

Table I

| <b>THE PUBLIC'S PERSPECTIVES ON THE "AIRBUS AFFAIR"</b> |               |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|---|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | Canada        | REGION       |              |              |              |              |              |
|   |               | B.C.         | Alberta      | Man/Sask.    | Ontario      | Quebec       | Atlantic     |
| (Weighted Bases)  | (1519)<br>(%) | (185)<br>(%) | (136)<br>(%) | (113)<br>(%) | (566)<br>(%) | (390)<br>(%) | (128)<br>(%) |
| FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF WHOLE ISSUE:           |               |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Very good   | 3             | -            | 5            | 2            | 3            | 4            | 3            |
| Good  | 24            | 26           | 24           | 21           | 21           | 29           | 18           |
| Poor  | 36            | 37           | 36           | 30           | 41           | 31           | 35           |
| Very poor   | 32            | 29           | 29           | 41           | 31           | 29           | 42           |
| (Unsure)  | 6             | 7            | 6            | 7            | 5            | 7            | 1            |
| GOVERNMENT REACHING SETTLEMENT WITH MULRONEY WAS:       |               |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Right thing   | 58            | 54           | 61           | 55           | 61           | 59           | 52           |
| Wrong thing   | 35            | 37           | 35           | 38           | 32           | 36           | 42           |
| (Unsure)  | 6             | 8            | 5            | 7            | 7            | 5            | 7            |

"Another issue that's been in the news lately is the 'Airbus Affair' and the Canadian government's recent out-of-court settlement with Brian Mulroney. The Canadian government has now given Mr. Mulroney a formal apology and will pay his legal costs for the suit he launched against the government when his name was publicly associated with a criminal investigation."

"Based on whatever you've seen or heard about this, in your opinion, overall, has the federal Liberal government done a very good, good, poor or very poor job of handling this whole issue?"

"And, overall, based on whatever you've seen, read or heard about this whole issue, would you say that the federal Liberal government has done the right thing or the wrong thing in reaching this out-of-court settlement with Brian Mulroney?"