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U.S. President Joe Biden looks out from the window of his limousine as he leaves the San Damaso Courtyard of the Apostolic Palace after a meeting with Pope Francis at the Vatican Oct. 29. (CNS/Paul Haring)



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