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About **200** illegal **Chinese** immigrants who escaped from Mexican custody Friday night were apparently all rounded up on both sides of the **border** today.

The immigrants, all men, were part of a group of more than 300 detained at the Rodolfo Sanchez Taboada International Airport in Mexicali. The immigrants escaped Friday night by breaking down a security cordon, overwhelming the guards with sheer numbers and running off into the night.

United States Border Patrol guards arrested 87 immigrants as they crossed the **border** into Calexico, said a spokesman, Paul Villanueva.

The remaining **Chinese** immigrants were believed to have been **caught** in Mexico or voluntarily returned to the airport, Mr. Villanueva said. Mexican officials were unavailable for comment.

The immigrants will be deported to China unless they request a hearing or receive political asylum, officials said. They were being processed in Calexico and El Centro, Mr. Villanueva said.

Mexico's plan to deport the illegal **Chinese** immigrants was halted Friday after the **United States** and Canadian authorities refused to let a plane land and refuel.

An official in Washington, who requested anonymity, said permission was denied because, once the plane landed on **United States** soil, the **Chinese** could request political asylum.

The American Immigration and Naturalization Service said 12 boats carrying 1,300 **Chinese** had been intercepted in the last 18 months before arriving in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Honolulu and New Bedford, Mass.

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