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COMMENTS:

I don't know Cushman, and we can wait until EED's letter is received. There are a lot of crack-pots in this field, and the man to carry on research should be sane, balanced & free of evangelical bias. I don't quite understand from your memorandum just what Cushman proposes to do.

RMA

SUBJECT:

While at Cornell I had a long talk with R. E. Cushman, Chairman of the Political Science Department and former president of the American Political Science Association, on a study of "Civil Liberties in Wartime" which he is making. He had submitted a request for a somewhat ambitious plan over a year ago which we declined. As an alternative, he was financed on a more modest basis by the Public Administration Committee of the SSRC. Memorandum of my interview with him is attached. He requests modest funds to enable him to continue the spade work ^{by} which he has started gathering information in cooperation with the Department of Justice, (the head of the Civil Liberties Section is a former student of his) on such subjects as the handling of conscientious objectors, the handling of enemy aliens, and possibly certain aspects of censorship, etc. etc.

I talked yesterday with EED and a formal letter of application is on its way. If it is in conformity with the discussion which I had with Cushman, I shall recommend it for consideration at either the April or May Board Meetings.

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** There might also be a proposal from the School of Agriculture at Cornell but this is as yet uncertain.