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RE: McIntyre & Mustel Research Public Opinion Poll Results

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Below are highlights from the August 1999 McIntyre & Mustel Research public opinion poll.

If an election were held tomorrow, the BC Liberals would undoubtedly form the next government. BC Liberal support now stands at the highest level we've recorded (60%, up from 53% this June). The NDP would be challenged even to form a viable opposition. Just 14% of decided voters in British Columbia would support the NDP, down from 18% in June. About the same number would support BC Reform (16%). Currently 26% of BC residents are undecided.

We asked our respondents why they support a particular party. BC Liberal support is very much an anti-NDP and an anti-Clark vote: "just want to get rid of the NDP", "[NDP] don't know how to manage money", "the lesser evil". There is only a small core of BC Liberal support attracted by the Liberal platform. However a small number in this group seem to feel it's time for a party and leader who will "run the province more like a business." Certainly, there is some mention of the array of scandals, although BC residents are inclined to comment on these issues as a group ("the scandals", "fiscal mismanagement", etc.) than to cite specifics.

What remains of NDP support is more truly committed to the social and labour ideology: "They are pro-labour" and "I believe in their emphasis on health and education" are common refrains among this group. Even this group includes a large contingent unhappy with Clark's leadership: "I would not vote Clark, but they are a working person's party".

BC Reform support continues to be drawn from groups identifying "family values", although to some extent the BC Reform vote also is an anti-NDP vote.

#### Methodology

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RE: Public Opinion Poll Results Re: Premier Clark Search Warrant

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A majority of British Columbians support a public release of the contents of the search warrant of Premier Clark's home, a recent poll by McIntyre & Mustel Research reveals. The specific results are as follows:

	<u>Total BC Pop.</u>
Contents should be made public	61%
Contents should be kept confidential	24%
No opinion	15%

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The question was worded as follows:

*Earlier this year, RCMP searched Premier Glen Clark's home for evidence relating to a casino license application of his neighbour. Since that time, Premier Clark's lawyers have prevented the media from releasing the contents of the warrant for this search. In your opinion, should the contents of this warrant be made public or kept confidential?*

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