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Hotel has Kennedy signed menu

A menu for the state dinner given in honour of President Kennedy by the Taoiseach and Mrs. Lemass at Iveagh House on June 27 is being kept as a precious memento in the Russell Hotel. The menu bears President Kennedy's signature.

The Russell catered for the state dinner and for the official luncheon given by Mr. Kennedy next day in the U.S. Embassy for the Taoiseach.

President Kennedy wrote a flattering account of the services provided by the Russell in the hotel's distinguished visitors' book.

Mr. David Lord, head-waiter at the Russell, says that at the beginning of the state dinner all who served at the table were a bit nervous, but very soon President Kennedy, with his natural, informal manner, changed the atmosphere in Iveagh House into one of friendliness and relaxation.

"President Kennedy certainly enjoyed his dinner," says Mr. Lord, "he drank little, I should say too little."

Mr. Lord went on: "The President admired greatly the interior of Iveagh House, and I remember his asking many questions concerning it."

At the end of the dinner there was a surprise for President Kennedy. He was presented with a replica in sugar of the boat in which he was sunk in the Pacific during the last war.

President Kennedy was very pleased and warmly thanked the Russell chef, Monsieur Rolland.