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Special Loading Report *R. P. C. Kelly*

The loading has just finished with 4,012 taken. The loading was stopped by Capt. Rubin's assistant when several trucks were still loaded with people. Capt. Rubin has repeatedly taken arbitrary action undercutting our program and costing the United States thousands of dollars. He makes no pretext at either getting along with us or liking us. I wish you could use whatever influence you may have to encourage his removal. I realize this is a strong statement, but so is his action. We had trouble with the air lift, and now with the sea lift. Previously he has unnecessarily delayed loading by a day, or even more, and these delays cost us money. He has already been rebuked for his attitude concerning the air lift by his superiors, and I feel the whole operation would profit by his early removal.

We have indicated that we wanted a minimum of 3,500, and a maximum of 6,000 on the Howzie, and while we have agreed that 6,000 is too much for this time of year with the heavy seas and resultant illness, certainly 4,000 is not enough when so many wished to go south, were packed and transported to the point of embarkation.

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