INTERVIEWEE NAME: William Wright Jr.  COLLECTION: 4700.1190

IDENTIFICATION: Gillis Long’s cousin.

INTERVIEWER: Gary Huey

PROJECT: Gillis Long

INTERVIEW DATES: July 21, 1987  FOCUS DATES: 1960s-1980s

ABSTRACT:

Tape 1737, Side A
Wright and Gillis Long are cousins; they got to know each other after Gillis got out of LSU; Wright involved in Russell Long’s 1963 campaign; Bob Kennon; split of Long faction; Gillis defeated in 1963; Gillis’ crew cut; Gillis’ image; John F. Kennedy; Morrison; McKeithen; Gillis distancing himself from John Kennedy; Speedy Long in 1964; Russell Long; Gillis and civil rights; Gillis Long’s character; raising money; Gillis as a dynamic speaker; Department of Public Works; Kohlmeyer; Long name; Harold McSween; Bennet Johnston; Edwin Edwards; Gillis Long got back into Congress in 1972; Floyd Long;

Tape 1737, Side B
Gillis Long grew up in a poor area, but he wasn’t that bad off at all; Gillis was well-educated; Gillis’ poor health; Democratic Party; Joint Economic Committee; House Democratic Caucus; Toni Cuelho; Gillis Long’s interest in economics; Dr. Lupin; Jimmy Gill; Gillis Long’s legacy in Louisiana; address books; Joe Ticheli;

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