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-- FINAL TOPLINE --
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N=1,500

Hello, I am _____ calling for Princeton Survey Research Associates in Princeton, New Jersey. We are conducting a telephone opinion survey for leading newspapers and TV stations around the country. I'd like to ask a few questions of the youngest male, 18 years of age or older, who is now at home. **[IF NO MALE, ASK: May I please speak with the oldest female, 18 years of age or older, who is now at home?]**

**ASK Q.'s 14, 14a, 15, 15a OF FORM 1 ONLY: [N=751]
ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...**

Q.14F1 How much, if at all, do you worry about terrorism when you're in public places here in the United States...
(READ)?

13	A great deal
21	Somewhat
27	Not much OR
39	Not at all
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.14a

F1 These days, do you think the greater threat to America from terrorism comes from people outside this country or from people inside this country?

Los Angeles Times
April 1995

39	Outside	33
49	Inside	40
1	Neither (VOL)	1
9	Both (VOL)	21
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>
100		100

Q.15F1 Do you think the federal anti-terrorism laws currently on the books in this country are too strong, too weak or about what they need to be?

Los Angeles Times
April 1995

3	Too strong	3
56	Too weak	57
29	About what they need to be	21
<u>12</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>19</u> 100

Q.15a

F1 In order to curb terrorism in this country, do you think it will be necessary for the average person to give up some civil liberties, or not?

Los Angeles Times
April 1995

30	Necessary	49
65	Not necessary	43
<u>5</u> 100	Don't know/Refused	<u>8</u> 100

ASK Q.16 AND Q.16a OF FORM 2 ONLY: [N=749]

Q.16F2 Do you think there is much of a chance that terrorists could use a nuclear, chemical, or biological weapon to attack a U.S. city, or don't you think there is much of a chance of this?

72	Yes, chance
25	Not much of a chance
<u>3</u> 100	Don't know/Refused

Q.16a

F2 How much, if at all, do you worry about this...(READ)?

13	A great deal
27	Somewhat
32	Not much OR
27	Not at all
<u>1</u> 100	Don't know/Refused