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JOHN A. VOLPE IN RESPONSE TO TOAST BY MINISTER SILVA MUNOZ,
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During our trip through the Monastery which is so full of treasures, I noticed a plaque on the wall commemorating the signature of the treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation between our two countries in 1795.

In my short visit to Madrid, I have learned that the ensuing 174 years have seen trade between our two countries flourish to the point where the United States is Spain's largest single market and also its leading supplier. Although I am not the Secretary of Commerce of the United States, the growth of this trade impresses me because trade means transportation and that is a field where I do have considerable responsibilities.

It pleased me to see how much Spain employs American-made transportation equipment and the machinery for building roads. I hope that the Minister of Air has as high opinion as I do of the DC-9's which I saw at the Barajas Airport, and I hope that the Minister of Public Works has found the many heavy vehicles for building highways and railroads to be of real use in the expansion of Spain's transportation facilities of which we had a good sample today in our ride up here.

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My visit to Spain is unfortunately all too brief. I have found here manifestations of the friendship of which the Spanish are so justifiably famous. I look forward to continuing exchanges of this type on both sides of the Atlantic.

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