President Harry S. Truman Signing National Security Act Amendment of 1949



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President Harry S. Truman is seated at his desk in the Oval Office, signing H.R. 5632, the National Security Act Amendments of 1949, which converted the National Military Establishment into a new Department of Defense and made other changes in the national security system. From left to right: Senator Virgil Chapman, unidentified (behind Chapman), Senator Richard Russell, Admiral Louis Denfelt, Senator Leverett Saltonstall (behind Denfeld), Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson (leaning over the desk), General Omar Bradley, General Hoyt Vandenberg, Congressman Dewey Short, Congressman Carl Vinson, Secretary of the Army Gordon Gray, Senator Millard Tydings, Secretary of the Air Force Stuart Symington, Under Secretary of Defense Stephen Early, and Secretary of the Navy Francis Matthews.

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