

**Description**

Window openings provide bursts of light into the cavernous interior of the White House, supported only by a web of temporary steel supports. The exterior walls rest on new concrete underpinnings, which allow earth-moving equipment to dig a new basement.

Date(s)

May 17, 1950

Accession Number 71-305

8x10 inches (21x26 cm) Black & White

Related Collection [Harry S. Truman Papers](#)

Keywords Building repair and reconstruction Dwellings Historic buildings Presidential residences

HST Keywords White House - Miscellaneous - Renovation

Rights Public Domain - This item is in the public domain and can be used freely without further permission.

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

Credit: Abbie Rowe National Park Service 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.