President Harry S. Truman Reads Victory Proclamation

Description
President Harry S. Truman (standing behind desk) reads the victory proclamation, officially ending World War II in Europe, with Germany signing unconditional surrender terms. Gathered around behind the President are (seated): Elmer Davis (hand to face), Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace, Major General Philip Fleming, Representative Joseph Martin, General George Marshall, J. Leonard Reinsch, Colonel Harry Vaughan (standing behind Truman), John Snyder, First Lady Bess W. Truman, Margaret Truman, and Secretary of War Henry Stimson. Fred Vinson is in the foreground, looking into the camera. All others are unidentified.

Date(s)
May 8, 1945

Accession Number 64-1853

5x7 inches (13x18 cm) Black & White

Related Collection McKim, Edward D. Papers

Keywords Presidents Cabinet officers World War, 1939-1945 First ladies Speeches, addresses, etc. Armed forces officers Reporters and reporting

HST Keywords Truman - Addresses - Proclamations

People Pictured Vinson, Fred M., 1890-1953 Stimson, Henry L. (Henry Lewis), 1867-1950 Truman, Margaret (Mary Margaret), 1924-2008 Truman, Bess Wallace, 1885-1982 Snyder, John W. (John Wesley), 1895-1985 Vaughan, Harry H., 1893-1981 Reinsch, J. Leonard (James Leonard), 1908-1991 Marshall, George C. (George Catlett), 1880-1959 Martin, Joseph W. (Joseph William), 1884-1968 Fleming, Philip B. (Philip Bracken), 1887-1955 Wallace, Henry A. (Henry Agard), 1888-1965

Rights Copyrighted - This item is copyrighted and cannot be published, reproduced, or otherwise used without the explicit permission of the copyright holder.

Note: If you use this image, rights assessment and attribution are your responsibility.

Credit: Acme Newspictures Harry S. Truman Library & Museum.

Attention media: Please make note of this item's accession number. Print out this page and retain it for your permissions records before downloading this image file for possible publication. Library staff cannot sign permissions forms or provide additional paperwork. The Library charges no usage fees for downloaded images.