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Following is a statement by Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe made February 15, 1970:

I have met with representatives of the Air Traffic Control Association, the National Association of Government Employees and the National Association of Air Traffic Specialists.

We advised them that the Department of Transportation is more than willing to maintain open lines of communication.

I firmly believe that we can resolve any differences that may exist between the FAA and the air traffic controllers if discussions are continued in a spirit of goodwill.

This afternoon's meetings will be followed by a meeting of all air traffic control organizations on February 26.

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Remarks by Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe following a meeting with PATCO representatives on February 15, 1970:

We have just concluded an informal meeting with representatives of the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization. This meeting was held to establish an agenda for a more formal meeting tomorrow at 10:30 a.m., to be held at the Labor Department.

Both parties today agreed that the meeting on Monday will concern improved communications between FAA management and the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization, and to develop fact finding procedures for the pending Baton Rouge personnel transfers.

At Monday's meeting, a representative of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service will serve as mediator to develop procedures for further fact finding, if necessary.

Representing the Department of Transportation at tomorrow's meeting will be James M. Beggs, Under Secretary of Transportation. His alternate will be Edward V. Curran, the Department's Labor Relations Officer. FAA Administrator John Shaffer will represent the FAA. His alternate will be Nathaniel Goodrich, FAA General Counsel.

I think the meeting we have just concluded was fruitful and significant. And I might add these meetings show that the Department of Transportation, the FAA, and PATCO are more than willing to maintain open lines of communication.

AFTER REMARKS BY F. LEE BAILEY FOR PATCO, SECRETARY VOLPE  
ADDED:

I will meet shortly with the representatives of the Air Traffic Controllers Association, the National Association of Government Employees and the National Association of Air Traffic Specialists.

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