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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin will accept on behalf of the Government and People of Canada a replica of a famous ancient Greek sculpture to be presented on May 24, at 5:30 p.m., at the National Art Gallery by the Foreign Minister of Greece, His Excellency Evangelos Averoff-Tassizza. The gift from the people of Greece will be presented as a token of their friendship and gratitude for the postwar aid given to them by the Canadian people.

The original relief was carved in the famous workshop of Eleusis in 430 B.C. by a sculptor of the school of Phidias. It was unearthed at the excavations of 1859 and now constitutes one of the most valuable acquisitions of the National Archaeological Museum of Athens.

The exact replica, to be presented to Canada, was carved by Professor John A. Pappas, Director of the Athens School of Fine Arts. It is seven feet high, four feet wide, twenty-two inches thick and weighs 5,700 pounds.

Photographers, reporters, Radio and Television commentators and Television cameramen are invited to attend the unveiling ceremony at 5:30 p.m. on May 24 on the main floor of the National Art Gallery. Miss S. Sklov, Public Relations Officer of the National Art Gallery will be available for further information.