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**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** Herman Kohlmeyer

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**IDENTIFICATION:** New Orleans businessman, friend and former employer of Gillis Long

**INTERVIEWER:** Gary Huey

**PROJECT:** Gillis Long

**INTERVIEW DATES:** August 15, 1986

**FOCUS DATES:** 1970-1985

**ABSTRACT:**

**Tape 1728**

Meeting Gillis Long; Long working for Kohlmeyer's investment banking firm; Long's childhood poverty; reasons for Long's liberalism; liberalism of Long's district; reasons for Long's defeat in gubernatorial elections; impact of civil rights and the Voting Rights Act on Long's political career; securing donations for political candidates; racial make-up of Long's congressional district; Earl Long; impact of childhood poverty on Gillis's adult life; Gillis as a representative of the New South; Ronald Reagan's presidency; Gillis's impact on the national Democratic party; fund raising; conservatives giving money to the campaigns of liberal candidates; reasons political action committees donate to campaigns; welfare programs; quality of Gillis's staff; Kohlmeyer and Long did not discuss World War II much.

**TAPES:** 1 (T1728)

**TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 1 hour

**# PAGES TRANSCRIPT:** 32 pages

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**RESTRICTIONS:** None