inspector Montague. First let me say, General Watson, I realize you have just come in down there, but knowing your assiduous interest in updating yourself on all the problems that the Post Office Department has faced and is facing, I am sure you have heard about this one. However, if any of the questions on this or other matters require more detail than you have readily available, I would want you to call on the appropriate bureau heads for full explanation.

Now, we understand that the Federal statute of limitations has now run on this robbery. First, without mentioning any names or identifying any particular individuals, I wondered if you or your staff, possibly Mr. Montague, could give the subcommittee a reconstruction of the Plymouth mail robbery on the basis of the information that you and your team of inspectors turned up during the 6 years of the Post Office Department's investigation. You might characterize your remarks to a hypothetical case if you so desire.

Second, I would like for you, for the record, to furnish for us a report on the extent to which the subcommittee's recommendations issued at that time, in 1963, were accepted and whether or not they have been followed. Could you give us a statement on that?

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Mr. WATSON. Mr. Chairman, I am familiar with the recommendations made by your committee and the Post Office to prevent or avoid any reoccurrence of the situation that did take place some 7 years