MS of letter by A.C. in hand of [illegible] May? June? (28a)

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La renommée de ma carrière m'a valu l'hostilité des envieux, aussi quelques journaux de mauvaise réputation m'ont attaqué avec acharnement en débitant les calomnies les plus mensongères à mon sujet — que je suis cannibale, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], pédéraste, et je ne sais quoi d'autres choses! Il m'est impossible de les poursuivre; car mon temps est rempli de travail. Mais je n'ai jamais été l'objet d'aucune poursuite judiciaire; personne n'a jamais osé relever la moindre accusation sérieuse contre moi.

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Je me suis réfugié à Tunis, le 2 Mai 1923, depuis quand je suis resté ici, où j'ai trouvé [illegible] d'âme, tout en travaillant en paix sur mes Mémoires.

Je n'ai eu la moindre [illegible] relation avec [illegible], ni fait aucune [illegible] autour de moi. Néanmoins le Commissaire Spécial de Police m'a conseillé en [illegible] de quitter la France, [illegible] dans le "[illegible] de [illegible]" du 27 Mai pouvait soulever quelque [illegible] de la part des Italiens, et en m'avertissant que "beaucoup de gens [illegible] beaucoup de mal de moi". On pourrait être [illegible] de M. Poincaré.

J'ai passé une grande partie de ma vie en France; on peut donc dire qu'elle est ma seconde patrie, plus chère même que celle de ma naissance.
Au moment même je travaille à soutenir les droits de la France, à justifier sa politique dans la Ruhr, à défendre la République contre ses ennemis, les communistes autant que les réactionnaires.
Je serais fort dérangé si j'étais obligé de quitter la Tunisie, où j'ai rassemblé les éléments nécessaires à la confection de mes Mémoires, travail gigantesque qui s'étend déjà à plus d'un demi-million de mots.
Mes dernières années ne seraient bien [illegible]; aussi j'ai osé vous prier m'accorder la protection du drapeau de [illegible] puisque [illegible] la vraie patrie de la science, de la littérature, et de la liberté, pour un pauvre [illegible] qui veut travailler librement pour l'avancement du savoir et le progrès de la race humaine.

(2) Letter by A C in hand of Model — May? June? 1923 (27a)

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D'Avril 1920 à Mai 1923 j'ai habité une maison à Cefalù Sicile, sans faire aucun scandale, sans querelle ou autre désagrément.
Pendant ce temps le gouvernement d'Italie a prononcé contre moi un arrêt d'expulsion
Nul raison fut donnée; nulle accusation fut portée contre moi.

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Je n'ai eu la moindre mauvaise relation avec aucune qui fait aucune haute autorité de moi. Néanmoins, le Commissaire Spécial de Police m'a conseillé de quitter la Tunisie, en allégant qu'une article sur moi dans la "Dépêche de Carthage" du 27 Mai pourrait soulever quelque mécontentement parmi les Italiens, et en m'avertissant que "beaucoup de gens disent beaucoup de mal de moi". On pourrait dire autant de M. Poincaré!

J'ai passé une grande partie de ma vie en France, au point dans qu'elle est ma Seconde Patrie, plus chère même que celle de ma naissance.
Au moment même je travaille à soutenir les droits de la France, à justifier sa politique dans la Ruhr, à défendre la République contre ses ennemis, les communistes autant que les réactionnaires.
Je serais fort dérangé si j'étais obligé de quitter la Tunisie où j'ai rassemblé les éléments nécessaires à la confection de mes Mémoires, travail gigantesque qui s'étend déjà à plus d'un demi-million de mots.
Une dernière raison encore me serait bien pénible: aussi j'ose vous prier m'accorder la protection du drapeau français que je reconnais être la vraie patrie de la science, de la littérature, et de la liberté pour un pauvre savant et poète qui veut travailler librement pour l'avancement du savoir et le progrès de la race humaine.

(1) of letter of A C in hand of Rudd May? June? 1927 (2 Xa)

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Je n'ai eu la moindre mauvaise relation avec aucune autorité. Je n'ai fait aucune banqueroute. Néanmoins, le Commissaire Spécial de Police m'a conseillé ce matin de quitter la Tunisie, en allégant qu'une article sur moi dans le "Dossier de Carton" du 27 Mai pourrait soulever quelque animosité envers moi de la part des Italiens, et en m'avertissant que "beaucoup de gens disent beaucoup de mal de moi". On pourrait dire autant de M. Poincaré.

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Copie de la lettre de A.C. au Grand Maître de l'Ordre — Mars / June ? 192

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Aleister Crowley to Aleister Crowley [May? June? 1923] (24a)

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Je serais fort dérangé si j'étais obligé de quitter la Tunisie, où j'ai rassemblé les éléments nécessaires à la confection de mes Mémoires, travail gigantesque qui s'élève déjà à plus d'un demi-million de mots.
Me dévouant encore au service de la France, j'ai osé vous prier m'accorder la protection du drapeau français que je reconnais être la vraie patrie de la science, de la littérature, et de la liberté pour un pauvre savant et poète qui veut travailler librement pour l'avancement du savoir et le progrès de la race humaine.

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Il n'est nullement de la poussière sur mon temps est rempli de travail.
Mais je n'ai jamais été l'objet d'aucune poursuite judiciaire ; personne n'a jamais osé relever la moindre accusation sérieuse contre moi.

D'Avril 1920 à Mai 1923 j'ai habité une maison à Cefalù Sicile, sans faire aucun scandale, sans querelle ou autre désagrément.
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Mr Albert G. A. C. in Lond. to Dr Weld. Mar? June? 192 (28a)

Monsieur,
Do what thou wilt shall be the whole law.

Veuillez-moi de m'excuser à votre excellence.

Je suis très connu en Angleterre et Amérique comme poète romancier philosophe. J'ai été l'ami intime d'Auguste Rodin, de Marcel Schwob Eugène Carrière d'Anatole France et d'autres grands français qui m'ont fait l'honneur de me traiter en confrère.

J'ai fait deux expéditions aux Himalayas, aussi aux volcans de Kerguelen. Je parle couramment de plusieurs [illegible] j'ai traversé la Chine et le Turkestan à pied; aussi l'Espagne et quelques parties du Désert de Sahara.

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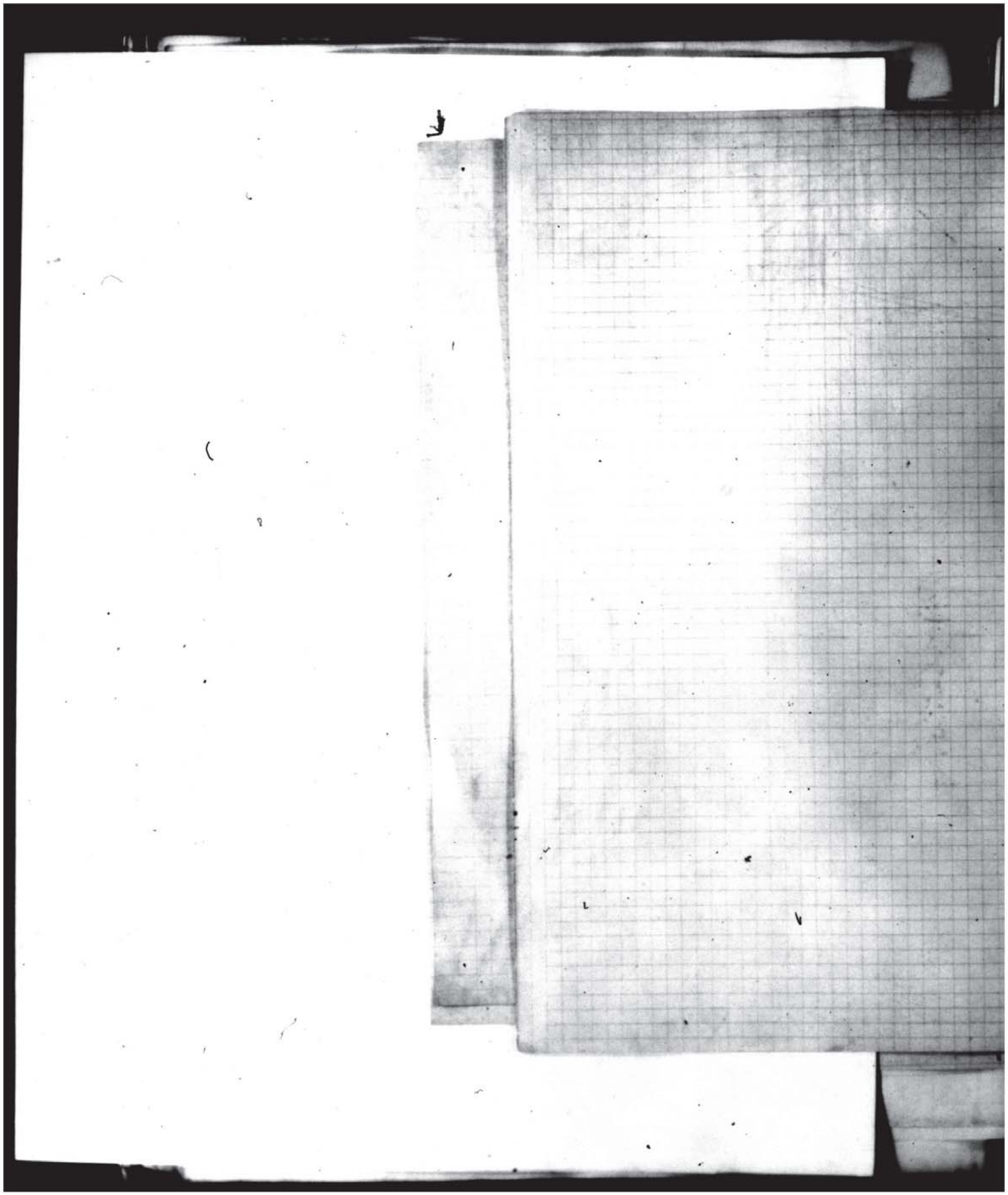

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11. During my absence in America practically the whole of my property had been stolen by the people to whom I entrusted it. This fact gradually became known, and my enemies took courage.

12. Knowing that my back was turned and my financial position precarious, advantage was taken of the publication of my book "The Diary of a Drug Fiend" by your firm, to denounce it as objectionable; but this contention being immediately seen to be untenable, they changed their tactics and published all the false and ridiculous stories about me which they could rake up from my personal enemies or from the cess pools of their own imagination.

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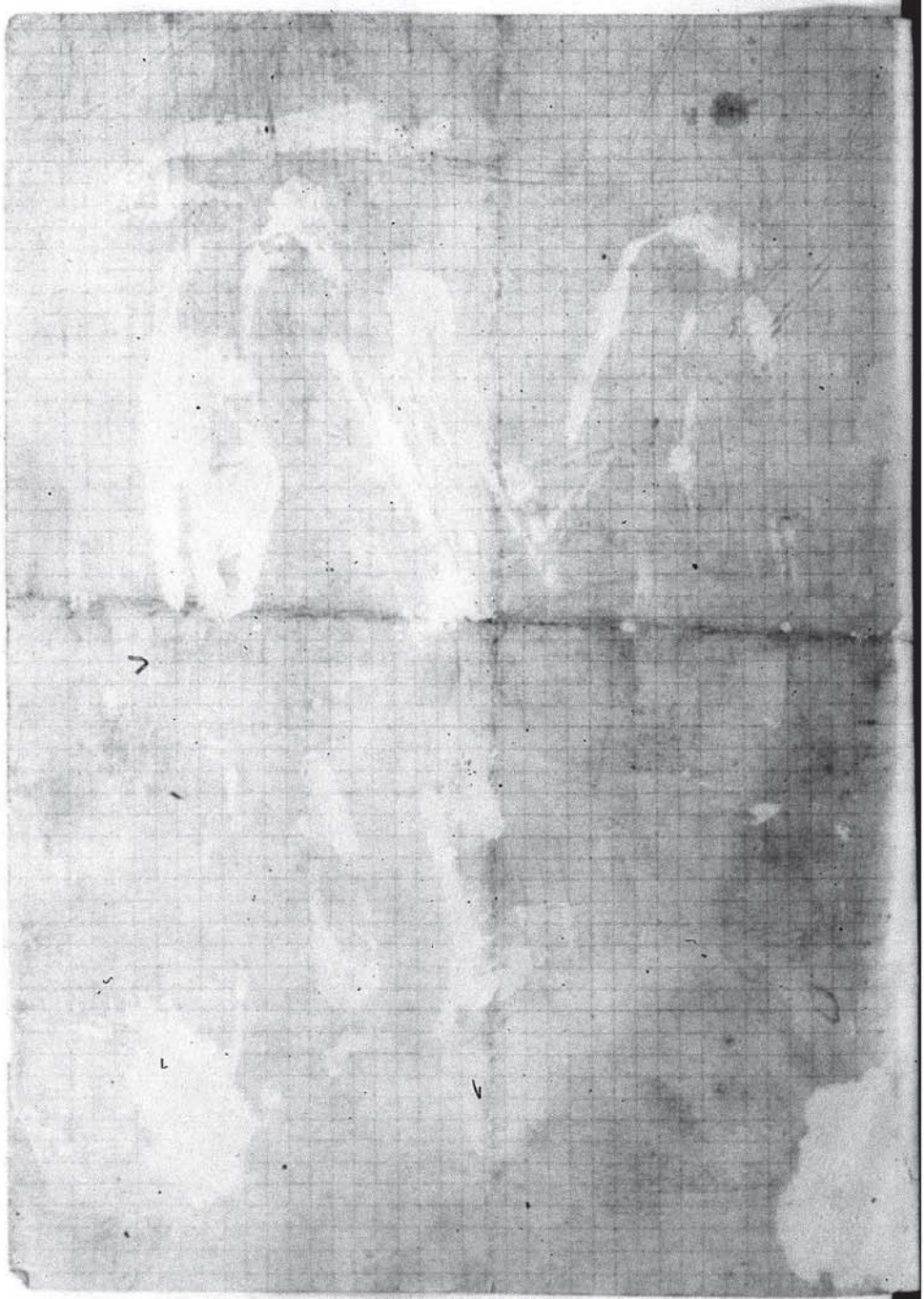

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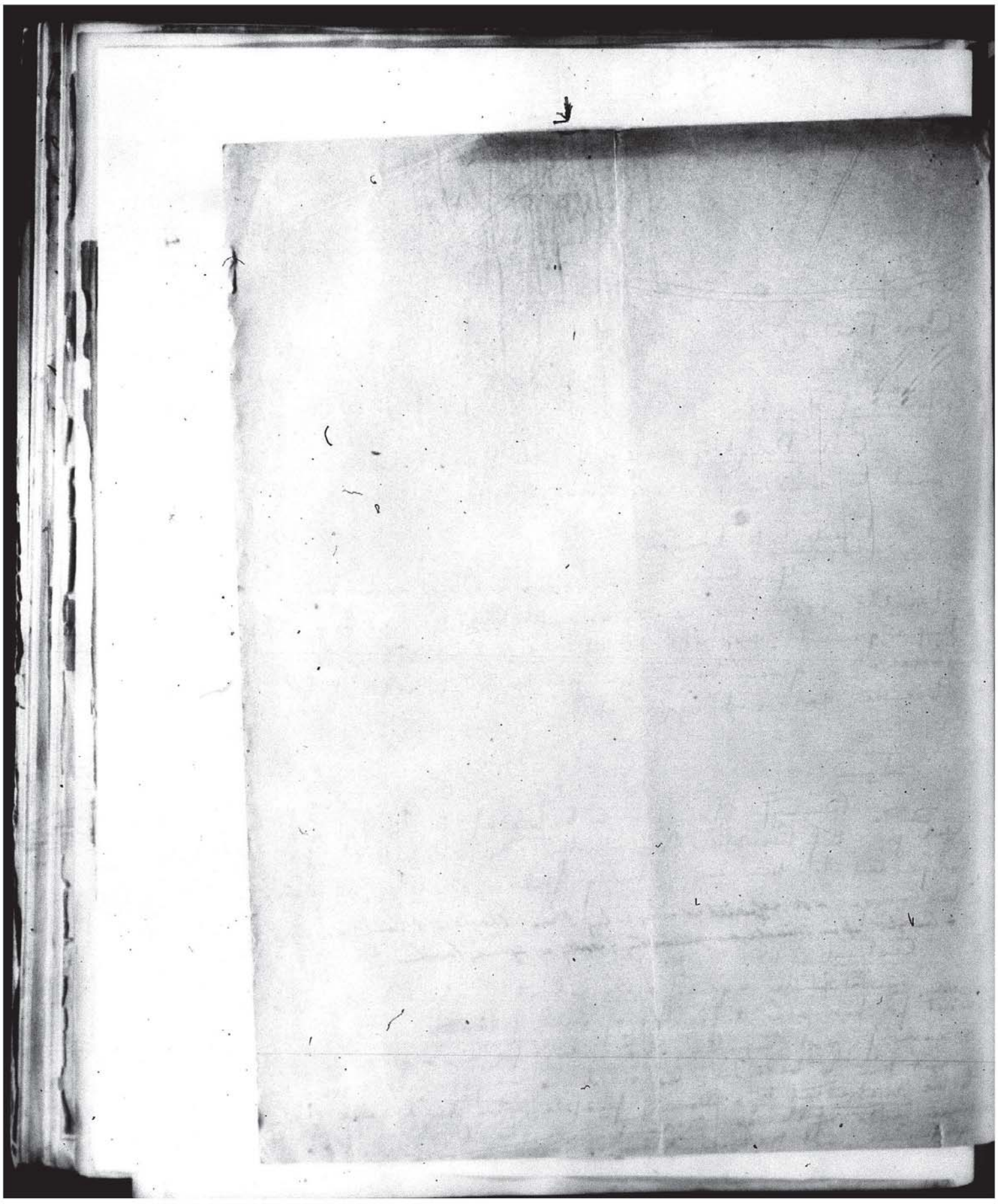

Betty May

I leave it in your hands but my idea would be to get her to make an affidavit through my lawyers stating that her story was false and explaining why she acted like that. Giving full particulars of error, if cnsd.

She should ~~be informed~~ be assumed that we feel nothing but love for her but that of course we can do nothing to prevent her own acts working out their natural and necessary effects. It is for her own sake that we urge her to undo the mischief she has done as far as possible. I feel that Betty's letter is in essence a cry for help. She should have it.

Speaking with be the other hims might be induced to confess. They are all old friends with no real grievance against any of us. Between their letters Dorothy Trosel feeling & the book caused by Betty's collapse, they might all come forward like men.

I shall write to Dorothy later but rely on you to give details about Scorpio!

— see separate entry —

Despite my conscience, I find myself automatically forced into feeling better every day. My sleep is coming back slowly and so is my creative energy. With luck another week or two should see me in really fine shape. I am glad I came here instead of going South. That would have been a little too much of a kill or cure scheme and as it turns out it ought to be all right here.

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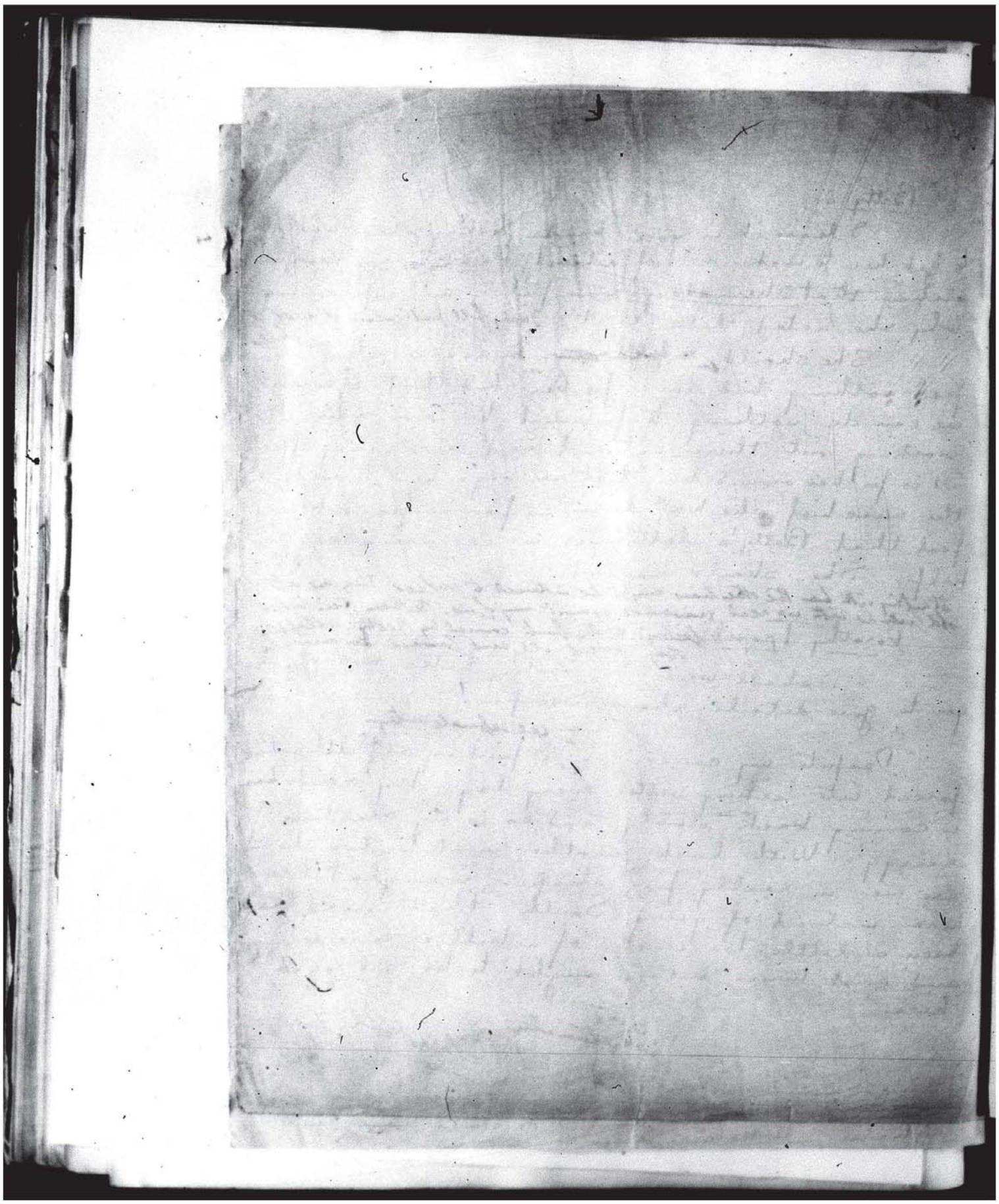

P.S. Also enclosing 2 excerpts from Diary of 666, Game of Chess of which 666 is very proud. Rats! but it's very interesting the way in which any apparently desperate defence suddenly turns into an overwhelming attack, without effort.

P.P.S. Please consider what is best to do about the 10 cases of pictures books, cushions, easel, statue of Ho Tai and clothes of A.C. etc. which are in Naples c/o Amer. Express Co. (see files 1923 re correspondence) A.C. paid up the storage charges, also for transportation to Cefalu, when he was there last. The expulsion caused me to write to the A.E.C. to hold them a while longer. Meanwhile storage charges start again — on the other hand, the moment may not be propitious.

Also — The A.E.C. in Palermo promised to look up our Tunis stuff (they hold the papers) The gentleman in charge was so busy flirting with me that he couldn't talk business. A.C. asked him to look it up and if he is able to rescue anything to send to Cefalu — A note from you will probably get him going again or if you visit Palermo, do you mind calling?

Did you receive a Post Card from us? It was an experiment.

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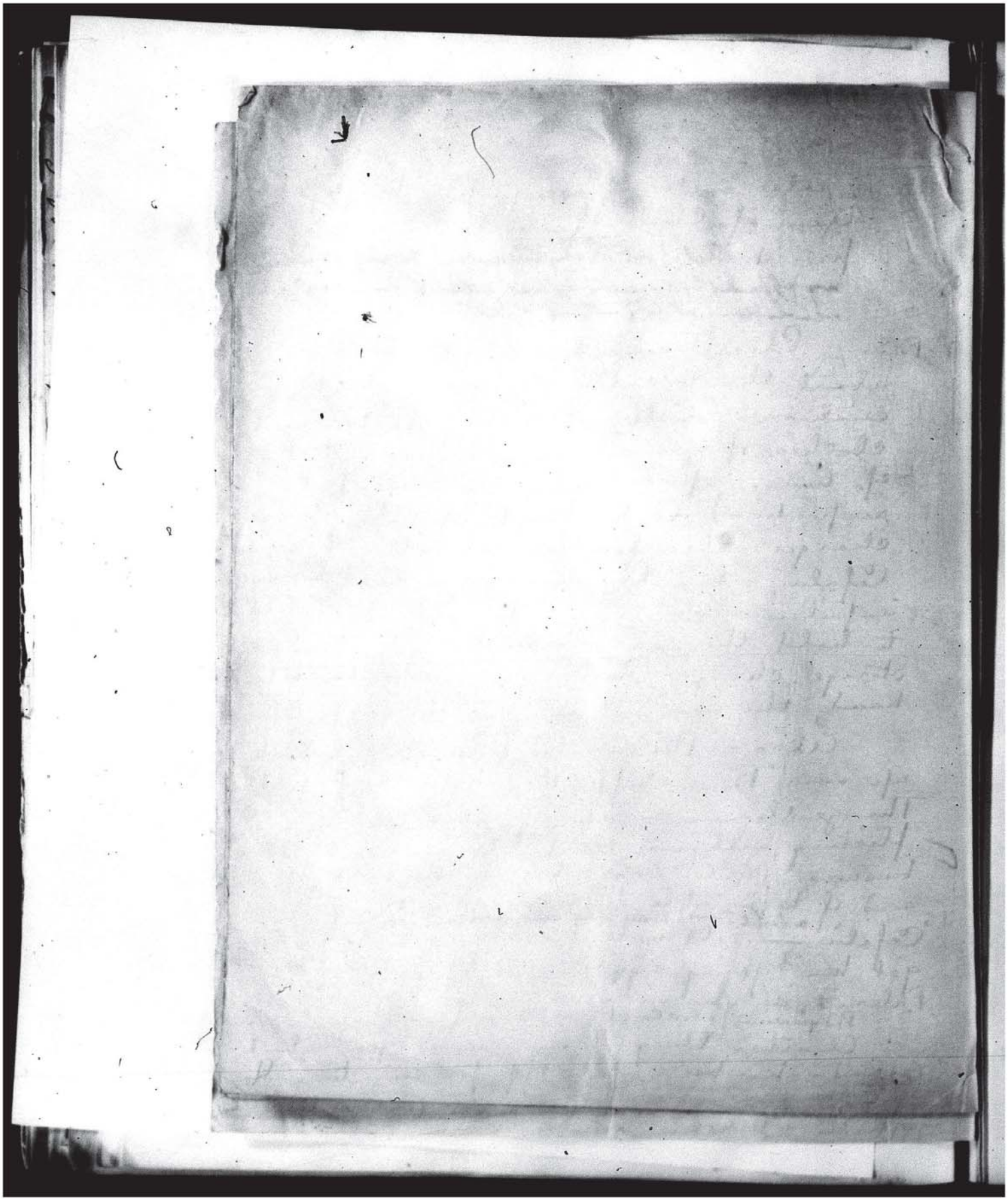

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