

**Description**

President Harry S. Truman (second from left) and First Lady Bess Truman (left) admire an 18th century musical clock and two golden candelabras presented to the President in a ceremony on the North Portico of the White House by French Ambassador Henri Bonnet (2nd from right) and his wife (right). They were acquired by French President Vincent Auriol for use in the renovated White House and will be placed in the Red Room.

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13.5x9 inches    Black & White

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**People Pictured** Bonnet, Helle    Bonnet, Henri, 1888-1978    Truman, Bess Wallace, 1885-1982    Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972

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