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6. Cushman Civil Liberties Study (JHW). JHW reported George Sokolsky's plans to blast the study when it appears, claiming that Gellhorn is suspected of subversive activity and not competent to make a study of the Committee on Un-American Activities. Cushman is completely satisfied that Gellhorn is innocent of the charges made against him in a report made by Matthews for the Committee on Un-American Activities. (This report was never approved by the Committee.) Cushman reports further that Gellhorn is not making a study of the Committee. That task is being done by Robert Carr of Dartmouth, recent winner of a prize given by the American Political Science Association. LCD suggested the advisability of a statement to the Board in advance of Sokolsky's blast. JHW will write memo on the subject to CIB. PEM pointed out that Arthur McMahon at Columbia knows Gellhorn. RFE will write memo on some of the early activities of Sokolsky. He and Gellhorn worked "in the same harness" for a while.

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