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JOHN A. VOLPE TO OPEN SECOND ANNUAL AIR EXPOSITION, DULLES
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1969, 2:30 P.M.

Welcome to Dulles and the Second National Air Exposition.

I am happy to greet you today on behalf of the Department of

Transportation, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the Bureau
of National Capital Airports.

Again this year, we are honored to have the privilege of displaying
to the world, America's contribution to the aviation industry.

Here on this field are millions of dollars worth of aircraft that
portray this Nation's achievements in technology.

For a Nation that placed man on the moon for the first time, aviation
and aerospace leadership will always be a part of our way of life.

During this second annual air show, the public will have an
opportunity to see assembled in one place, an impressive array of civil
and military aircraft such as Boeing's new 747 and Lockheed's giant C5-A.

New aircraft and equipment shown here will tailor our transport
and distribution systems to new and heretofore unobtainable efficiencies.

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I am especially proud at this time that Dulles International Airport which is operated for the American public by the Department of Transportation is so admirably suited for tomorrow's world of flight.

It is the only airport in the country today that can accommodate the routine flow of air traffic and, at the same time, make it possible for this great show to be staged with only minor interruptions in scheduled air traffic.

America needs a time and place to take stock of its progress and to report flight advances to the Nation. The original concept and plan for a show to be held here at Dulles was developed by the Federal Aviation Administration, which -- of course -- is a vital part of the Department of Transportation.

Many leaders of Congress have called for an Exposition of this type to be held every two years. They have asked the Department of Transportation to endorse such a program. We not only endorse the concept but we are ready to assume responsibility for its organization and management if the Congress acts favorably on proposed legislation which is now awaiting consideration. When Congress decides in the affirmative, we in the Department stand ready to do our part.

The American people and the world certainly ought to have an exposition of this type presented to them at regular intervals. And I want to congratulate the National Aviation Club and its corps of volunteer, public spirited committeemen for doing such an outstanding job.

Now, it is indeed my great pleasure to serve as starter for this show.

With the firing of this VERY PISTOL, I officially open this afternoon's activities.

The Second National Air Exposition is now open.

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