

Meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee September 24, 2002 Presentation Materials -- Text Version

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Appendix 1: Materials used by Mr. Kos

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Top panel

Title: U.S. Current Deposit Rates and Rates Implied by Traded Forward Rate Agreements

Series: U.S. LIBOR fixing, 3-month forward rate agreement, 6-month forward rate agreement, 9-month forward rate agreement

Horizon: June 3, 2002 - September 20, 2002

Description: U.S. deposit rates and rates implied by traded forward rate agreements declined.

Source: Bloomberg

Middle-left panel

Title: 2- and 5-Year Treasury Yields

Series: 2- and 5-year Treasury yields

Horizon: June 3, 2002 - September 20, 2002

Description: 2- and 5-year Treasury yields declined over the period.

Source: Bloomberg

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Title: 10- and 30-year Treasury Yields

Series: 10- and 30-year Treasury yields

Horizon: June 3, 2002 - September 20, 2002

Description: 10- and 30-year Treasury yields declined over the period.

Source: Bloomberg

Bottom panel

Title: Mortgage Bankers Association Refinancing Index and Short-Dated Swaption Implied Volatility

Series: MBS refinancing index and 3-month option-implied volatility on 10-year swaps

Horizon: January 1, 2001 - September 20, 2002

Description: The MBS refinancing index and 3-month option-implied volatility on 10-year swaps rise in the end of 2001 and again in the final months displayed on the chart.

Source: Bloomberg

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Title: Daily U.S. Investment Grade Corporate Option-Adjusted Spreads

Series: Lehman Brothers investment-grade corporate option-adjusted spreads

Horizon: January 1, 2002 - September 20, 2002

Description: Investment-grade corporate option-adjusted spreads rose in July and August.

Source: Lehman Brothers

Middle panel

Title: U.S. Investment Grade Fixed Rate Non-144a Weekly Issuance

Series: Lehman Brothers reported issuance of U.S. investment grade fixed rate non-144a debt

Horizon: January 4, 2002 - September 20, 2002

Description: The 4-week weekly average of issuance increased since mid-August.

Source: Lehman Brothers

Bottom panel

Title: Monthly U.S. Investment Grade Corporate Debt Excess Returns

Series: Spread between returns of corporate bonds relative to duration equivalent Treasuries

Horizon: August 31, 1992 - August 30, 2002

Description: Spread between returns of corporate bonds relative to duration equivalent Treasuries reached the lowest level over this period in 2002.

Source: Lehman Brothers

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Title: Japanese Equity Indices

Series: Topix bank sub-index, the Topix index, and the Nikkei index

Horizon: May 1, 2002 - September 20, 2002

Description: The Topix banks sub-index increases sharply after September 4, 2002.

Source: Bloomberg

Middle-left panel

Title: 10-year Japanese Government Bond Yield

Series: 10-year JGB

Horizon: May 1, 2002 - September 20, 2002

Description: 10-year JGB yields rose sharply since the September 10, 2002 Q2 GDP revision.

Source: Bloomberg

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Title: Japanese Bank Deposits and Loans

Series: Japanese bank loans and deposits

Horizon: January 1993 to August 2002

Description: Total Japanese bank loans declined while bank deposits increased over the period.

Source: BOJ

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Title: Japanese Government Yield Curves

Series: Japanese Government Yield Curve

Horizon: March 1, 2001; September 20, 2001; September 20, 2002

Description: The Japanese government yield curve was steep.

Source: Bloomberg

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Title: Euro-Area Current Deposit Rates and Rates Implied by Traded Forward Rate Agreements

Series: Euro-area LIBOR fixing, 3-month forward rate agreement, 6-month forward rate agreement, 9-month forward rate agreement.

Horizon: June 3, 2002 - September 20, 2002

Description: The Euro-area deposit rates and rates implied by traded forward rate agreements declined over the period.

Source: Bloomberg

Middle panel

Title: U.S. Versus European Equity Indices

Series: The Dow Jones Euro Stoxx index; Dow Jones Euro Stoxx Insurance sub-index; S&P 500; S&P 500 Insurance sub-index.

Horizon: June 3, 2002 - September 20, 2002

Description: European equity indices declined more than the comparative U.S. indices.

Source: Bloomberg

Bottom panel

Title: 10-Year German Government Bund Yield

Series: 10-Year German Government Bund

Horizon: June 3, 2002 - September 20, 2002

Description: The yield on the German 10-year government bund declined over the period.

Source: Bloomberg

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Title: Currency Component of M1 (s.a.) 1-Month Annualized Growth Rate

Series: Currency component of M1 (s.a.).

Horizon: September 2000 - September 2002

Description: The rate of Currency growth was expected to slow significantly in September 2002.

Appendix 2: Materials used by Mr. Reinhart

Exhibit 1

Exhibit 1 includes six charts and tables that provide information on financial market reactions to the most recent FOMC announcement, money policy expectations, and interest rate developments over the intermeeting period.

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Market Reaction to August FOMC Announcement¹

Top-left panel

Interest Rate Futures

A bar chart displays changes in implied rates on interest rate futures at various horizons from the front contract through August 2003 in response to the most recent FOMC announcement in a window from 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm. The chart conveys the notion that the switch in the risk assessment and the associated words seemed to suggest a downward revision to the economic outlook consistent with the federal funds rate being 20 basis points lower over the next two years than previously anticipated.

Top-right panel

Treasury Yields

A bar chart that similarly shows the reaction to two-, five-, and ten-year Treasury yields over the same period. The chart shows that these rates declined between 5 and 15 basis points, with more of the decline at shorter maturities.

1. Change in market quotes in a window bracketing the FOMC announcement (2:00 pm to 2:30 pm). [Return to text](#)

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Ten-Year Treasury Yield

A line chart of the ten-year Treasury yield plotted from August 1 through September 23. The horizontal axis ranges from 4.0 to 4.8 percent. Vertical lines in the chart sequentially denote the dates of the FOMC announcement, the Recertification date, the new home sales data release, durable goods, ISM manufacturing, ISM Non-manufacturing, the employment report, the 9/11 anniversary, and the Chairman's testimony. The chart illustrates that these economic data releases were mixed.

Middle-right panel

Change Since August 12

	basis points
Total	-49
Due to Econ Releases	0

The total change since August 12 in ten-year yields was -49 basis points over the intermeeting period, but the net movement in ten-year yields around the data releases shown in the middle-left panel was 0 basis points.

Bottom-left panel

Expected Federal Funds Rates

A line chart of the expected federal funds rate--estimated from federal funds and Eurodollar futures with an allowance for term premium and other adjustments--on August 12, 2002 and September 23, 2002. The maturities extent from the September 2002 contract though January 2005, and the chart shows that investors marked down the expected funds rate by the beginning of 2005 from about 3.60 to 3.00 percent.

Bottom-right panel **Treasury Yield Curve**

A line chart that shows the Treasury yield curve--smoothed from off-the-run Treasury coupon securities with yields expressed as notional par Treasury securities with semi-annual coupons--on August 12, 2002 and September 23, 2002. The chart conveys that the yield curve shifted down in a fairly parallel fashion over the intermeeting period.

Exhibit 2 **(Bluebook Chart 6)** **Policymaker Perfect Foresight Strategy for Monetary Policy**

Exhibit 2 includes four charts that correspond to Chart 6 in the Bluebook, which reports on the "policymaker perfect foresight" strategy simulations for monetary policy. These simulations take the staff outlook and the FRB/US model as assured representations of how the world will evolve over the next five years and assume that policymakers care equally about deviations of unemployment from its natural rate and core inflation from an assumed target.

Top-left panel **Nominal Federal Funds Rate**

A chart of three lines depicting the nominal federal funds rate path under the baseline assumption, a one percent inflation goal, and a 1½ percent inflation goal. The horizontal axis ranges from 2001 through the end of the 2007, and the vertical axis runs from zero to 7 percent. For the remainder of 2003, the baseline path lies above the paths implied by the 1 percent and the 1½ percent inflation goals, respectively. At the end of the forecast horizon, the funds rate under the 1½ percent goal is greater than that for the 1 percent objective.

Top-right panel **Real Federal Funds Rate¹**

A chart of three lines depicting the real federal funds rate path under the baseline assumption, a one percent inflation goal, and a 1½ percent inflation goal. The horizontal axis ranges from 2001 through the end of the 2007, and the vertical axis runs from -2 to 5 percent. For the remainder of 2003, the baseline path lies above the paths implied by the 1 percent and 1½ percent inflation goals, respectively. From the middle of 2004 through the end of 2007, the funds rates under 1½ percent and 1 percent goal are largely similar and increase to a level just under 2.5 percent at the end of the forecast.

1. The real federal funds rate is calculated as the quarterly average nominal funds rate minus the four-quarter lagged core PCE inflation rate as a proxy for inflation expectations. [Return to text](#)

Middle panel **Civilian Unemployment Rate**

A chart of three lines depicting the civilian unemployment rate under the baseline assumption, a one percent inflation goal, and a 1½ percent inflation goal. The horizontal axis ranges from 2001 through

the end of the 2007, and the vertical axis runs from 3.5 to 6.5 percent. For the entire forecast period, the baseline path lies above the paths implied by the 1 percent and 1½ percent inflation goals, respectively.

Bottom panel

PCE Inflation (ex. food and energy)

A chart of three lines depicting the core PCE rate, excluding food and energy and expressed as a four-quarter percent change, under the baseline assumption, a one percent inflation goal, and a 1½ percent inflation goal. The horizontal axis ranges from 2001 through the end of the 2007, and the vertical axis runs from 1 to 2 percent. For the entire forecast period, the path implied by the 1½ inflation goal lies above that implied by the 1 percent goal, which in turn is greater than the baseline.

Exhibit 3

(Bluebook Chart 5)

Actual Real Federal Funds Rate and Range of Estimated Equilibrium Real Rates

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A line chart--Chart 5 in the Bluebook--that includes the actual real federal funds rate and a range of estimated equilibrium real rates from 1990 through 2002 at a quarterly frequency. The vertical axis ranges from -1 to 5 percent. A dotted horizontal line shows the historical average: 2.74 (1966:Q1-2002:Q2). The lines include the actual real funds rate as well as a TIPS-based estimate. The shaded range represents the maximum and the minimum values each quarter of six estimates of the equilibrium real federal funds rate based on a statistical filter and the FRB/US model. Real federal funds rates employ four-quarter lagged core PCE inflation as a proxy for inflation expectations, with the staff projections used for 2002:Q3. The actual real funds rate is notably below zero as well as the TIPS-based estimate for the most recent year of the sample period, and both series lie outside the shaded region.

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