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Minister Aitio, Ambassador Thompson, (Ladies and) Gentlemen:

I am delighted to come to Finland as a guest of the Finnish Government. You may recall that my first reason for coming was to celebrate with you a new link between our countries-- the direct air service just inaugurated by Finnair between Helsinki and New York. In this connection, I've already had the pleasure of meeting Minister Aitio in Washington.

In addition, however, I have come for a look at the Finnish transportation industry, at Finnish ideas for a better urban environment and at the Finnish economic development so well-known throughout the world.

It is too often thought that bigger countries have little to learn from the smaller countries in technological matters. In transportation, it may even be just the opposite. Finland, I suspect, has been able to apply new ideas and new technology to the solution of transportation problems precisely because it is not overwhelmed with problems of bigness.

I hope in the next two days you will bring to my attention any suggestions you may have for possible cooperation in transportation matters as well as any ideas you have found useful in solving your own transportation problems.

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