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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: John Camp

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IDENTIFICATION: Louisiana politician

INTERVIEWER: Gary Huey

PROJECT: Gillis Long

INTERVIEW DATES: July 30, 1987

FOCUS DATES: 1960s-1980s

ABSTRACT:

Tape 1754, Side A

Camp knew Long when he was in Congress in his early years; Did work for Long on campaigns when he ran; Long ran twice for governor; Camp found Long to be ambitious, and an excellent speaker and strategist; they were good, personal friends; Camp thought Long lost in 1963 because he was ahead of his time in many ways; Long wanted to improve educational systems in the south and in Louisiana; Long ran aggressive campaigns; racial issues were against Long; Howard Hughes; Kohlmeyer; Long and the business world and with the business community; Long famous for money-raising; whether the Long name affected the campaign; Russell Long; OEO [Office for Equal Opportunities] and Sergeant Shriver; Long and liberalism; Long elected into Congress in 1972; Camp worked with Long on several issues in Congress; embargo on Libyan oil; U.S. problems in Libya; economics in the 1980s; international economic conference in London; Long and Camp had a meeting with the Joint Committee of Economics;

Tape 1754, Side B

International economic issues; President Carter and the energy and oil crisis; Long and Camp were representing the state of Louisiana in 1974 in Washington before the Congress on all oil and gas matters; President Carter; Congress; budget deficits;

Tape 1755, Side A

Long obsessed with organizing time and with work; Long's poor health; Long's heart problems; Camp had a relationship with Long for ten years and enjoyed the friendship;

TAPES: 2 (T1754, T1755)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 2 hours

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