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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size.</b>	14 items (0.2 cu. ft.; includes 3 tapes)
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	Washington, D.C
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1986-1987
<b>Languages.</b>	English
<b>Summary.</b>	Correspondence and taped interviews, 1986-1987, of historian Robert P. Morris with attorneys, federal judges, U.S. senators, and journalists concerning President Richard M. Nixon's "Southern Strategy," 1968-1970, and his nominations of Judge Clement Haynsworth, Jr. and Judge G. Harrold Carswell for the U.S. Supreme Court.
<b>Access.</b>	No restrictions.
<b>Copyright.</b>	Copyright and literary property rights of Robert P. Morris were transferred to the LSU Libraries in 1988. Copyright and literary rights are retained by the descendants of writers of items in these papers.
<b>Related Collections.</b>	Russell B. Long Papers, Mss. 3700
<b>Citation.</b>	Robert P. Morris Papers, Mss. 4137, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries.
<b>Stack location.</b>	Misc.:M; L:31

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Robert P. Morris was a graduate student in the Department of History at Louisiana State University in 1986-1987 writing his dissertation on politics of Supreme Court nominations during 1968-1970.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists of correspondence and interviews resulting from Morris' research of his dissertation. The letters come from U.S. politicians, attorneys, and journalists and discuss President Richard Nixon's "Southern Strategy" of 1968 and his nominations of Judge Clement F. Haynsworth, Jr., and of Judge G. Harrold Carswell to the U.S. Supreme Court. Telephone interviews and taped replies to questions posed by Morris concern the Haynsworth nomination and the reactions of the public and the media to President Nixon's evolving "Southern Strategy."

**SERIES DESCRIPTIONS****Series I, Correspondence, 1986-1987, 11 items (0.1 cu. ft.)**

Letters from federal judges, U.S. senators, attorneys, and journalists concerning President Richard Nixon's "Southern Strategy" of 1968 and his nomination of Judge Clement F. Haynsworth, Jr., to the U.S. Supreme Court. Some of the letters also discuss President Nixon's nomination of Judge G. Harrold Carswell. The correspondents are: Judge Harrison L. Winter, Senator William Saxbe, Senator Mitch McConnell, Professor Frank T. Reid, Attorney General Griffin Bell, and Professor William van Alstyne.

**Series II, Oral History Interviews, 1986-1987, 4 interviews (3 cassette tapes; 0.3 linear ft.)**

Telephone interviews and taped replies to questions posed by Robert P. Morris concerning the Haynsworth nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court and the reactions of the public and the media to President Nixon's evolving "Southern Strategy."

Interview 1 consists of a telephone conversation between Robert P. Morris and Judge Haynsworth centering on questions posed by Mr. Morris. In the interview Judge Haynsworth refers to previous conversations with author John B. Frank about the nomination.

Interviews 2 and 3 are telephone conversations with journalists Fred Graham of CBS News and Nina Totenberg of National Public Radio (formerly with the *National Observer*) concerning the bias of the print and electronic media during the nomination controversy.

Interview 4 consists of the taped comments of former U.S. Senator Marlow Cook to questions posed by Mr. Morris in a letter to Cook. Sen. Cook had been a supporter of the Haynsworth nomination on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

**INDEX TERMS**

Haynsworth, Clement F. (Clement Furman), 1912-1989.

Carswell, G. Harrold (George Harrold), 1919-1992.

Cook, Marlow Webster, 1926-

Graham, Fred P. (Fred Patterson), 1931-

Totenberg, Nina.

Winter, Harrison L., 1921-1990.

Bell, Griffin B., 1918-2009.

Nixon, Richard M. (Richard Milhous), 1913-1994.

United States. Supreme Court--Appointments

Saxbe, William B.

McConnell, Addison Mitchell, 1942-

Read, Frank T.

Van Alstyne, William W.

Presidents--United States--Elections--1968.

United States. Supreme Court--Selection and appointment.

Oral histories.

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Misc.:M	--	Correspondence, 1986-1987
L:31	1	Tape 1: <b>Nina Totenberg</b> , National Public Radio February 18, 1987 Length: 20 minutes  Tape 2: <b>Clement F. Haynsworth, Jr.</b> December 3, 1986 Length: 24 minutes  <b>Fred Graham</b> , CBS News December 11, 1986 Length: 36 minutes  Tape 3: <b>Senator Marlow Cook</b> April 5, 1987 Length: 30 minutes