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**ABSTRACT**

**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; Bennett 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;

**TAPES:** 1 (T1737)

**TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 1 hour

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