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THE RECEIVING END OF THE 999 CALL..

Speeding up the war against crime - a new information room to deal with emergency calls is opened at New Scotland Yard by Sir John Nott-Bower - Commissioner, Metropolitan Police... / SOUND

Demonstrating the new system, here's a nine-nine-nine call just being made. ~~The woman has spotted housebreakers~~ and this call brings Scotland Yard into the picture. / SOUND

Now every second is vital. The message is ~~quickly~~ transferred by conveyor belt to a radio-telephone position dealing with the particular area... /

And, in less than one minute (half the time previously taken) the ~~relevant~~ details are transmitted to any one of 250 Police cars, motor cycles or river launches for instant action. /

So - the wheels of the law begin turning...

You may not always ~~be fortunate enough to~~ see the direction the ^{criminals} ~~criminals~~ have taken - but remember - you can help in other ways.

Try to keep calm. Make your message clear. And try to get a reasonable ~~summary~~ description of the criminal - or the car.

Had this been a real "emergency" - a woman's presence of mind ~~and~~ would have resulted in a speedy arrest. ~~In 1956, the public made more than~~ ^{In 1956,} 130,000 emergency calls and radio-equipped patrol-vehicles made 9,500 arrests.

So remember ^{So "999" continues to} "DIAL Nine-Nine-Nine" to help the speedy detection and prevention of crime. / 2