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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Joe McPherson

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IDENTIFICATION: State Senator from 1984-1996 and 2000-present.

INTERVIEWER: Gary Huey

PROJECT: Gillis Long

INTERVIEW DATES: June 4, 1986

FOCUS DATES: 1980s

ABSTRACT:

Tape 1734, Side A

McPherson born in Pineville; was a constituent when Gillis was a congressman; the Long name; Gillis Long was very effective in Congress; Gillis would call people at 5:30 in the morning; Gillis running for governor; losing the primary; perceived as a racial moderate; loss to Speedy Long in 1964; McKeithen; Edwards; 1972 bid for Congress; black vote; fund-raising; Reagan administration;

Tape 1734, Side B

Gillis Long not typical representative of Congress; Colin Powell;

TAPES: 1 (T1734)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 1 hour

PAGES TRANSCRIPT: 22 pages

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