

**Description**

President Harry S. Truman, seated behind his desk, distributes pens he used to sign the National Security Act Amendments bill to assembled on-lookers. From left to right: Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson, unidentified, Congressman Dewey Short, Congressman Carl Vinson, Secretary of the Army Gordon Gray, unidentified, Secretary of the Air Force Stuart Symington, Under Secretary of Defense Stephen Early, and Secretary of the Navy Francis Matthews.

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**People Pictured** Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972      Early, Stephen T. (Stephen Tyree), 1889-1951      Gray, Gordon, 1909-1982      Johnson, Louis Arthur, 1891-1966      Matthews, Francis Patrick, 1887-1952      Short, Dewey Jackson, 1898-1979      Symington, Stuart, 1901-1988      Vinson, Carl, 1883-1981

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