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THE DOMESTIC NONFINANCIAL ECONOMY

Employment and Unemployment

Nonfarm payroll employment rose 415,000 in October, substantially above the average monthly increase of 225,000 posted so far this year. The service industry led the October gain, with strong advances in business and health services. Job increases were also sizable in trade establishments and state and local government. The number of workers on manufacturing payrolls rose 60,000, with most industries reporting small gains. However, the BLS cautions that the rise in seasonally adjusted factory employment may be exaggerated; employment in most industries was already at relatively low levels in September, and the usual October cutbacks were smaller than in previous years. The factory workweek remained at its high level of 40.7 hours, while factory overtime rose slightly.

Wage rates, as measured by the hourly earnings index, edged up 0.1 percent in October. The October increase represents no change in the index for service-producing industries and a moderate 0.2 percent increase in manufacturing wages. Over the past twelve months, this measure of wage inflation has risen 3.2 percent for both the private nonfarm economy and manufacturing.

Value of New Construction Put in Place

The total value of new construction put in place increased 1.9 percent in September, according to preliminary estimates. With no change in the construction cost index, constant (1977) dollar activity also rose 1.9 percent. Residential building advanced 1.8 percent in September, attributable

mainly to multifamily residences and, to a lesser extent, "other" residential outlays--chiefly additions and alterations, and hotels and motels; singlefamily activity was virtually unchanged. Nonresidential construction activity rose 3.0 percent in September, following a 1.1 percent increase a month earlier. All major components of building in this sector posted strong gains in September.

THE DOMESTIC FINANCIAL ECONOMY

September S&L Balance Sheet

Growth of assets at FSLIC-insured institutions slowed somewhat in September, to 10 percent, from the 18 percent pace in the previous month. September's growth rate, however, is still noticeably above the slow pace of the first half of the year. Mortgage asset acquisition continued to be brisk, rising \$7.6 billion. The September increase in mortgage assets reflected both additional holdings of mortgage loans and the largest onemonth increase in holdings of mortgage-backed securities since 1982. New and outstanding mortgage commitments declined slightly in September, although both remain at relatively high levels.

In contrast to the strength in mortgage asset acquisition, non-mortgage consumer lending slowed in September, and holdings of cash and investment securities fell \$2.3 billion. Institutions apparently chose to draw down cash and securities rather than rely entirely on managed liabilitis to supplement weak total deposit growth. Other borrowings increased \$937 million, and FHLB advances rose \$700 million; both increases were markedly less than the gains recorded in August.

New Issue of Farm Credit Securities

The Farm Credit Banks priced \$1,250 million of 6-month securities on Wednesday afternoon, October 30, at a spread of about 85 basis points over 6-month Treasury bills (coupon equivalent basis). This issue represents a net paydown of about \$450 million. Market participants were expecting a spread of about 100 basis points, but the issue benefitted from a news report that Treasury Secretary Baker and Agricultural Secretary Block reached an agreement on the form of financial assistance that should be made available to The Farm Credit System. On Thursday, the spread widened to about 100 basis points when a statment released by the administration gave no assistance that federal funds would be provided. The interest rate spread appears to have stabilized at about 100 basis points.

CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT¹ (Thousands of employees; based on seasonally adjusted data)

				1985			1985	
<u></u>	1983	1984	Q1	Q2	Q3	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
	-A	verage	month	ly cha	nges-			
Nonfarm payroll employment ²	293	327	273	188	214	270	138	414
Strike adjusted	293	32 9	267	182	220	303	133	410
Manufacturing	79	52	-26	-43	-42	11	-90	60
Durable	61	45	-17	-30	-39	10	-75	38
Nondurable	18	7	-9	-12	-3	1	-15	22
Construction	25	29	28	28	28	28	35	32
Trade	85	106	91	77	49	79	34	109
Finance and services	103	106	150	94	120	174	90	166
Total government	4	17	20	23	56	2	37	53
Private nonfarm production								
workers	260	253	182	130	136	241	64	324
Manufacturing production								
workers	73	33	-33	-47	-31	8	-68	64
Total employment ³	331	270	282	-250	391	310	372	32 3
Nonagricultural	338	266	290	-175	445	343	488	273

1. Average change from final month of preceding period to final month of period indicated.

2. Survey of establishments. Strike-adjusted data noted.

3. Survey of households.

SI	LECTEI) UI	TEMPLOYMENT	RATES	
(Percent;	based	on	seasonally	adjusted	data)

				1985			1985	
·	1983	1984	Q1	Q2	Q3	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Civilian, 16 years and older	9.6	7.5	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.0	7.1	7.1
Teenagers	22.4	18.9	18.5	18.3	18.2	17.3	17.8	20.1
20-24 years old	14.5	11.4	11.1	11.3	11.0	10.7	11.0	10.9
Men, 25 years and older	7.8	5.7	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.3
Women, 25 years and older	7.2	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.6
White	8.4	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.1
Black	19.5	15.9	15.5	15.0	14.8	14.0	15.3	15.0
Fulltime workers	9.5	7.2	7.0	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.7
Memo: Total national ¹	9.5	7.4	7.2	7.2	7.0	6.9	7.0	7.0

1. Includes resident Armed Forces as employed.

	HOU	JRLY EA	RN	INGS INDEX ¹		
(Percentage	change;	based	on	seasonally	adjusted	data) ²

				1985			1985	
	1983	1984	Q1	Q2	Q3	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
			A	nnu a l	rate	Mon	Monthly rate	
Total private nonfarm	4.0	3.1	3.5	3.2	1.9	.2	•5	.1
Manufacturing	2.8	3.3	5.2	3.5	1.9	.1	1	•2
Durable	2.2	3.1	5.9	3.4	2.3	.2	1	.1
Nondurable	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.8	1.4	.1	1	.3
Contract construction Transportation and	2.0	1.3	5.2	1	-1.3	.2	.3	•1
public utilities Finance, Insurance,	4.3	2.9	2.7	2.9	2.0	•1	.5	.1
and Real Estate	5.9	3.6	5.4	2.5	2.7	.4	1.4	1
Total trade	4.8	2.6	1.8	2.1	1.2	1	.9	•0
Services	4.8	4.0	2.1	5.7	3.7	.4	1.0	.0

1. Excludes the effect of interindustry shifts in employment and fluctua tions in overtime hours in manufacturing.

2. Changes over periods longer than one quarter are measured from final quarter of preceding period to final quarter of period indicated. Quarterly changes are compounded annual rates.

	Bi		dollars ed annua	11y	Percent change fro prior month			
			1985			1985		
• <u>••</u> ••	QII	QIIIp	July r	Aug. r	Sept.p	Aug. r	Sept.p	
Current dollars								
Total	341.9	346.4	344.8	343.9	350.4	3	1.9	
Private	279.1	282.2	280.3	279.8	286.4	2	2.4	
Residential ¹	145.3	148.8	149.2	147.3	149.9	-1.3	1.8	
Single family	83.6	84.0	83.6	84.2	84.1	.8	1	
Multifamily	28.7	30.1	29.5	29.6	31.3	• 2	6.0	
Nonresidential ¹	133.8	133.4	131.1	132.5	136.5	1.1	3.0	
Industrial	16.3	15.6	15.4	15.2	16.1	-1.5	5.7	
Office	31.9	31.8	31.6	31.0	32.8	-2.1	6.0	
Commercial	28.0	28.5	26.5	28.9	30.2	9.3	4.2	
Public	62.8	64.2	64.5	64.1	64.0	7	1	
State & local	50.5	51.8	51.8	52.0	51.7	.5	5	
Federal	12.3	12.4	12.8	12.0	12.3	-5.6	1.9	
1977 dollars								
Total	203.2	205.7	204.4	204.5	208.4	•1	1.9	
Private	165.4	167.2	165.7	166.0	169.8	.2	2.3	

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NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE

1. Contains components not shown separately.

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r--revised.

Public

p--preliminary.

			Net	Change in	Mortgage Assets1
		e Commitments		Mortgage	Mortgage-backed
	New	Outstanding ²	Total	Loans	Securities
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1982-High	9,453	29,472	2,678	349	5,554
Low	4,344	22,111	-900	-4,804	1,800
1983-High	17,254	60,186	8,832	6,741	3,492
Low	10,466	32,493	2,870	498	-39
1984-Jan.	18,249	63,242	6,815	5,495	1,320
Feb.	18,747	64,642	6,690	6,509	181
Mar,	18,240	67,021	10,535	6,555	3,980
Apr.	18,340	67,585	10,329	7,799	2,531
May	20,079	70,086	10,913	8,425	2,489
June	18,771	71,206	10,934	8,286	2,648
July	18,127	72,316	8,808	8,179	630
Aug.	16,595	71,426	9,030	6,551	2,479
Sept.	15,915	70, 559	6,412	5,914	498
Oct.	16,901	69,193	5,467	5,170	297
Nov.	16,923	69,575	4,549	5,933	-1,384
Dec.	17,487	69,779	3,396	2,765	631
1985-Jan.	16,851	69,100	3,463	4,349	-886
Feb.	16,072	68,494	3,171	2,522	649
Mar.	15,961	67,744	5,085	5,021	65
Apr.	16,519	66,105	4,099	4,907	-808
May	16,830	65, 520	1,716	2,943	-1,227
June	16,258	66,124	-2,221	2,733	-4,954
July r	17,966	66,237	2,152	4,923	-2,771
Aug. r	21,455	65,966	7,977	4,732	3,244
Sept.p	21,278	65,906	7,642	3,552	4,089

MORTGAGE ACTIVITY AT ALL FSLIC-INSURED INSTITUTIONS (Millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted)

Net changes are adjusted to account for structural changes caused by mergers, acquisitions, liquidations, terminations, or de novo institutions.
Includes loans in process; entire series revised due to new seasonal adjustment procedures.
p--preliminary.
r--revised.
Note: Data in columns (4) and (5) are based on revised reporting procedures beginning in August 1985 and are not strictly comparable with earlier periods.

	MONETARY	AGGREGATES	
(Based on seasonally	adjusted	data unless	otherwise noted)1

November 1, 1985

		1983:Q4			1 985			Growth from
		1984:04	Q2	Q3	1985 Aug.	Sept.	Oct.P	Q4 1984 to Oct. 1985P®
			Percenta	se change	at annua	il rates -		
1.	H1	5.2	10.2	15.0	20.3	11.5	-1	11-1/2 (11-3/4)
	M2	7.7	5.3	10.2	11.1	7.1	2	8-3/4
3.	н3	10.4	5.2	7.8	9.1	9.8	4	7-3/4
•1•	ected components							Levels in billion of dollars Sept. 1985
4.	Currency	7.2	6.7	9.1	12.3	5.7	8	
						-		167.9
5.	Demand deposits	1.1	8.6	11.9	14.3	12.7	-13	266.8
6.	Other checkable deposits	10.5	16.1	25.9	38.1	16.4	10	171.1
7.	M2 minus ML ³ -	8.6	3.8	8.7	8.2	5.7	3	1916.7
8.	Overnight EPs and Eurodollars, MSA	7.3	-28.7	19.3	69.1	9.1	5	66.6
9.	General purpose and broker/dealer money			• •			-	.
) .	market sutual fund shares, MSA	17.0	-0.7	3.9	6.1	-2.0	2	176.4
J.	Commercial banks	8.1	9.3	7.8	2.0	3.8	4	828-6
•	Savings deposits, SA,	5.2	11.8	19.2	14.0		••	
2.	plus MODAs, MSA ⁴ Small time deposite	11.1	6.5	-4.4	16.0 -13.3	10.6 -4.1	11 -3	445.8
3.	Thrift institutions	7.3	6.5	3.9	-13.3	-0.6	-	382.8
j.	Savings deposits, SA,	1.3	0.3	3.7	1.0	-0.0	3	544.2
••	plus 190As, NSA ⁴	-3.6	10.4	16.4	22.3	6.5	13	352.1
5.	Small time deposits	15.5	4.0	-4.5	-13.7	-5.6	-4	492.1
-							•	
5.	M3 minus M2 ⁵	22.1	4.8	-1.6	0.8	20.8	10	634-8
1.	Large time deposits	26.0	6.4	-3.3	3.7	19.7	14	428.1
5.	At commercial banks, net6	16.0	8.3	-3.4	8.1	22.4	19	272.5
).	At thrift institutions	48.8	2.6	-2.8	-3.9	14.8	5	155.6
).	Institution-only money market							
	mutual fund shares, WSA	33.6	7.7	1.3	-25.8	-24.5	17	62.3
L.	Term RPs, MSA	45.6	16.2	-11.0	46.2	41.0	-14	69.7
2.	Term Eurodollars, NSA	-8.3	-12.1	-17.5	-7.8	11.1	-13	76.7
		- Average	monthly	change i	a billion	s of doll	srs	
EMO	RANDA:							
	Managed liabilities at commercial							
	banks (24+25)	4.7	-2.4	2.3	6.1	8.5	1	446.4
4.	Large time deposits, gross	3.2	-1.0	1.1	1.8	5.2	4	330.2
5.	Nondeposit funds	1.5	-1.4	1.2	4.3	3.3	-3	116.2
6.	Net due to related foreign		-					
_	ingtitutions, WSA	0.9	-1.3	1.3	7.2	1.0	-1	-30.2
7.	Other ⁷	0.5	-0.2	-0.1	-2.8	2.2	-2	146.3
8.	U.S. government deposits at connercial				• •			
	benks	0.2	1.9	-0.7	-8.2	-1.4	-11	15.3

terly changes are calculated on an end-month-of-quarter basis.

2. Figure in parentheses calculated from Q2 1905 base. 3. Hontransactions H2 is seasonally adjusted as a whole.

 Nontransactions H2 is seasonally adjusted as a whole.
Growth rates are for savings deposits, seasonally adjusted, plus money market deposit accounts (HEMAs), not ear-sonally adjusted. Commercial bank savings deposits excluding HEMAs increased during September and October 1965 at rates of 3.9 percent and 7 percent respectively. At thrift institutions, savings deposits excluding HEMAs increased during September and October 1965 at rates of 6.1 percent and 16 percent respectively.
The non-H2 component of H3 is seasonally adjusted as a whole.
Wet of large-denomination time deposits held by unsay market mutual funds and thrift institutions.
Consists of borrowings from other than commercial banks in the form of federal funds purchased, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, and other liabilities for borrowed money (including borrowings from the Federal Reserve and unaffiliated foreign banks, loan RPs and other minor itame). Data are partially estimated.
Consists of Treasury demoni deposits and note balances at commercial banks. per-preliminary estimate

_					1985			Levels in bil. of dollars
		<u>q</u> 1	Q2	Q3	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.P
					- Commerci	al Bank O	redit	
1.	Total loans and securities at banks	10.2	9.1	8.6	6.9	8.6	3.0	1842.5
2.	Securities	5.6	5.3	12.1	7.5	12.6	0.8	423.8
3.	U.S. government securities	10.3	-0.4	8.9	-0.4	7.1	-10.1	270.2
4.	Other securities	-3.1	16.4	18.0	22.3	22.7	20.7	153.6
5.	Total loans	11.7	10.2	7.6	6.8	7.4	3.7	1418.7
6.	Business loans	10.1	2.6	2.9	3.2	4.2	-3.0	486.2
7.	Security loans	17.8	87.8	-19.0	-107.2	45.8	0.0	38.1
8.	Real estate loans	10.9	12.0	11.0	11.7	8.9	13.5	412.9
9,	Consumer loans	17.4	14.7	11.5	10.9	8.2	3.4	280.1
		·	S	hort- an	d Interned	iate-Term	Business	Credit
.0.	Business loans net of bankers acceptances	9.2	3.7	2.8	3.5	5.2	-3.2	482.8:
.1.	Loans at foreign branches ²	-46.9	17.0	-4.1	-49.0	38.3	-12.4	19.2
2.	Sum of lines 10 & 11	6.8	4.1	2.6	1.4	6.5	-3.8	501.9
.3.	Commercial paper issued by nonfinancial firms ³	-6.0	33.8	-1.5	43.0	-45.9	58.5	81.7
	Sums of lines 12 & 13	5.0	8.0	2.0	6.6	-0.6	4.7	583.7
5.	Bankers acceptances: U.S. trade related ^{4,5}	-5.5	-12.2	-12.6	-7.0	-3.5	Q.8.	33.9 (Sept)
6.	Line 14 plus bankers acceptances: U.S. trade related	4.4	6.8	1.2	6.3	-1.0	1 • 4 •	615.3 (Sept)
.7.	Finance company loans to business ⁴	21.4	8.0	1	7.5	1.4.	ũ	144.1 (Aug.)
.8.	Total short- and intermediate- term business credit (sum of lines 16 & 17)	7.5	7.0	n	6.4	11 - 2 -	D.	759.9 (Aug.)

COMMERCIAL BANK CREDIT AND SHORT- AND INTERMEDIATE-TERM BUSINESS CREDIT (Percentage changes at annual rates, based on seasonally adjusted data)¹

n.a.-not available.

p-preliminary

1. Average of Wednesdays for domestically chartered banks and average of current and preceding ends of mouths for foreign-related institutions.

2. Loans at foreign branches are loans usde to U.S. firms by foreign branches of domestically chartered banks.

3. Average of Wednesdays.

4. Based on average of current and preceding ends of month.

5. Consists of acceptances that finance U.S. imports, U.S. exports and domestic shipment and storage of goods.

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SELECTED	FINANCIAL	MARKET	QUOTATIONS ¹						
	(Perc								

	<u>1982/1983</u> <u>1984</u>		1985				Change from:	
	Cyclical		March	June	FOMC		1984	FOM
	10₩	Highs	highs	lows	Oct.	Oct. 31	highs	Oct
nort-term rates								
Federal funds ²	8.46	11.63	8.58	7.38	7.91	8.08	-3.55	.17
Treasury bills ³								
3-month	7.08	10.67	8.80	6.66	7.03	7.19	-3.48	.16
6-month	7.62	10.77	9.13	6.81	7.19	7.29	-3.48	. 10
1-year	7.73	11.13	9.25	6.98	7.39	7.37	-3.76	02
Commercial paper								
1-month	8.00	11.42	8.94	6.95	7.80	7.72	-3.70	08
3-month	7.97	11.35	9.12	7.01	7.78	7.70	-3.65	08
Large negotiable CDs ³								
1-month	8.08	11.52	8.89	7.0 9	7.84	7.73	-3.79	11
3-month	8.12	11.79	9.29	7.18	7.87	7.75	-4.04	12
6-month	8.20	12.30	9.92	7.30	7.97	7.76	-4.54	21
Eurodollar deposits ⁴								
1-month	8.68	11.89	8.89	7.45	7.90	7.99	-3.90	.09
3-month	8.71	12.20	9.58	7.50	8.01	8.09	-4.11	.08
Bank prime rate	10.50	13.00	10.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	-3.50	
Treasury bill futures								
Dec. 1985 contract			10.30	7.12	7.06	7.00		06
Mar. 1986 contract			10.58	7.47	8.41	8.16		25
	nt maturity							-
Mar. 1986 contract ntermediate- and long-t U.S. Treasury (constar 3-year	nt maturity 9.33	13.49	11.22	8.73	9.25	9.06	-4.43	19
Mar. 1986 contract ntermediate- and long-t U.S. Treasury (constar	nt maturity						-4.43 -3.98	19
Mar. 1986 contract <u>itermediate- and long-t</u> U.S. Treasury (constant 3-year	nt maturity 9.33	13.49	11.22	8.73	9.25	9.06		19
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Mar. 1986 contract <u>ntermediate- and long-t</u> U.S. Treasury (constan 3-year 10-year 30-year Municipal revenue (Bond Buyer index) Corporate-A utility	nt maturity 9.33 10.12 10.27 9.21	13.49 13.99 13.94 11.44	11.22 12.02 11.97 10.25	8.73 9.83 10.23 9.10	9.25 10.29 10.55 9.74 ⁵	9.06 10.01 10.28 9.40 ⁵	-3.98 -3.66 -2.04	19 28 27 34
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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

U.S. merchandise trade

U.S. merchandise trade data released on October 31 showed a deficit for September of record proportions, demonstrating again the volatility of monthly export and import statistics. For the third quarter as a whole, the published deficit was substantially smaller than the September rate and less than the deficit reported for the second quarter. However, these data must be interpreted with an extra amount of caution.

Preliminary calculations of revisions anticipated in the monthly trade data suggest that the level of the deficit shown for July and August will be much larger than currently published figures imply. Revisions for September data will be available with the release of October trade figures on November 27. An estimate for the effect of the revisions is shown in column 5 of the table below. For July-August combined, the revised deficit is slightly larger than in the second quarter. A similar comparison is made for trade data on a balance-of-payments (BOP) and GNP basis (columns 6 and 7).

Exports in the third quarter were somewhat less than in the second quarter; this appears to be true whether published data or revised data are used. The current value of exports is somewhat lower than the level recorded a year ago dispite a small increase in export prices and continued growth of economic activity abroad. An important factor in this weakness in exports is the continuing lagged effects of the dollar's sharp appreciation through early 1985.

Developments in imports are very difficult to assess. Published data (see the table below) indicate that imports in the third quarter were less than in the second quarter. However, preliminary

revised data for July and August suggest that imports may be substantially stronger than originally published and therefore the third quarter may well have increased a bit from the revised second-quarter level.

October 31, 1985

U.S. Merchandise Trade (In billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted annual rates)

				BOP and GNP Bases 4/				
		Exports	Imports 2/	Balance 2/	Net Revision 3	/ Adj. Balance		Ance
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)=(3+4)	Old	Est. Rev.
			• - •	•••	• • •		(6)	(7)
Years:								
1981		233.7	273.4	-39.7	n.a.	1.8.	-28.0	n.a.
1982		212.2	254.9	-42.7	n.	D.4 .	-36.5	D.4.
1983		200.5	269.9	-69.4	n.a.	n.s.	-61.1	n.a.
1984		217.9	341.2	-123.3	-4.3	-127.6	-108.3	-112.4
Quarte	rs:							
1983	-1	200.9	244.6	-43.6	n. . .	n.s.	-38.5	n.a.
	2	194.8	260.3	-65.5	D.4 .	n.s.	-59.0	n
	3	201.3	280.3	-79.0	D.4.	n.s.	-68.9	D
	4	205.6	294.7	-89.2	n.a.	B.8.	-81.6	n.a.
	~	20300	••••					
1984	- 1	212.0	332.6	-120.6	+4.8	-115.8	-102.3	-97.9
	- 2	212.8	332.5	-119.7	-12.8	-132.5	-102.6	-114.6
	- 3	221.9	363.6	-141.7	+13.4	-128.3	-103.0	~117.2
	- 4	223.8	335.4	-111.6	-22.8	-134.4	-98.2	-119.7
	- 4	223.0	333.4	-111.0	-22.0	-134+4	-90.2	-112.1
1985	- 1	222.8	353.9	-131.1	+7.6	-123.5	-118.1	-111.1
	2	210.5	362.2	-151.7	+11.2	-140.5	-132.0	-121.3
	3	210.3	354.1	-143.8	-23.7*	-146.2*	-110.0*	-132.4*
4	July	229.8	395.1	-165.3	+29.0	-136.3	-165.9	-138.8
•	Aug.	217.5	338.6	-121.1	-5.4	-126.5	-102.4	-106.9
	Sept.	218.5	357.0	-138.5	+16.7	-121.8	-121.7	-106.0
	Sept.	410.3	377.0	-120.2	+10+1	-121.0	-141.7	-100.0
	Oct.	220.9	336.8	-115.9	-35.4	-151.3	-104.0	-137.6
	Nov .	220.7	343.4	-122.7	-16.0	-138.7	-111.0	-125.9
	Dec.	229.7	326.1	-96.4	-16.9	-113.3	-79.7	-95.6
				2014		}		
1985	Jan.	232.8	356.2	-123.4	+8.7	-114.7	-131.8	-124.3
	Feb.	214.2	351.6	-137.4	+18.3	-119.1	-98.3	-80.4
	Mar	221.4	353.9	-132.5	-4.3	-136.8	-124.7	-129.2
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	Apr.	213.3	355.5	-142.2	-2.1	-144.3	-120.3	-122.3
	May	209.0	361.0	-152.0	-1.5	-153.5	-132.7	-133.8
	June	209.3	370.2	-161.0	+37.0	-124.0	-143.1	-107.9
						1		
	July	208.9	335.0	-126.1	-24.0	-150.1	-115.5	-138.3
	Aug.	209.1	327.9	-118.8	-23.5	-142.3	-104.0	-126.4
	Sept.	212.8	399.4	-186.6	1.4.	n.a.	D.4.	B.#.
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17 Published monthly by the Census Bureau.

CIF value includes insurance and freight charges for imports only.

3/ This is the estimated net value of the carry-over of documents received too late for inclusion in the appropriate month. These data are not seasonally adjusted.
4/ Data as defined and used in the Belance of Payments Account and in the

GNP Account -- does not include insurance and freight charges for imports. In addition, different seasonal factors are used than in Census basis data.

*/ Average of July and August .