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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PLANNING
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE JOSEPH LAITIN
ASSISTANT PRESS SECRETARY, THE WHITE HOUSE

FROM JAMES DERIEUX, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PLANNING

SUBJECT: Intended Press Releases Relating to Presidential
Emergency Actions

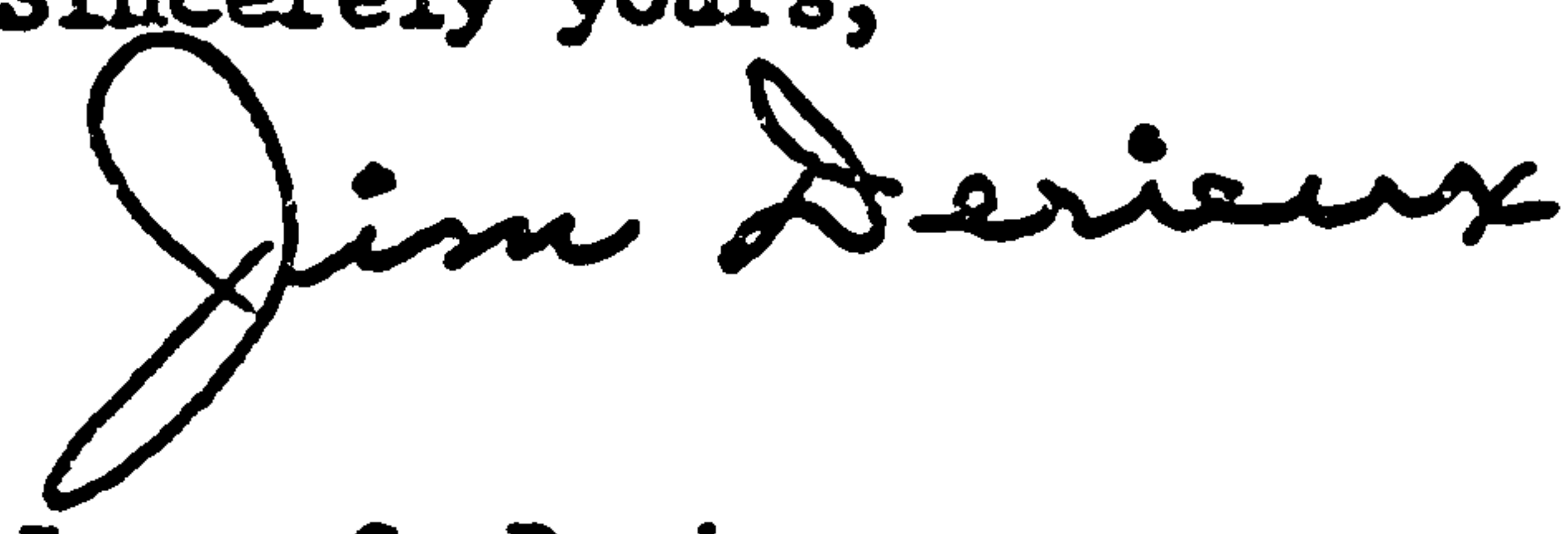
In your office yesterday I told you of certain intended press releases prepared in connection with Presidential Emergency Action Documents. You asked for copies, and here is a set. Other sets are in locked files at the OEP Classified Location.

These intended releases were prepared by Thomas Hagan, Emergency Information Office at the Classified Location at the direction, he tells me, of Colonel J. M. Chambers, formerly Deputy Director, OEP. This was before my association with the Emergency Information Program.

As far as I know no one at the White House has approved of these items either as to content or to the indicated procedure for their release. Soon after I came into the program a copy was given to the then Press Secretary Salinger, but again as far as I know, he made no comments on them.

The subject matter here involved is of such intimate importance to the White House that, as I told you, I am convinced a file should be in the custody of the Press Office for approval, disapproval or whatever action is preferred, both as to content and procedure for release.

Sincerely yours,



James C. Derieux

P.S. I'll arrange to meet with Commander Josephson soon after the Fourth Holiday to go into the matters we talked over. Before many weeks I hope we may come to you and to Mr. Reedy with an amended emergency information plan and procedure that will save you both from at least most of the appeals we have to make for guidance.

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