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**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** Leanita Shelby

**COLLECTION:** 4700.1193

**IDENTIFICATION:** Worked for Gillis Long from 1973 to 1985.

**INTERVIEWER:** Gary Huey

**PROJECT:** Gillis Long

**INTERVIEW DATES:** July 29, 1989

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

**ABSTRACT:**

**Tape 1741, Side A**

Shelby started to work for Gillis in 1973, close to his start in the House; civil rights issue with Gillis; Gillis labeled as a liberal; Gillis pushed for money for housing funds and he was supportive of defense money; other issues Gillis was concerned about; O.E.O.; Rules Committee; Gillis' work in the Congress; running for Caucus chairman; Phil Burton; Dick Bolling; why Gillis ran in 1979;

**Tape 1741, Side B**

Gillis and his staff; coffee group; Dick Gephardt; Gillis' problems with publicity; General Motors; Gillis emphasize constituent services; Voting Rights' Act; weaknesses and strengths of Gillis Long; Russell Long calling his cousin, Gillis, after his win as Student Body President at LSU; spending hours everyday making phone calls; Gillis legacy;

**Tape 1742, Side A**

Chairman of Caucus

**TAPES:** 2 (T1741, 1742)

**TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 2 hours

**# PAGES TRANSCRIPT:** 38 pages

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