

Mr. MONTAGUE. Mr. Chairman, this covers the investigations, the audit inspections, and the law enforcement work of the postal inspectors and the auditing which is done by the Internal Audit Division.

Our experience with crime is about the same as any other law enforcement agency; that is, it has increased considerably in the last few years, about 50 percent or so in the last 7 years.

The inspectors, in connection with their audit inspections, make sure that postmasters and others in charge of Federal installations comply with the regulations.

The internal auditors handle the auditing at the regional and departmental levels, the Postal Data Centers, and are also keeping abreast of developments with regard to the postal source data system.

Also the Internal Audit Division is charged with the responsibility of certifying to the Postmaster General on the accuracy and propriety of the Department's financial statements and the adequacy of its internal control.

The Internal Audit Division also develops and maintains comprehensive audit standards and procedures for use in auditing departmental, regional, and field installations.

Our field force for these duties is about 2,062 and our budget is \$28,211,000.

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Montague, what is the record of your convictions?

Mr. MONTAGUE. On cases brought to trial, Mr. Chairman, our conviction rate is 99 percent.

Mr. BROOKS. That is interesting, but I mean on the solution of crimes, what is the percentage?

Mr. MONTAGUE. We don't keep an exact record on every case that we issue as to whether or not it is solved with consequent arrest or conviction, because many of the cases we start turn out to be not law violations.

On the whole with regard to holdups, for example, I believe that our solution rate is as good or better than that of other enforcement agencies.

Mr. BROOKS. And it is what?

Mr. MONTAGUE. Our solutions run about 52 percent.

Mr. BROOKS. Fifty-two percent?

Mr. MONTAGUE. Right.

Mr. BROOKS. That is covering what period?

Mr. MONTAGUE. In the last 6 years.

Mr. BROOKS. The last 6 years?

Mr. MONTAGUE. Right.

Mr. BROOKS. Prior to 1962, how was it?

Mr. MONTAGUE. I have no idea. But I would think it probably ran about the same rate.

Mr. BROOKS. You don't think there has been any major improvement?

Mr. MONTAGUE. I can't say for sure, because we have not kept records on it, Mr. Chairman. I am speaking specifically with regard to holdups.

Mr. BROOKS. Yes.

Mr. MONTAGUE. On burglaries, the solution rate is about one-third.

Mr. BROOKS. Thirty-three percent?