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**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** W.K. Brown

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**IDENTIFICATION:** Louisiana Politician

**INTERVIEWER:** Gary Huey

**PROJECT:** Gillis Long

**INTERVIEW DATES:** August 5, 1986

**FOCUS DATES:** 1940s-1980s

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**Tape 1710, Side A**

Brown met Long at LSU in the mid-1940s; Long ran for president of the Student Body and Brown helped him campaign; Cathy Long, Gillis' wife; a stripper went to one of Long's campaigns and several men threw her in a lake and the police showed up; Brown was with Long when he ran for Congress; Lloyd Teekell[?]; Earl Long; how the Long surname affected Gillis' campaigns; Long's loss in the 1963 campaign; McKeithen and Morrison also were candidates in 1963; Speedy O. Long; rivalry between Long and McKeithen; Long worked with the Poverty Program with Sergeant Shriver; Long ran for governorship in 1971 along with Johnston and Edwards and lost again; Long's views on integration might have caused his loss; Jesse Bankston; Close race for governorship; Harold McSween; Brown talks about Long's personality; Long stayed close to people; Treen; Long would work overtime and had long days; Long as a good money-raiser; Long's vote in Washington helped him in fund raising; Long was born in Winn Parish and came from a poor family; Russell [US Senator];

**Tape 1710, Side B**

Long backed up social programs; Long's take on civil rights issues might have hurt his voting record; Long an influential Democrat and representative of Louisiana in Washington, D.C.; Gillis Long's funeral; Long's wife, Cathy, decided to run after her husband's death and Brown felt she went to fast and that it hurt her health-wise; Long, after bypass surgery continued to overwork and he had poor health; Brown also knew Earl Long and admired him just as he admired Gillis;

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**TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 1 hour

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