

**Description**

President Harry S. Truman (left) offers a slice of birthday cake to two kittens sent to him at the White House as a present for his 61st birthday. General Harry Vaughan holds the cats while Commodore James Vardaman holds the crate the cats arrived in.

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8x10 inches (21x26 cm) Black & White

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People Pictured Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972 Vardaman, James K. (James Kimble), 1894-1972 Vaughan, Harry H., 1893-1981

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