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U.S. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS
THIRD QUARTER 1973 (REVISED)

The balance on current account and long-term capital was in surplus by $2.5 billion in the third quarter, the Bureau of Economic Analysis, an agency of the Commerce Department's Social and Economic Statistics Administration, announced today. The surplus compares with a deficit of $0.6 billion in the second quarter.

The balance on goods and services showed an improvement of $1.5 billion, to a surplus of $2.1 billion, as the merchandise trade balance shifted favorably by $1.0 billion and other goods and services accounts improved to a lesser extent. The balance on current account registered a surplus of $1.2 billion, compared with a $0.4 billion deficit in the second quarter.

Net long-term capital flows, including private and Government, shifted to a $1.3 billion inflow in the third quarter, following a $0.2 billion outflow in the second. There was a $0.7 billion decline in U.S. direct investment outflows to $0.2 billion, a $0.7 billion rise in net foreign purchases of U.S. securities to $1.2 billion, and a $0.2 billion rise in foreign direct investment in the United States to $0.7 billion. Net U.S. Government capital outflows were $0.4 billion in the third quarter, following a small inflow in the second.

The net liquidity balance was in surplus by $1.4 billion in the third quarter, compared with a $1.6 billion deficit in the second, and the official reserve transactions balance was in surplus by $2.1 billion compared with $0.3 billion in the second.

Complete balance of payments data for the third quarter and further analysis will be published in the December issue of the Survey of Current Business, the monthly journal of the Bureau of Economic Analysis. The Survey is available from District Offices of the Department of Commerce or from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, at an annual subscription price of $34.45, including weekly supplements; single copy, $2.25.

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Table A--Summary of U.S. International Transactions
(Millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted)

		1972	1972				1973			Change: 1973
			I	II	III	IV	Ir	IIr	IIIp	II-III
1	Merchandise trade balance	-6,912	-1,820	-1,774	-1,573	-1,745	-960	-244	714	958
2	Services, net	2,301	446	348	634	875	1,110	918	1,434	516
3	Balance on goods and services	-4,610	-1,374	-1,426	-939	-870	150	674	2,148	1,474
4	Remittances, pensions and other transfers	-1,570	-391	-375	-373	-429	-397	-389	-422	-33
5	Balance on goods, services and remittances	-6,180	-1,765	-1,801	-1,312	-1,299	-247	285	1,726	1,441
6	U.S. Government grants (excluding military)	-2,174	-578	-563	-581	-452	-345	-652	-509	143
7	Balance on current account	-8,353	-2,343	-2,364	-1,893	-1,751	-592	-367	1,217	1,584
8	U.S. Government capital flows, net, and nonliquid liabilities to other than foreign official reserve agencies	-1,339	-289	-95	-366	-586	-336	75	-363	-438
9	Long-term private capital flows, net	-152	-1,143	604	-393	781	-16	-317	1,685	2,002
10	Balance on current account and long-term capital	-9,843	-3,775	-1,855	-2,652	-1,556	-944	-609	2,539	3,148
11	Nonliquid short-term private capital flows, net	-1,637	-535	310	-430	-982	-1,822	-1,404	234	1,638
12	Allocations of SDR	710	178	178	177	177	--	--	--	--
13	Errors and omissions, net	-3,112	944	-940	-1,626	-1,490	-3,891	425	-1,355	-1,780
14	Net liquidity balance	-13,882	-3,188	-2,307	-4,531	-3,851	-6,657	-1,588	1,418	3,006
15	Liquid private capital flows, net	3,542	-288	1,456	7	2,367	-3,842	1,923	690	-1,233
16	Official reserve transactions balance	-10,340	-3,476	-851	-4,524	-1,484	-10,499	335	2,108	1,773

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