

# President Harry S. Truman Returns to the United States After the Potsdam Conference



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## Description

President Harry S. Truman and members of his party aboard the USS Augusta as the ship entered Chesapeake Bay, returning President Truman from the Potsdam Conference in Germany. Fourth from left is ship's clerk Edwin L. Hoying; Captain James Vardaman is sixth from the left (in dark uniform); to his left is Press Secretary Charles Ross; to his left is Secretary of State James Byrnes; to his left is President Truman; and to his left is Admiral William Leahy. Lieutenant George Elsey is the tall person two rows behind President Truman. United Press correspondent Merriman Smith is behind Ross's left shoulder. Associated Press reporter Ernest (Tony) Vaccaro is behind Leahy's left shoulder. International News Service correspondent Robert G. Nixon is in the front row, right, with sunglasses. Others are unidentified. From the album, Number 2: "President Truman's Trip to Potsdam."

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**People Pictured** Byrnes, James F. (James Francis), 1882-1972    Leahy, William D. (William Daniel), 1875-1959  
Nixon, Robert G., journalist    Ross, Charles G. (Charles Griffith), 1885-1950    Smith, Albert Merriman, 1913-1970  
Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972    Vardaman, James K. (James Kimble), 1894-1972    Hoying, Edwin L., 1918-2002  
Elsey, George McKee, 1918-2015

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