Guide to the Conrad Moricand Papers

GEN MSS 1152

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**Collection Overview**

**REPOSITORY:** Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 1152

**CREATOR:** Moricand, Conrad, 1887-1954

**TITLE:** Conrad Moricand papers

**DATES:** 1909–1957

**BULK DATES:** 1947–1953

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.84 linear feet (4 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** Chiefly in French; some material in English.


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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

- b. box
- f. folder
Conrad Moricand (1887-1954)
Conrad Moricand, French astrologer and author; also used the name Claude Valence. Moricand lived with American author Henry Miller in Big Sur, California, in 1948, and was the subject of Miller’s memoir *A Devil in Paradise* ([New York]: The New American Library, [1956]), also published in Miller’s *Big Sur and the Oranges of Hieronymus Bosch* (New York: New Directions, 1957).

Scope and Contents
Arrangement

# Collection Contents

## Series I. Correspondence

*0.21 linear feet (1 box)*

Letters to Moricand, unless otherwise noted.

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<td>Borle, Walter</td>
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| b. 2, f. 18-23 | Miller, Henry  
6 folders | undated |
| b. 2, f. 24 | Nin, Anaïs | undated |
| b. 2, f. 25-26 | Unidentified  
2 folders | undated |
### Series III. Writings and Visual Materials by Others

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Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Preferred Titles
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Subjects
Astrologers -- France
Astrology -- France
Occultism -- France

Geographic Names
California -- Description and travel

Genres / Formats
Lithographs -- France -- 20th Century

Occupations
Astrologers -- France -- 20th Century

Names
Beauduin, Nicolas, 1880-1960
Briant, Théophile
Cadou, René Guy
Dyssord, Jacques, 1880-1952
Keyserling, Hermann, Graf von, 1880-1946
Miller, Henry, 1891-1980
Miller, Henry, 1891-1980 (Friends and associates)
Miller, Henry, 1891-1980. (Devil in paradise)
Milosz, O. V. de L. (Oscar Vladislas de Lubicz), 1877-1939
Moricand, Conrad, 1887-1954
Nin, Anaïs, 1903-1977
Oltramare, Georges, 1896-1960
Picabia, Francis, 1879-1953