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**AUSTRALIA'S WEDDING GIFT TO HER ROYAL HIGHNESS
PRINCESS ALEXANDRA OF KENT AND THE HON. ANGUS
OGILVY.**

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Menzies

Australia's gift to Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra of Kent and the Honourable Angus Ogilvy, on the occasion of their marriage, will be a set of eight candlesticks made from Australian silver, the Prime Minister announced today.

The candlesticks are cast and hand-chased in silver, being reproductions of a set made in the reign of George III, about the year 1761. Each candlestick is in the shape of a fluted Corinthian column with a square stepped base engraved with the Australian Coat-of-Arms. They are 11½ inches over all.

The candlesticks are being made by the firm of R.G. Hennell & Sons Limited of London and the gift will be presented to the Princess and her husband-to-be by the Australian High Commissioner in London, Sir Eric Harrison. The candlesticks will be contained in a presentation case and a silver plate on the outside of the case bears the inscription "Presented to Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra of Kent and The Honourable Angus Ogilvy with warmest good wishes from the Government and people of Australia. 24th April, 1963."

Background information :

The set of candlesticks is being made to order to a design known to be favoured by Princess Alexandra. The set has not yet been completed and therefore no photographs are available. It is expected that the presentation will be made a few weeks after 24th April and photographs will be obtained for distribution then.

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