Harry Jeffrey, 70; Was Nixon Oral Historian

Yorba Linda, Nov. 16: The Nixon Library is saddened by the death of California State University, Fullerton, professor emeritus Harry Jeffrey. A longtime Orange County resident and civic activist, Jeffrey had advised the Library on its ongoing oral history project. Jeffrey had begun an oral history of the Nixon administration and the life of Richard Nixon when he joined the Cal State Fullerton faculty in 1969, which has yielded hundreds of oral histories and a book, The Young Nixon: An Oral Inquiry (edited by Renee K. Shulte), drawn from the Fullerton oral histories.

Jeffrey was among those on hand to welcome the creation of the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum on July 11, 2007. "We were honored that Harry was one of the first researchers to use our materials," Nixon Library director Timothy Naftali said. "Having him here made an exciting day even more special for us."