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automobile, Jakle and Sculle consider the vast array of signs that have

evolved since the beginning of the twentieth century.