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STATEMENT BY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION JOHN A. VOLPE UPON
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I am very glad to be here to discuss transportation matters with
Senor Silva.

Until recently, Ministers of Transportation and their staffs, to
the extent that they involved themselves with international problems,
limited themselves almost entirely to the regulatory or rate-fixing
aspects of maritime, land or air transport systems. But today we
recognize that the internal and especially the urban transportation
problems of most countries, are among the most pressing domestic issues.

We are coming to recognize that finding a solution to domestic trans-
portation problems -- which are quite similar in many countries -- is a
matter of great concern to us all. All of us can profit by a free exchange
of information and views among our ministers and administrators and
engineers. I am confident that Senor Silva and I will find we have a
great deal of common interests and concerns as we discuss our transportation
problems.

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