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technological conversation is the ductus-the physical and material act

of handwriting. In Imprint and Trace Neef argues, however, that handwriting throughout its history has always been threatened with erasur