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**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** Jimmy Gill

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**IDENTIFICATION:** Coworker and friend of Gillis Long.

**INTERVIEWER:** Gary Huey

**PROJECT:** Gillis Long

**INTERVIEW DATES:** July 16, 1987

**FOCUS DATES:** 1970s-1980s

**ABSTRACT:**

**Tape 1705, Side A**

Gill's father was a friend of Russell Long; Gill was the gopher at the Roosevelt Hotel; John McKeithen; Gillis elected to Congress; Gill's father thought about running; Gillis as a mentor-type person; Edwards; Bennett Johnston; 1979 Committee; Joe Ticheli; putting up money for campaigns; Herman Kohlmeyer; Outer Continental Shelf Legislation; people supported Gillis even if they didn't agree with his philosophies; Gillis as fundraiser; Bill Morgan; Gill drafted bill called Louisiana Import/Export Trust Authority;

**Tape 1705, Side B**

Import/export issues; Bob Strauss; changes if Gillis had been elected governor in 1971 or 1979; Jim Brown; Gillis compared to Edwards; what Gillis did in Kohlmeyer's firm; a lot of support from blacks; civil rights record;

**Tape 1706, Side A**

Television as part of reason for change in Louisiana with racial issues and politics; A.Z. Young; Gillis would call people at 5:30 in the morning; Gillis' work habits and his health; Gephardt; Chuck Robb; Al Gore; in 1982, Gillis wanted Gill to be finance chairman for Gary Hart; Gillis' contributions; Rules Committee; Claude Pepper; Carson Killen; Gillis' image;

**Tape 1706, Side B**

The Long name; Russell Long; balancing social concerns with business; A.C.L.U.; Black Caucus; Gillis' chief political contribution to Louisiana and the country; Bob d'Hemecourt; 1971 campaign; Cathy Long; everyone misses Gillis Long;

**TAPES:** 2 (1705, 1706)

**TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 2 hours

**# PAGES TRANSCRIPT:** 53 pages

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