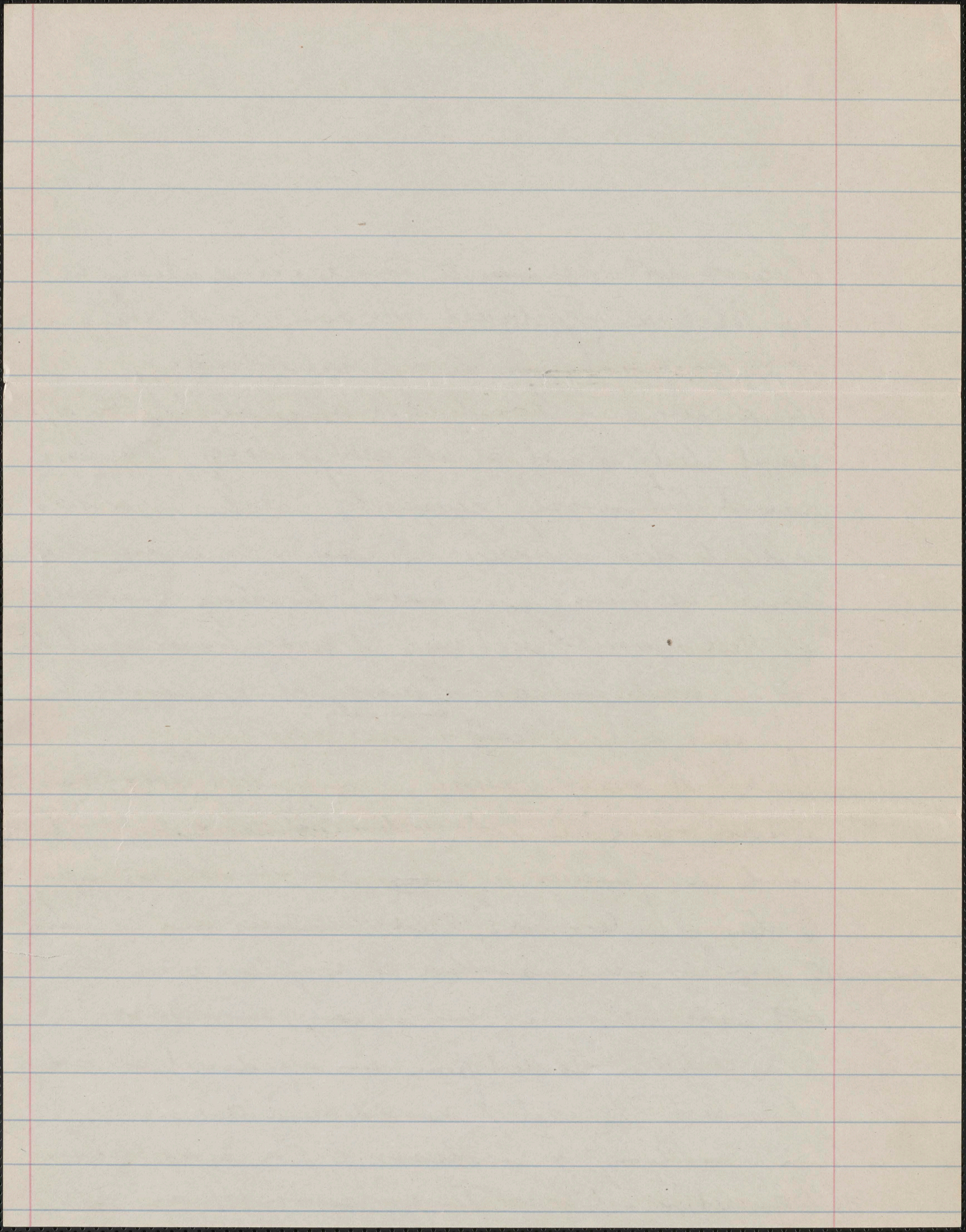


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I shall not take much time in dealing with the Pelcher affidavit because of the length of time taken in ~~the~~ considering the Audens and Goodrich affidavits. The affidavit itself is not at all satisfactory. The important testimony given by Pelcher was his reply to this question 2 Do you see in the court the man you saw shooting Beardslee?
A. Well I would not say it was him but he is a dead image of him. At one time he affirms that William ^{completely} ~~fact~~ must have forced him. At another time he says that ^{he} does not know where he got that dead image stuff and still further he ~~says~~ answered in reply to this question 2 ² Did William use these words to you? Do you remember at any time in the talk with William of his saying those words?
A. No I don't. So that from his affidavit alone I do not feel that I would be warranted in granting a motion for a new trial. Now let us see what Pelcher himself says here -



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in a letter which he sent to District Attorney
Katzman two days after he signed the af-
fidavit filed by the defendants.

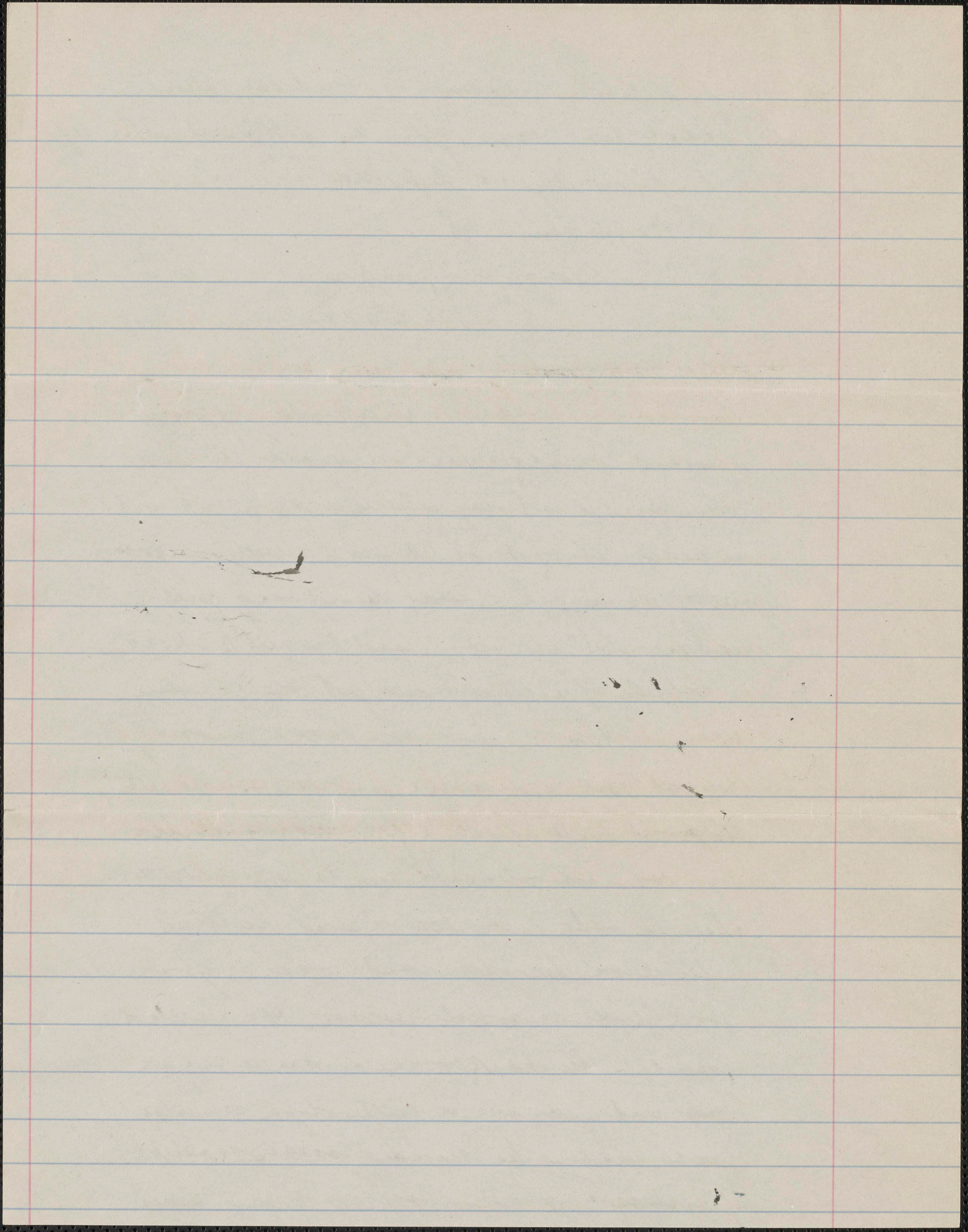
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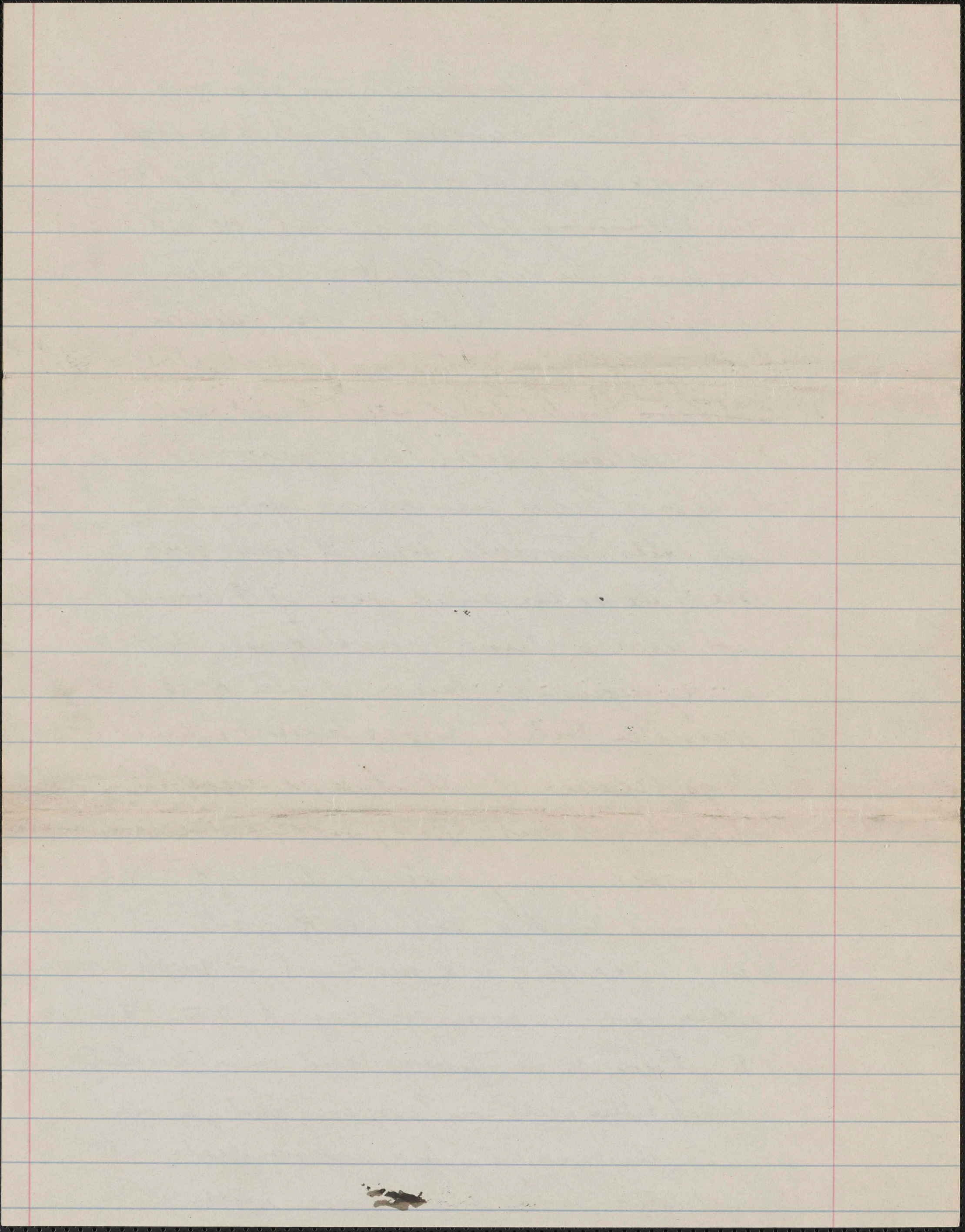
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Mr Katzman

Dear Sir; Saturday afternoon
a man called for me in regards the Sacco
case. He did not say which side he represented,
He asked me if I could give a little inform-
ation on the case, I was drinking pretty
heavily that day. He said I want to show
a couple of pictures and got me on the
way in town, gave me some money,
bought ~~me~~ a dinner, cigars & cigarettes.
He went into some office in Pemberton
Sq. He introduced me to Mr Moore
then he sat me down and locked
the door. Moore said to me you
look like a white man. He patted
me on the back & gave me a cigar
and said give me a little dope on the
Sacco case. He handed me a couple
of pictures & asked me if I ever saw



them. I said "no", he showed me some more
 One word led to another, he got around
 me some way & I didn't know what
 I was ~~doing~~ up against. He had
 3 or 4 men in his office & a girl sten-
 ographer. He asked me one question
 after other and finally had my whole story
 contradicted what I had said
 at the Dedham Court. I am worried
 at the way have framed me up & got
 me into trouble. When it was over
 one of the men asked me if I would
 not have a drink & invited me to
 a big dinner & dance at the West
 Minister Hotel. Somehow I refused
 to go because I felt it was another
 trap to get me to say more. When
 I came to my senses the next
 day and had a little talk with
 my folks they told me to get in touch
 with you as soon as I could. I tried
 to get you on the phone and then decided
 I had better write you. Hoping that you will
 give this matter your immediate
 attention and favor me with



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with an early reply

Respectfully

Louis Pilsner

P.S. I forgot to mention that I also signed
two papers of some kind

L.P."

In the affidavit of Mr Pilsner filed by the Com-
monwealth he affirms that he was not
influenced by Mr Williams on any manner
to testify as he did and further reaffirms
that ~~what~~ his testimony given upon the
witness stand was true. While this affidavit
is not nearly as rank as the Anderson and Good-
rich affidavits, yet it is not at satisfactory
and trustworthy. To grant a new trial on
this affidavit would result in taking away
rights of the Commonwealth without
excuse or justification.

There were counter affidavits filed by
Miss Katzman ~~Director~~ Williams in which
they severally deny that there was ^{any} ~~an~~ influ-
ence whatsoever exercised upon Pilsner
as to what his testimony on the witness stand
should be.

~~Declaratory~~

