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In the last week of June, the House of Representatives approved up to \$20 million for an endowment to fund joint US-Mexican scientific research projects. Private matching funds must be found, or the endowment would be scratched. The funds would be part of the foreign aid authorization bill for FY1991. Hugo Arechiga, a neuro-biologist who is president of Mexico's private 630-member National Science Academy, said that 0.4% of GDP was devoted to scientific research in 1988, down from 0.6% in 1980. Almost all scientific research in Mexico is financed by the national government. Rep. Jerry Lewis (R-Calif.) inserted the appropriation into the authorization bill. (Basic data from Copley News Service, 07/01/90)

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