

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



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## **Description**

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.

## **Date(s)**

August 10, 1949

8x10 inches (21x26 cm)      Black & White

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**People Pictured** Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972      Bradley, Omar Nelson, 1893-1981      Chapman, Virgil Munday, 1895-1951      Early, Stephen T. (Stephen Tyree), 1889-1951      Gray, Gordon, 1909-1982      Johnson, Louis Arthur, 1891-1966      Matthews, Francis Patrick, 1887-1952      Russell, Richard B. (Richard Brevard), 1897-1971      Short, Dewey Jackson, 1898-1979      Symington, Stuart, 1901-1988      Vinson, Carl, 1883-1981      Denfeld, Louis E. (Louis Emil), 1891-1972      Saltonstall, Leverett, 1892-1979      Tydings, Millard E. (Millard Evelyn), 1890-1961      Vandenberg, Hoyt Sanford, 1899-1954

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