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On Nov. 7, spokespersons for the Mexican Attorney General's Office (PGR) told reporters that Federal Judicial Police had detained 29 undocumented Guatemalan, Honduran and Salvadoran nationals en route to the US. According to the report, the arrests took place in Sonora and Jalisco states. One group of detainees told officials that they had paid US$800 each to a "coyote" who promised to take them as far as Tijuana, Baja California. In Tijuana they were to contract the services of another individual who would be paid US$1,000 per person to transport them across the border and find them jobs in the US. The PGR spokespersons added that all 29 detainees would be deported to their countries of origin. (Basic data from Notimex, 11/07/91)

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