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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: J.J. Pickle

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IDENTIFICATION: Texas Representative; close friend of Gillis Long

INTERVIEWER: Gary Huey

PROJECT: Gillis Long

INTERVIEW DATES: August 3, 1987

FOCUS DATES: 1960s-1970s

ABSTRACT:

Tape 1748, Side A

Pickle first met Long in 1963 as a member of the eighty-eighth Club (in Congress); they became good friends; Pickle talks about Long's sense of humor; Long gained stature in the House; Long's support of integration might have caused his defeat in Louisiana; Long wanted to try to bring the Democratic Party towards the mainstream; Gillis Long well known in the circles of Washington and Louisiana; Long enjoyed being involved in politics and ran several times; Long worked for Howard Hughes and practiced as a lawyer and a local official; very good at raising money; Long ran for student president when he was attending Louisiana State University and won; after he won, his cousin Russell Long called him to congratulate him; Pickle and Long made many trips together and were close friends; Pickle considered Gillis Long to be progressive for his time;

TAPES: 1 (T1748)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 1 hour

PAGES TRANSCRIPT: 10 pages

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