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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Bob Livingston

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IDENTIFICATION: Louisiana Representative (Republican); knew Gillis Long

INTERVIEWER: Gary Huey

PROJECT: Gillis Long

DATES: August 3 1987

FOCUS DATES: 1977-1980s

ABSTRACT:

Tape 1749, Side A

Livingston first met Gillis Long in September of 1977; Gillis Long was widely known; Livingston felt he had a lot in common with Long despite opposing political philosophies; Long was confrontational with the Republicans in Congress; Livingston felt Long was a manipulator; Long would receive money and support from people that were philosophically opposite; Long could be intimidating; Livingston attended some of Long's fund-raisers; Clyde Holloway[?]; Long's dynamic personality was a key to his success; Kohlmeyer and Associates; Long did not approach government as a business; Dave Treen ran for governor when Long did in 1971; Vern Kennedy was a pollster in that election; Ned Randolph[?]; Long's liberalism in a traditional state kept him from succeeding; Long thrived on politics and continued to work hard in the end despite poor health; J.J.Pickle; Long worked to bring the Democratic party into the political mainstream; Claude Pepper[?]; Livingston believes that Gillis Long was representative of the American system and that he was a participant and not a spectator;

TAPE: 1 (T1749)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 1 hour

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