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According to Stephen Coats, director of the US/Guatemala Labor Education Project and writer for Multinational Monitor magazine, US clothing manufacturers have flocked to Guatemala in recent years, attracted by low wages and a docile work force. Apparel industry export revenue has grown over the last six years from $1 million to nearly $100 million per year. Guatemalan clothing exports to the US currently second after coffee. During the last five years, the total number of foreign-owned assembly for export plants (maquiladoras) located in Guatemala has increased from five to over 200. Eighty percent of the 40,000 clothing industry workers are women who earn on average US$2 to US$3 per day. (Basic data from Cerigua, 01/05-11/92)

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