

Table I

THE PUBLIC'S BROAD ASSESSMENT OF THE PERVASIVENESS OF PROBLEMS IN THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES - July 1996 and January 1997 -								
	Canada		REGION					
			B.C.	Alberta	Man/Sask.	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic
	July '96	Jan. '97	'97	'97	'97	'97	'97	'97
(Weighted Bases)	(1516) (%)	(1519) (%)	(185) (%)	(136) (%)	(113) (%)	(566) (%)	(390) (%)	(128) (%)
THE ARMED FORCES IN LIGHT OF RECENT INCIDENTS:								
Widespread, fundamental problems in Canada's armed forces	45	54	55	53	52	52	59	43
Largely isolated incidents/Military is fundamentally sound	51	42	42	43	40	44	37	53
(Unsure)	4	4	3	4	8	4	3	3
(Base: Those seeing "widespread, fundamental problems")	(n/a) (%)	(815) (%)						
PERCEIVED DURABILITY OF "FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS":								
Will be fixed in not too distant future	n/a	33						
Will remain problems for a long time	n/a	63						
(Unsure)	n/a	4						

"During recent missions in Bosnia and Somalia, charges of gross and even criminal misconduct have been made against Canadian soldiers and officers, and there have been allegations in the news of a general lack of supervision and poor leadership. (Some/Other) people view these situations as evidence of widespread, fundamental problems in the whole structure of Canada's armed forces. (Some/Other) people see these recent cases largely as isolated incidents, and believe the management of the Canadian military is fundamentally sound. Which of these two broad arguments comes closest to your views?"

(IF "FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS"): "And, all things considered, do you yourself expect the problems in the Canadian armed forces: will be fixed in the not too distant future; are going to remain problems for a long time?"

Table 2

<b>THE PUBLIC'S ASSESSMENT OF DOUG YOUNG'S EFFORTS AND VIEWS ON THE SOMALIA INQUIRY'S DEADLINE</b>							
	Canada	REGION					
		B.C.	Alberta	Man/Sask.	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic
(Weighted Bases)	(1519) (%)	(185) (%)	(136) (%)	(113) (%)	(566) (%)	(390) (%)	(128) (%)
<b>DEFENSE MINISTER YOUNG'S EFFORTS:</b>							
On right track	54	46	56	59	52	53	68
On wrong track	19	16	19	23	19	23	10
(Unsure)	27	38	26	18	29	24	22
<b>SOMALIA INQUIRY DEADLINE:</b>							
Should finish earlier	57	56	58	53	62	51	60
No, take time needed	40	42	40	43	36	46	37
(Unsure)	3	3	2	3	3	3	3

"Thinking specifically about Defense Minister Doug Young, all things considered, do you think he is on the right track or the wrong track in his efforts to address the problems in the Canadian armed forces?"

"The 'Somalia Inquiry' has been examining the actions of Canadian peacekeeping soldiers in Somalia. The Inquiry Commissioners had intended to continue investigating for several more months, but the Defense Minister has now told the Inquiry to finish hearing witnesses and to make its final report in June: (Some/Other) people are in favour of having the Somalia Inquiry finish earlier, because they feel it has already gone on long enough and cost a lot of money, and the army needs the Inquiry's report as soon as possible; (Some/Other) people are against having the Somalia Inquiry finish earlier, because they feel it should take as much time as needed to make a full investigation and to interview all witnesses with relevant information. All things considered, which of these two broad points of view is closest to your own?"