



IMPRISONED IN THE DESERT: THE GEOGRAPHY OF WORLD WAR II-ERA, JAPANESE AMERICAN RELOCATION CENTERS IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES

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