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Security During World War II

Discussion of the increased police presence on Capitol Hill during the early years of World War II.
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Well, we had the usual Capitol Police Force, but they were augmented by metropolitan police. And over that was the military. For a long time, they were encamped on the southwest lawn of the Capitol, in tents and what-have-you. Then as a matter of fact, they found a place beneath the crypt in the Capitol and they had a place where they were, some of them billeted down there. And then early parts of the war, we had anti-aircraft emplacements on top of the Longworth Building. And above the seventh floor, there was a place where some of them stayed while they were on duty up there. It was rather strange to smell food wafting from this area where they had, where they were doing whatever they had to do to stay alert and stay on the job.