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September 16, 1908

Col. Geo. W. Goethals,
Chairman and Chief Engineer,
Culebra.

Sir:

Referring to the attached:

There are about 30 families quartered at Buena Vista camp. Between 35 and 40 Spaniards board among these different families. This Spaniard, Santiago, referred to, boards 10, and another Spaniard named Tomaso Purcel, check No. 7795, working for the Quartermaster's Dept., boards 8. The remainder being boarded by the number of one, two or three by the other families.

Some time ago, while this was under the Department of Labor & Quarters, Lieut. Wood gave them permission through the Local Supervisor to board five in each family. This number allowed was later reduced to three, and finally the Supervisor finding they were not restricting themselves to the number allowed prohibited it altogether.

These parties all admit that they have been warned frequently and claim Santiago is the first to break the rule, and that if he is allowed the privilege they cannot see why they are not also.

I believe if Santiago was put out of quarters this practice would immediately cease. There is hardly any use of dismissing him, as I find from past experience, these Spaniards will go to some other point