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**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** Leah Schroeder

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**IDENTIFICATION:** Worked on Gillis Long's campaigns.

**INTERVIEWER:** Gary Huey

**PROJECT:** Gillis Long

**INTERVIEW DATES:** August 7, 1987

**FOCUS DATES:** 1960s-1980s

**ABSTRACT:**

**Tape 1744, Side A**

First working for Gillis in the campaign when he was beat by Speedy Long; Schroeder's first job involved making scrapbooks; working for Gillis Long; Gillis and OEO; thoughts on why Speedy won in 1964; Rules Committee; Hale Boggs; Gillis lost governor's race in 1971; Kelly Nix; Gillis as an intense man; Edwards;

**Tape 1744, Side B**

Gillis Long and his seat in Congress; raising money; Rules Committee; excellent staff; main issues dealt with as Gillis' aide;

**Tape 1745, Side A**

Gillis Long as national versus state figure; Bill Morgan; Gillis Long's health; as Chairman of Caucus; Tip O'Neill; Gene Smith; Lindy Boggs; women on the staff; Gillis' weakness as a politician;

**Tape 1745, Side B**

Gillis Long could get very impatient; Gillis gave young people a chance

**TAPES:** 2 (T1744, T1745)

**TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 2 hours

**# PAGES TRANSCRIPT:** 44 pages

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