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Remarks by Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe for Meeting with Air Traffic Controllers, Flight Service Attendants, Tower Operators and Their Families in the Cleveland Area, Grandhall Holiday Inn, Cleveland, Ohio, Tuesday, May 16, 1972

It's a real pleasure for me to meet the families behind the men who keep our air traffic flowing smoothly in this area. You are giving unselfishly to a tremendous task and believe me we're all proud of you... me foremost.

I want you to know you are working in an area that has many new systems and facilities on the drawing board to prepare for the future growth and economic stability of the city and region. About a half hour ago I had the opportunity to officially open your new ARTS III facility here in Cleveland. I had the same opportunity a year ago at Chicago. I know what a tremendous step forward this is and I know how it will help you men who must remain only the voices of transmission to the planes who use the system.

This new equipment is vital. U.S. airline passengers enplanements this fiscal year will increase by 4.9 million over last fiscal year. Total hours flown by general aviation aircraft are expected to increase by 2.3 million between FY 1972 and FY 1972.

I'm out here for National Transportation Week. But I want you to know this observance is to give you folks the recognition you so well deserve -- to recognize your accomplishments and how important your work is to the overall transportation network of the Nation.

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Last month President Nixon proclaimed this National Transportation Week and in his message he said: "American technology has opened wide the door to space travel. If we can do this, then we can harness this technology to relieve the inadequacies of our domestic transportation system and to provide for future transport needs." Your new ARTS III and your efforts here will immeasurably support the President's proclamation.

I can't leave without mentioning TRANSP0 72 -- the world's first total transportation show at Dulles, May 27 through June 4.

Good luck to all of you and I know the Department and our facilities are in good hands here in Cleveland.

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