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VATICAN - 3RD ADD - POPE DEPARTS (CN 83) XXX ALL

(UPI) - THE POPE DROVE TO THE AIRPORT FROM THE PAPAL SUMMER RESIDENCE AT CASTELGANDOLFO, 45 KILOMETERS (27 MILES) AWAY IN THE ALBAN HILLS SOUTHEAST OF ROME.

FEW PEOPLE WERE UP TO SEE HIM OFF, BUT AT THE AIRPORT ABOUT 1,000 PERSONS STOOD ON THE ROOF APPLAUDING AND SHOUTING "VIVA IL PAPA" (LONG LIVE THE POPE) AS HE DROVE UP, STANDING IN AN OPEN CAR.

ITALIAN JUSTICE MINISTER GUIDO GONELLA HEADED THE GOVERNMENT DIGNITARIES AT THE AIRPORT TO SEE HIM OFF.

ALSO ON HAND WERE THE 85-YEAR-OLD VATICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, AMLETO CARDINAL CICOGNANI--MISSING A PAPAL TRIP ABROAD FOR THE FIRST TIME BECAUSE OF HIS ADVANCED AGE--AND ANGELO CARDINAL DELLACQUA, PAPAL VICAR FOR ROME.

THE POPE WAS FLYING TO BOGOTA TO SPEAK AT A WORLD EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS AND A GENERAL CONFERENCE OF LATIN AMERICAN BISHOPS.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY EUGENE CARDINAL TISSERANT, FRENCH-BORN DEAN OF THE SACRED COLLEGE ANTONIO CARDINAL SAMORE, PRESIDENT OF THE PONTIFICAL COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA, AND 15 OTHER VATICAN DIGNITARIES.

ABOUT 55 NEWSMEN ALSO SHARED HIS PLANE, A BOEING 707 OF AVIANCA, THE COLOMBIAN AIRLINE, ON THE NON-STOP FLIGHT.

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