

Mexico City

Dear Friends,

Saludos desde México y Feliz Navidad 1993. Robin and Steve are finally resettled after a year of transition. It's hard to believe we left Hawaii just 12 months ago.

We spent the first half of 1993 in Washington DC completing the many parts of Attache training and departed the U.S. in July for two memorable months of language training in Cuernavaca, Mexico. During this "language immersion" we spoke Spanish both in school and with our "family", where we got a true insider's view of society in Mexico. On the weekends we continued learning the culture and seeing the sights in this fascinating country. As might be expected, Robin's new mastery of Spanish is impressive. In fact, she already tops the Attache wives in that field.

Steve reported to the Embassy in mid-September, just in time for us to help the Mexican Navy host high-level USN/USMC/USCG invitees for the five-day Mexican Independence Celebrations, or "Grito" (16 de septiembre) as they are known. Since then our life has been filled with the challenges of assimilating into this exciting city, and learning the diplomatic routine.

We have a lovely home in the Lomas de Chapultepec area with lots of room, a magnificent location and all the comforts. Our first guests will be Steve's folks and college-student John, all down from Texas for Christmas. Steve, Robin and the (now) two Corgi's, Keo and Carlos-Charlie, hope to also host our other adventurous friends -- the invitation is open to all. Call us if you're game: 011-525-202-2965 (H).

Warmest holiday wishes and the best in 1994.

Steve & Robin



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Greetings of the Season
and all good wishes for the coming year

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