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WEDDING GIFT

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt.Hon.R.G.Menzies

The wedding gift from the Australian Government and people to His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley consists of 12 dessert Spoons and 12 dessert Forks made of Australian gold.

The gift was sent to the Australian High Commissioner in London last week-end to be delivered before the marriage which will take place tomorrow afternoon at York Minister.

A gold plaque in the case containing the gift is inscribed as follows :

Presented To

His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent

and

Miss Katharine Worsley

With Warmest Good Wishes from

The Government and People of Australia

8th June, 1961

Above the plaque is a small map of Australia in gold showing the States of the Commonwealth.

The Government will also mark the occasion of the Wedding by the flying of flags from all Commonwealth Buildings tomorrow.

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