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RESPONSE AND TOAST WITH MINISTER OF TRANSPORT SILVA MUNOZ FOR SPAIN BY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION JOHN A. VOLPE, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1969

I am very grateful to his Excellency for his kind remarks. We have been deeply moved by the kindness and hospitality we have found in Spain.

I wish to say how pleased we are to have this opportunity to meet with our Spanish colleagues. Our discussions here have been profitable for all of us and I believe we are setting the stage for much closer cooperation in the whole field of transportation than we have known before. It is a field that in the past has been largely left to regulatory agencies.

But transportation today is a pressing matter that affects our life profoundly. Those of us who are involved professionally in this field bear a heavy responsibility for finding solutions to transport problems that meet not only the engineering and technical challenges, but also enhance the quality of our environment. We have everything to gain by sharing our views and information in our effort to solve what is now a common problem.

Excellency(s) -- Ladies and Gentlemen, I invite you to stand and raise your glasses to the health of the Chief of the Spanish State and the Spanish people.

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