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ILLEGAL ALIEN/DRUG IMPACT

- In January/February 1986, more cocaine seized at San Ysidro port of entry than in all of 1985
- Only some 10 percent of drugs entering country may be seized
- 32 percent of 2.1 million undocumented aliens counted in 1980 census were in L.A. County
- 80-90 percent of L.A. County jail population in for drug related crimes
- 20 percent of L.A. County central jail population are illegal aliens
- 63 percent of L.A.P.D. arrests for narcotics charges are illegal aliens; 50 percent of downtown crimes are estimated to have been committed by illegal aliens
- Local services, in addition to police/courts/custody, are being strained:
 - increase in AFDC to illegal aliens in L.A. by 40 percent from last year (to \$130 million)
 - 66 percent of babies born in L.A. County hospitals are born to illegal alien mothers
- Additional indirect results on U.S. resources may come from:
 - requirement to educate children of aliens without tuition payment (per a 1982 U.S. Supreme Court ruling)
 - possible requirement to provide Medicaid to illegal aliens (per a 1986 U.S. District Court ruling that may be appealed)