

False alarms

March:	
30.....	37
31.....	29
April:	
1.....	23
2.....	17
3.....	18
4.....	31
5.....	13
6.....	12
7.....	16
8.....	27
9.....	20
10.....	29
11.....	28
12.....	33
13.....	31
14.....	27
Total.....	391

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

BUILDING FIRES—MARCH 30, 1968 THRU APRIL 14, 1968

March:	
30.....	18
31.....	12
April:	
1.....	10
2.....	15
3.....	8
4.....	13
5, 6, 7.....	488
8.....	9
9.....	4
10.....	19
11.....	23
12.....	16
13.....	13
14.....	20
Total.....	668

Mr. FRASER. Mr. Chairman, would the gentleman yield? The disturbances of the fourth of April started at 8:30 in the evening, or actually, at 9:30 was the first report. So those arrests occurred in 2½ hours, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Dowdy. This was the time to start making arrests, right then.

Mr. FRASER. They did make arrests, as shown in the Commissioner's report on the civil disturbances, which indicates the first arrest was made at 11:44 on April 4th for looting, less than an hour and a half after the first report came in.

Mr. MURPHY. Congressman, if I may explain. The booking process, taking persons arrested to a precinct and processing them and then booking, could have resulted very well in many of these cases being booked after midnight; because our people were so overwhelmed with the problem.

There was a considerable time lag in the booking process.

Mr. Dowdy. The booking shows the hour they were arrested. Some of you may be satisfied. Some of the members of this Committee may