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JOHN A. VOLPE UPON ARRIVAL IN GENOA, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1969

It gives me great pleasure to complete my visit to Italy by coming to the great port city of Genoa. I am particularly glad that the timing of my visit corresponds so closely to the anniversary of one of the most important events in world history -- the discovery of the New World by Genoa's most famous son, Christopher Columbus, on October 12, 1492 -- 477 years ago this Sunday.

Genoa was already an important city and port in Columbus' time. It has so remained through the centuries.

I look forward to seeing some of its historic sites as well as its modern installations during my stay here. And I am grateful to the people of Genoa, and to your Institute of International Communications, for giving me the opportunity to visit your lovely and vital city.

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