



Monica Vitti in the streets of the EUR district - Michelangelo Antonioni, L'Eclisse, 1962

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Paparazzo in southeast Rome - Federico Fellini, La Dolce Vita, 1960

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The Metro Drive-In cinema in the Casal Palocco district

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