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STATEMENT BY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION JOHN A. VOLPE  
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I have long looked forward to this visit to Italy, which was the birthplace of my parents and a land where I have many good friends.

I shall have the very great honor of calling on President Saragat, Prime Minister Rumor, Members of the Cabinet, and the Presidents of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies.

Italy is today playing a leading role in developing new technology and I am hopeful our two countries can reach an understanding on cooperation in transportation research. This cooperation should be of great benefit to both our countries.

Today our common interests in transportation go far beyond the mere regulatory aspects on international maritime, land and air travel. Domestic and internal urban transportation problems have become pressing domestic issues in most countries. The difficulties they present are common to most advanced countries and we have everything to gain by a free exchange of views and information at all levels. Let us hope we can profit from each other's mistakes as well as success as we work together for solutions.

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Let me also say that I consider it a very great honor and privilege to bring the greetings of my President to his Holiness the Pope. This is the first official visit to the Vatican by a member of the Nixon Cabinet, and it is a source of humble pride to me that I was selected for this mission.

After my talks in Rome, I plan to visit Pescara, Pescosansonesco, Milan and Genoa.

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