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On Oct. 1, Baltazar Mejia Gonzalez, Mexican immigration service representative in Chiapas state, told Notimex that after receiving a tip from neighbors, agents raided a house and arrested 155 undocumented Salvadorans. He said the house was likely used as a way station for undocumented persons en route to the US. Mejia Gonzalez said the Salvadorans would be deported, and that they were being interrogated in efforts to identify "polleros" (smugglers). On Oct. 5, Marcos Lopez Mora, Mexican immigration service spokesperson in Veracruz state, reported that 18 Salvadorans and one Honduran en route to the US were detained in San Andres Tuxtla. Lopez Mora indicated that thus far in 1990, immigration agents in Veracruz have arrested, and subsequently deported, 6,000 undocumented persons. (Basic data from Notimex, 10/01/90, 10/05/90)

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