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ROME, AUG 22 (RFE SPECIAL/WILSON) - POPE PAUL VI TODAY FLEW TO BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, ON A HISTORIC, THREE-DAY TRIP AFTER EXPRESSING "SHARP BITTERNESS AND GREAT ANXIETY" OVER THE SOVIET OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"EUROPE'S TRANQUILITY IS SHAKEN, THAT OF THE WORLD COMPCOMISED AND PEACE...IS SAVAGELY WOUNDED," THE POPE SAID IN A FAREWELL SPEECH AT ROME'S LEONARDO DA VINCI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

THE POPE'S JETLINER LEFT IN EARLY MORNING DARKNESS AT 0434 MT AND WAS TO ARRIVE IN BOGOTA 12 HOURS LATER AFTER A 5,840-MILE (9,364-KILOMETER) FLIGHT, THE LONGEST OF HIS SIX TRIPS ABROAD AS POPE.

ALMOST HIS ENTIRE DEPARTURE SPEECH ON THE TARMAC OF ROME'S LEONARDO DA VINCI AIRPORT WAS DEVOTED TO THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

HE OFFERED TO GIVE UP HIS JOURNEY TO COLOMBIA IF BY HIS ACTIONS HE COULD SERVE TO HELP <sup>THE</sup> CZECHOSLOVAK NATION.

BEFORE BEING AIRBORNE, PAUL STOOD BEFORE A BATTERY OF MICROPHONES, CAMERAS AND FLASHGUNS TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN OVER EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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