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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Leah Schroeder

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IDENTIFICATION: Worked on Gillis Long’s campaigns.

INTERVIEWER: Gary Huey

PROJECT: Gillis Long

INTERVIEW DATES: August 7, 1987

FOCUS DATES: 1960s-1980s

ABSTRACT:

Tape 1744, Side A
First working for Gillis in the campaign when he was beat by Speedy Long; Schroeder’s first job involved making scrapbooks; working for Gillis Long; Gillis and OEO; thoughts on why Speedy won in 1964; Rules Committee; Hale Boggs; Gillis lost governor’s race in 1971; Kelly Nix; Gillis as an intense man; Edwards;

Tape 1744, Side B
Gillis Long and his seat in Congress; raising money; Rules Committee; excellent staff; main issues dealt with as Gillis’ aide;

Tape 1745, Side A
Gillis Long as national versus state figure; Bill Morgan; Gillis Long’s health; as Chairman of Caucus; Tip O’Neill; Gene Smith; Lindy Boggs; women on the staff; Gillis’ weakness as a politician;

Tape 1745, Side B
Gillis Long could get very impatient; Gillis gave young people a chance

TAPES: 2 (T1744, T1745)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 2 hours

# PAGES TRANSCRIPT: 44 pages

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