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On April 18 the Interior Ministry reported that 12,000 illegal aliens had been deported thus far in 1989. In previous years, deportations totaled about 13,000 annually. Estimates of the number of illegal aliens in Mexico range from 125,000 to 200,000. The presence of many Salvadorans and Nicaraguans is "tolerated" by Mexican immigration authorities because they are considered to be very short-term transients, i.e., en route to the US. (Basic data from Xinhua, 04/21/89)

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