



*Figure 21. Mexican garita, circa 1968. This ground-level view looks south into Mexico through the double-winged canopy built by PRONAF in 1964. Vehicles move into Mexico on the right and exit at the left. Traffic islands with ornamental vegetation and a flag standard display are visible in front of and behind the arched gateway. In 1969, the Nixon administration launched Operation Intercept, intended to combat drug trafficking at border crossings. The ensuing delays harmed border-area businesses and created traffic congestion at gate crossings.*