

# President Harry S. Truman Honors Members of White House Police Force



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People Pictured Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972 Snyder, John W. (John Wesley), 1895-1985 Boring, Floyd M., 1915-

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## Description

President Harry S. Truman, third from right, decorated the White House Police and Secret Service agents who prevented his assassination at Blair House on November 1, 1950. Left to right: Wounded policemen Private Joseph H. Downs and Private Donald Birdzell; Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder, whose department has jurisdiction over the White House Police and Secret Service; Cressie Coffelt, widow of the slain policeman Leslie Coffelt; Private Joseph O. Davidson; President Truman; and two Secret Service agents, Floyd Boring and Vincent P. Mroz. The group stands in the Oval Office at the White House.

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