

**Description**

Southwest view from the east basement entrance of White House during renovation. The Allis Chalmers Cletrac Diesel-powered shovel is being used to excavate below the basement floor. The earth is carried outside the opening in the south wall and loaded on trucks by a truck crane.

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8x10 inches (21x26 cm)      Black & White

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