DESCRIPTION
The bulk of this collection consists of manuscript and newspaper material dealing primarily with drug dealing in Arizona and northern Sonora following World War II. The collection was gathered as research material for Arturo Strong's book, *Corrido de Cocaine: Inside Stories of Hard Drugs, Big Money and Short Lives*, and includes many edited or related chapters of Strong's book. Unfortunately, in most cases, these chapter revisions are not numbered, dated or identified in any way as to the order of preparation. This makes it difficult to determine the sequence of these chapter revisions. The collection also includes a number of short children's stories written by Arturo Strong. Interspersed throughout the manuscript section of the collection are a number of interviews conducted by Arturo Strong. Also included is a small amount of personal information related to Arturo Strong, photographs, audio cassette tapes of interviews and video tapes of Geraldo and Phil Donahue television programs.

15 boxes, 7.25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE
A fourth-generation Tucsonan, Harry Arthur Strong was born in 1930. He joined the Pima County Sheriff’s Department in 1951 and soon became one of two local undercover narcotics agents. Having been raised in a Tucson barrio, Strong had the respect and friendship of many local drug dealers, who provided information for *Corrido de Cocaine*. After retiring from the Sheriff’s Department in 1964, Strong briefly moved to California, but returned to Tucson where he died on Feb. 11, 1998.

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RELATED MATERIALS
Strong’s book *Corrido de Cocaine: Inside Stories of Hard Drugs, Big Money and Short Lives* can be
found in the Tucson Stacks under call number 363.4 S23.

**ARRANGEMENT**

This collection is organized into five series: Series I: Manuscript Material; Series II: Newspaper Clippings; Series III: Interviews and Correspondence; Series IV: Photographs; and Series V: Audio/Visual Materials.

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