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Mexico Deports Professor to U.S.

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An American university professor, quietly arrested and held incommunicado for more than 48 hours, was deported yesterday.

A United States Embassy spokesman confirmed that Professor Kenneth F. Johnson of the University of Missouri-St. Louis had been put aboard a flight to San Antonio.

Johnson, a frequent visitor to Mexico, is the author of "Democracy in Mexico: a Critical View," which was published last year and has drawn considerable criticism here. Since his most recent arrival, on August 9, he is known to have been in close contact with the political opposition, including militant elements of the university community.

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