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On Aug. 9, US Immigration and Naturalization Service official Jorge Sanchez Gutierrez told reporters that an estimated 50,000 Mexican agricultural workers would be contracted for work in the US for periods of up to three years. Sanchez said an office would soon be opened in Saltillo, Mexico, to process requests for Mexican workers. According to Sanchez, Mexican workers could earn $3.35 per hour for a minimum of three months, and a maximum of three years, with an option to obtain permanent residency. Eligibility requirements are minimal, he said, but persons with a criminal record in the US, or who have participated in drug trafficking or terrorism would be declared "inadmissible." (Basic data from Notimex, Xinhua, 08/09/89)

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