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**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** Harry Connick, Sr.

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**IDENTIFICATION:** Orleans Parish District Attorney; worked with Gillis Long in 1970s.

**INTERVIEWER:** Gary Huey

**PROJECT:** Gillis Long

**INTERVIEW DATE:** August 15, 1986

**FOCUS DATES:** 1970s

**ABSTRACT:**

**Tape 1735, Side A**

Became acquainted with Long through brother, Paul Connick, in 1967; was Assistant U.S. Attorney at the time; Connick ran for governor in 1969; lost to Jim Garrison; Edwin Edwards; J. Bennett Johnston; went into private practice; became campaign manager for Long; Buddy Kadusky(?); Dan Kelley(?); John Mmahat; doing campaign work; got to know Long fairly well; admired Long; Connick struck Long as being conservative; differed in many ideas including law enforcement, education; Senator O'Keafe; Long not that conservative; Dennis DeConcini; Jim Thompson; Brunsel(?) Burns; Edward Neece(?); Treen; McKeithen; Kennon; Lindy Boggs; philosophical differences between Connick and Long; raising campaign money; Long a "terrific money raiser"; Connick considers Edwin Edwards a "phenomenal politician"; Long's support for civil rights; Edward's "charisma", Long's lack of that type of "charisma"; Long did background research on many issues; Long more reserved; Long cultivated many friendships; John Breaux; Jimmy Kaminsky(?); a lot of work at the campaign headquarters

**Tape 1735, Side B**

Coffee party that Long put on at Francis Balman's(?) house; successful party; A. L. Davis introduced Long as Edwards; Long good with audiences; Long concerned about the lack of job opportunities and education among the underprivileged; Huey Long; Earl Long; Colonel Floyd Long; Schwegmann; Long defending his brother against Schwegmann; unknown telling Huey about Long's concession speech; Long liberal in terms of economics but not banking, according to unknown; Long a fighter for the "underdog"; Long grew up in upper-middle-class neighborhood in Alexandria; had an African-American friend as a young boy; Long had a lot of African-American support; Joe Ticheli; Ticheli didn't compliment people easily; unknown working for Ticheli; Kohlmeyer; Long would call people very early in the morning; Long's contributions; Long did not smoke and rarely drank; 1971 campaign ideas; Bob d'Hemecourt;

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