Summary

Creator: Kuhn, Effie Georgine, 1891-1978

Title: Effie Georgine Kuhn papers regarding Usigli's Crown of shadows

Date: 1947-1949

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Key Terms

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Names
Kuhn, Effie Georgine, 1891-1978
Carlota, Empress, consort of Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico, 1840-1927
Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico, 1832-1867
Usigli, Rodolfo, 1905-1979