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According to a study released Sept. 27 by the Scientific Research Academy (Academia de la Investigacion Cientifica), over the past 10 years 466 top-flight Mexican scientists left the country. The study, titled, "Desercion de Recursos Humanos en las Areas de Investigacion Cientifica y Humanistica," attributed the brain drain to low salaries at the nation's education institutions, and reduced public spending on research and development. Thirty-six percent of the 466 were specialists in medical and natural sciences. Over half of the total, or 52.2%, left Mexico in the 1987-1991 period. The US ranked first in terms of attracting Mexican scientists, followed by Canada and the UK. (Source: El Financiero, 09/28/92)

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