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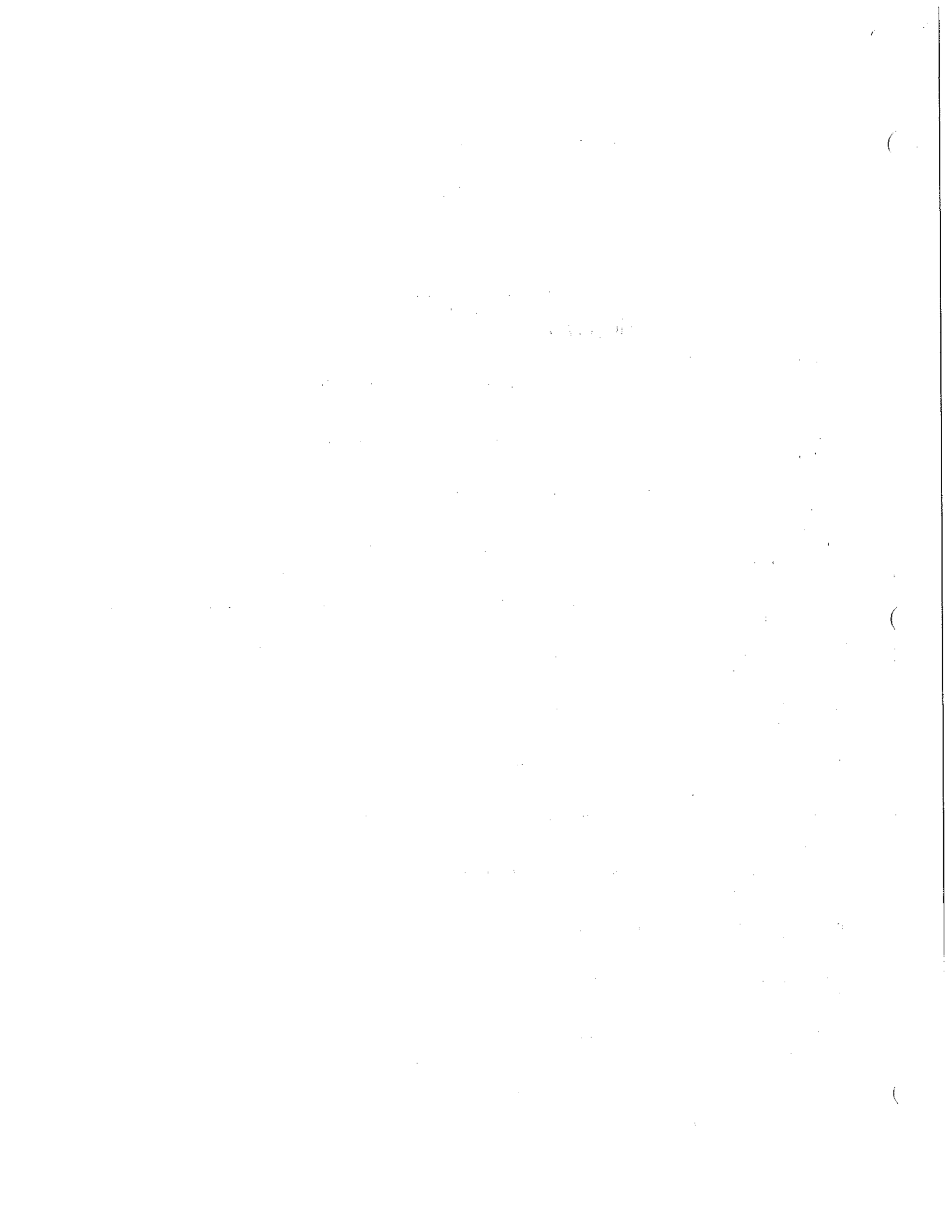
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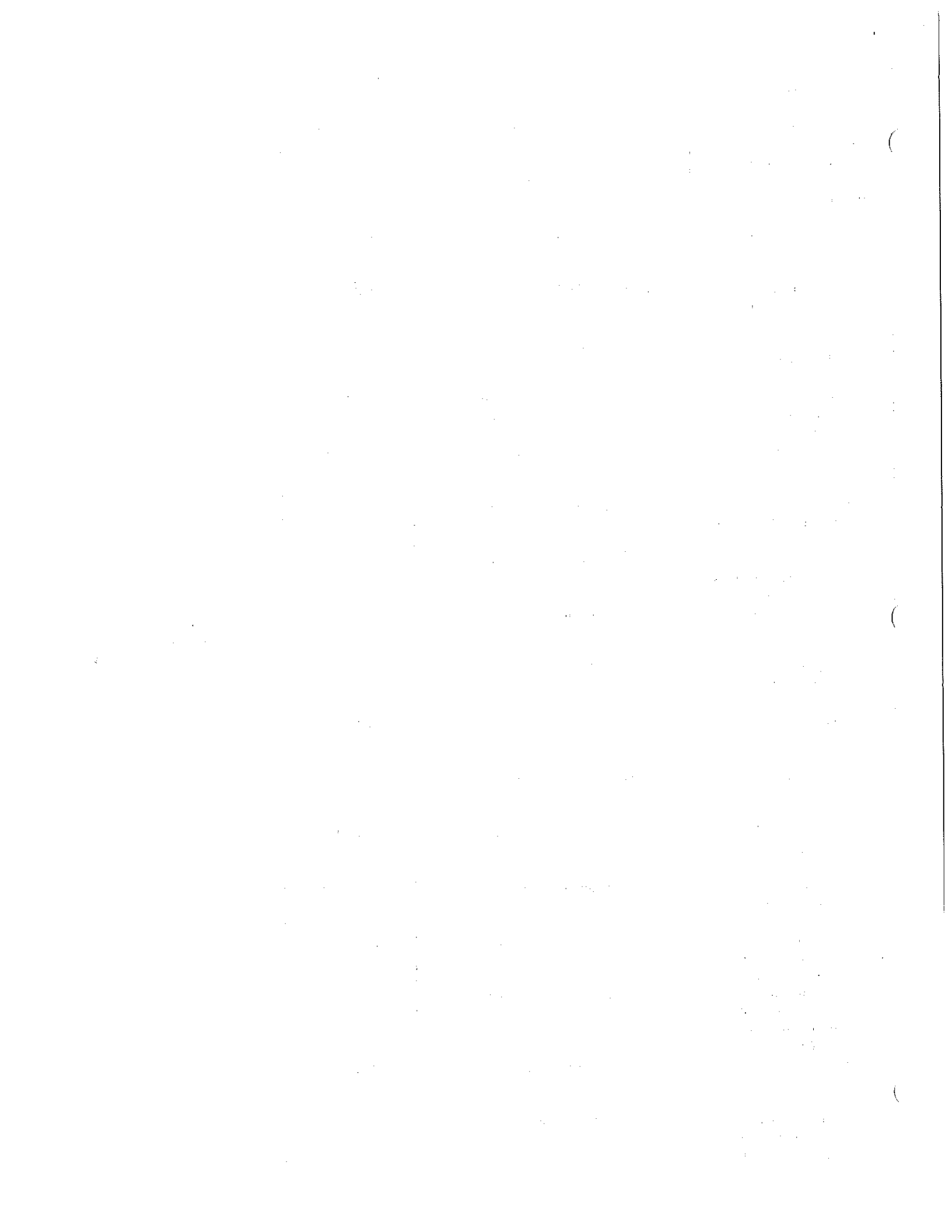
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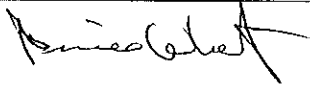
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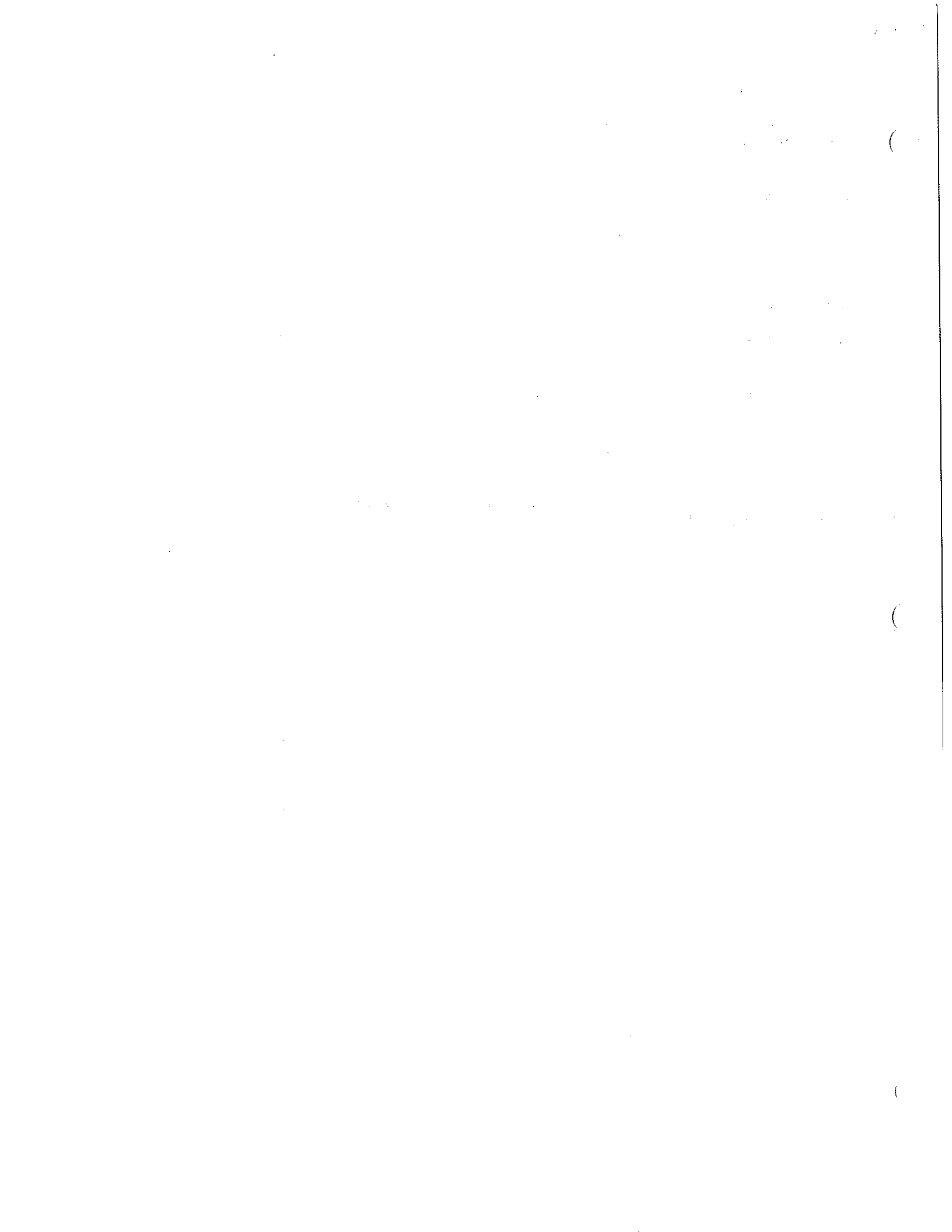
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Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management
Public Awareness, Education & Training Committee

August 14, 2013

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of June 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes. No meeting in July.

III. Old Business

1. Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan
2. Resilient Neighbors Network
3. Mass Fatalities Plan/Mass Fatalities Conference update – October 29 & 30
4. Disaster Ready Kids Program – June 1 thru September 30
5. Jessica Owens attended Public Information Officer Training at EMI – June 24-27
6. Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities -- July 9-10
7. Awareness Small Animal Emergency Sheltering Class – July 16
8. Quarterly Partnership Luncheon – July 24
9. Regional Exercises: TTX June 26; FE August 9 in Hampshire County; Full Scale on Saturday, September 14 -- Jefferson Capabilities to be tested are Mass Fatalities, Medical Surge, and EOC Operations

IV. New Business

1. Dam Owner Workshop – 8:30am – 4:30pm – Mountain Lake Club – Shannondale – August 8
2. Third Thursday event – Downtown Charles Town with Community Ministries – August 15 – 5:00pm – 8:00pm
3. JCHSEM booth at the Jefferson County Fair – August 18-23
4. Barb Miller and Terri Mehling to attend LEPC/SERC Conference in Charleston – August 25-23
5. Barb Miller and Terri Mehling to attend Public Assistance Eligibility Class at Chief Logan State Park – September 17-19
6. Jefferson County Animal Welfare Society – Paws & Claws Dinner and Auction – October 26 – Hollywood Casino - \$50 per person
7. Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and Recovery -- October 22 – County Maintenance Department – register online via WVDMAPS
8. Recommended EMI Courses for August -- IS-42 – Social Media in Emergency Management
<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS42.asp>

V. Member Sharing Time

VI. Adjournment

The next meeting of the Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management's Public Awareness, Education and Training Committee will be held on **September 11** at the **Jefferson County EOC at 9:00am.**

Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Public Awareness Committee
June 12, 2013
Minutes

Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management's Public Awareness Committee met at Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management offices on June 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Present were: Paul Burke, Listener; Mike Davis, CERT Volunteer; Pat Davis (via phone), CERT volunteer; Terri Mehling, JCHSEM; Sandee Niles, Red Cross Volunteer; Jessica Owens, JCHSEM; and Annie Wheat, Ameriworks.

Introductions

Ms. Mehling opened the meeting. Ms. Wheat motioned to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2013 meeting, all approved.

Unfinished Business:

Ms. Mehling reported that the Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan has been completed with the exception of the adoption of the resolutions by the municipalities. The resolutions must be signed by the municipalities if they do not wish to create their own plan. The Plan was delivered to the state and FEMA and was approved without any changes pending the signing of the resolutions.

Ms. Mehling provided an update on the Resilient Neighbors Network. Jefferson County was chosen as one of ten communities from the country to participate in this network. Each month there is a conference call among the communities to provide updates and exchange ideas. Recent discussions during these calls have included mitigation planning and recovery planning.

Ms. Mehling stated that the Mass Fatalities Conference will be held on October 29th and 30th at the Quality Hotel Conference Center in Harpers Ferry, WV. This is a regional event that can accommodate 250 attendees. Mr. Davis provided an update on the registration process for the conference. More information about the conference can be found at <http://jclepc.davistrainingsolutions.com/>. Ms. Mehling also noted that Ms. Hite of the Jefferson County Health Department is working with J.H. Consulting on a Mass Fatalities Plan.

Ms. Mehling announced that another class completed the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training on May 2, 2013. There were a total of 14 graduates for this most recent training. Another training session will likely be scheduled for the fall of this year.

The Quarterly Partnership Luncheon was held at The Anvil in Harpers Ferry, WV on April 24, 2013. Major Story of the Salvation Army was the keynote speaker for this event. He spoke to the audience about the mission of the Salvation Army and how they work with local agencies.

Ms. Mehling reported that a training for 'Mobilizing Faith-Based Community Organizations in Preparing for Disasters' was held on April 25, 2013 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel in Shepherdstown. This training helped facilitate discussion about disasters between emergency management and the faith-

based community. Ms. Mehling also noted that the Partnership Development Committee is working on engaging the faith-based community more than they have in years past to better coordinate relief efforts in the event of a disaster.

Ms. Mehling noted that there were 16 participants at the 'Winds of Change' LEPC tabletop exercise on April 26, 2013 held at the Maintenance Department. This exercise tested the County's hazmat capabilities. The exercise involved JCHSEM, local fire departments, the sheriff's office, the health department, the American Red Cross, and several other agencies. The After Action Report has documented several areas that need improvement.

Jefferson County has once again been reaccredited as a Storm Ready Community by the National Weather Service. This status requires that numerous criteria are met.

Ms. Miller attended an RCPG transportation and evacuation meeting on May 2nd. This meeting was a step towards better regional coordination on evacuation efforts.

Ms. Mehling attended a course at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland regarding the National Flood Insurance Program and Community Rating System. At this training a new coordinator's manual was issued. Jefferson County currently has a rating of 8 which allows citizens to receive a 10% discount on their flood insurance. This rating could eventually improve based on the actions the County takes to reduce flood risks.

Ms. Owens reported that she helped work JCHSEM's booth at the Jefferson County Animal Welfare Society's Bark in the Park on the morning of Saturday, June 1. Both Mr. Davis and Ms. Davis assisted in handing out pamphlets about preparing pets for disasters with an emergency supply kit. Ms. Mehling, Ms. Hernandez, and Ms. Flores also worked at the booth that afternoon.

Ms. Miller attended the West Virginia Floodplain Managers Workshop from June 2nd -June 4th at the Canaan Valley Institute in Davis. This is an annual event for certified floodplain managers in the state.

New Business:

Ms. Owens stated that she will be attending the Advanced Public information Officer course at the Emergency Management Institute from June 24th-June 27th. This is an intensive course designed to prepare public information officers for emergency events.

Ms. Owens reported that the Disaster Ready Kids Program started on June 1st and will last until September 1st. This program is designed to teach children about different types of disasters that could occur in Jefferson County and how they can prepare for them. Several requests for readers have already been sent in from daycares and summer camps in the County.

Ms. Miller is attending the West Virginia Emergency Managers Conference in Wheeling, WV from June 11-June 13th. Emergency management policies and procedures in the state will be among the topics discussed at the conference.

Ms. Mehling reported that there will be an Awareness Level Small Animal Emergency Sheltering Class at the Jefferson County Maintenance Building on July 15, 2013 from 0800-1700. This course will be taught by members of the Florida State Animal Response Coalition. There are prerequisite courses and recommended courses to be taken prior to this training. Please send an e-mail to Barb Miller at bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org if you would like to register for the course.

Jefferson County will be participating in an exercise with the EPA and WV Homeland Security Region 3 this summer. The exercise will be hazmat related and revolve around something falling from the sky. The schedule for this exercise is as follows: tabletop exercise on June 26, functional exercise in July, and the full scale exercise on Saturday, September 14, 2013. This exercise will test Jefferson County's mass fatality, medical surge, and EOC operation capabilities.

A Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities course will be held at the Bank of Romney on July 9th and July 10th.

The recommended EMI course for June is Independent Study- 325: Earthquake Basics: Science, Risk, and Mitigation. <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS325.asp>