



*Figure 15. Los dos Nogales, circa 1950. By 1954, Ambos Nogales was a major automotive gateway to the west coast of Mexico, and paved roadway extended from the border through Sinaloa to the national capital. Fence-line postcard views looking west from Churcas Hill now include the newly constructed million-dollar, high-rise Marcos de Niza Hotel. Auto traffic through Nogales nearly doubled in terms of passenger transit, from 38,000 in 1954 to 73,000 in 1959. This view shows that the Mexican garita at the main crossing is still a two-story structure in Spanish revival style whereas the U.S. gatehouse has been renovated in a sleek, flat-roofed modern look.*