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Muy estimada Beatriz,

I hope that this letter finds you in good health, and I send you my greetings from La Florida. As you may have heard, I recently retired from teaching at the University of Illinois and my wife (Dra. Susan Gillespie) has joined the anthropology faculty at the University of Florida, and therefore we now live in Florida. I am enjoying the warm Florida climate and do not miss the cold and snow of Illinois.

I am writing to send you my cordial saludos and to congratulate you on the honor that you will receive at your homenaje "Acercarse y Mirar" on February. 6-8. Unfortunately, although I would very much like to be there to participate when you received the honor that you so richly deserve, I am very sad in my heart because I cannot attend. Nevertheless, I want to thank you for your many magnificent contributions to Olmec studies, and for the friendship and help that you have given to me over the years.

I hope to come to Mexico in March or April and I can perhaps visit you at that time. Until then, please receive my warmest best wishes for a joyous and successful homenaje.

With highest regards,



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