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Conceding the pro-American position to the Harper-led Conservatives, places a clear obstacle to Conservative growth in Quebec and clouds the ballot question. Will Quebecers, because of their anger over the Gomery Inquiry, punish the Liberals or will they vote for the Liberals - fearful of a Conservative Party which might align Canada more closely with the United States? Further, in seat-rich Ontario and also in British Columbia, the Liberal position inoculates the Liberals from an NDP pick-up.

Random telephone survey of 2,000 Canadians conducted by SES Research between March 17 and March 22, 2005 (MoE ±2.2%, 19 times out of 20). Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Question - As you may know, Canada is not participating in the US missile defence plan. Would you prefer to see Canada's relationship with the US on defence issues get closer, stay the same or be further away?

34% Stay the same

32% Be further away (44% in Quebec)

30% Get closer

3% Unsure

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1% No difference

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