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country overland rather than by sea, given their nation's long, porous borders with both Honduras and Costa Rica. While some Nicaraguan refugees could reach the United States overland through Mexico, their numbers would be insignificant in comparison to those of illegal immigrants from Mexico itself, or even from overpopulated, war-torn El Salvador, whose population is nearly double that of Nicaragua.

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