President Truman Signs National Security Amendments Bill

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President Harry S. Truman at his desk in the Oval Office, signing H.R. 5632, the National Security Act Amendments of 1949, which converted the National Military Establishment into a new Department of Defense and made other changes in the national security system. From left to right: Senator Virgil Chapman, unidentified (behind Chapman), Senator Richard Russell, unidentified military officer, unidentified man (behind officer), Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson, General Omar Bradley, unidentified, Congressman Dewey Short, Congressman Carl Vinson, Secretary of the Army Gordon Gray, unidentified, Secretary of the Air Force Stuart Symington (partly obscured), Under Secretary of Defense Stephen Early, and Secretary of the Navy Francis Matthews.

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People Pictured Johnson, Louis Arthur, 1891-1966   Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972   Bradley, Omar Nelson, 1893-1981   Chapman, Virgil Munday, 1895-1951   Early, Stephen T. (Stephen Tyree), 1889-1951   Gray, Gordon, 1909-1982   Matthews, Francis Patrick, 1887-1952   Russell, Richard B. (Richard Brevard), 1897-1971   Short, Dewey Jackson, 1898-1979   Symington, Stuart, 1901-1988   Vinson, Carl, 1883-1981

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