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Interest rates generally have declined over the past year (see pages 6 and 7). At the same time, the growth rate of M1 has accelerated sharply (see page 5). This appears to fit the view that faster money growth is associated with falling interest rates. However, such a liquidity effect is a more short-run phenomenon, and a closer look at the recent data yields conflicting observations concerning the relationship between money growth and interest rates.

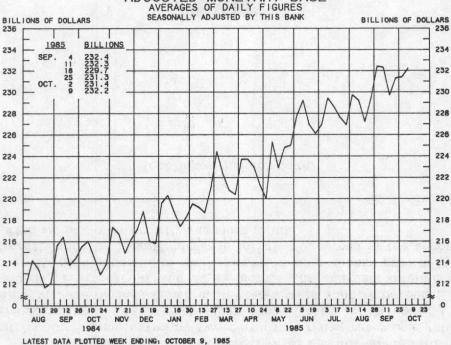
The general decline in interest rates has not been uniform, but has been punctuated by two periods of rising rates (see table on back page). The corresponding growth rates of M1 over the relevant time periods shown in the table were about 6 percent, 15 percent, 11.5 percent and 13 percent. The sharpest decline in interest rates occurred in the first period when money growth was slowest, and the largest increase in rates occurred in the second period when money growth was most rapid.

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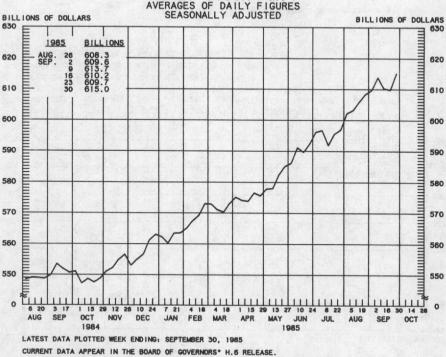


ADJUSTED MONETARY BASE

THE ADJUSTED MONETARY BASE IS THE SUM OF RESERVE ACCOUNTS OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AT FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS, CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION CURRENCY HELD BY THE PUBLIC AND IN THE VALLTS OF ALL DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS ; AND AN ADJUSTEMENT FOR RESERVE REQUIREMENT RATIO CHANGES. THE MAJOR SOURCE OF THE ADJUSTED MONETARY BASE IS FEDERAL RESERVE CREDIT. DATA ARE COMPUTED BY THIS BANK. A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE ADJUSTED MONETARY BASE IS AVAILABLE FROM THIS BANK.

RECENT DATA ARE PRELIMINARY.

	COMPOUNDED	ANNUAL	RATES	OF CHANGE	, AVERA	GE OF FC	OUR WEEKS	ENDING:
	10/10/84	1/9/85	3/6/85	4/10/85	5/8/85	6/12/85	7/10/85	8/7/85
TO THE AVERAGE	E					2005/63 2005/63		
3/ 6/85 4/10/85 5/ 8/85 6/12/85 7/10/85 8/ 7/85 9/11/85 10/ 9/85	6.9 6.9 6.1 8.3 7.8 7.5 7.8 7.6	8.1 6.5 9.8 8.8 8.3 8.6 8.2	4.3 10.3 8.7 8.1 8.5 8.0	12.3 9.5 8.5 8.8 8.3	13.4 10.8 10.6 9.6	4.4 6.5 6.2	7.9	7.8

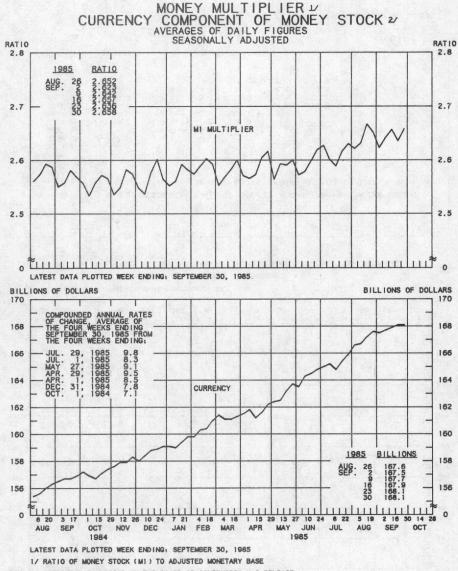


MONEY STOCK (M1) AVERAGES OF DAILY FIGURES SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

MI IS THE SUM OF CURRENCY HELD BY THE NONBANK PUBLIC, DEMAND DEPOSITS, OTHER CHECKABLE DEPOSITS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS.

			M	DNEY STO	CK (M1)			
	COMPOUND	DED ANNUAL	RATES	OF CHANG	E, AVERA	GE OF FO	UR WEEKS	ENDING:
	10/1/84	12/31/84	3/4/85	4/1/85	4/29/85	5/27/85	7/1/85	7/29/85
TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:								
3/ 4/85 4/ 1/85	8.3 7.6	9.9						
4/29/85	7.4	9.0	5.0					
5/27/85	8.2 9.9	9.9	7.9	9.9	18.7			
7/29/85	9.6	11.5	11.0	12.8	14.9	15.3		
9/ 2/85	10.8	12.9	13.1	14.8	16.8	17.7	15.0	
9/30/85	11.0	12.9	13.0	14.4	16.0	16.5	14.2	17.7

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2/ CURRENT DATA APPEAR IN THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS" H.6 RELEASE.

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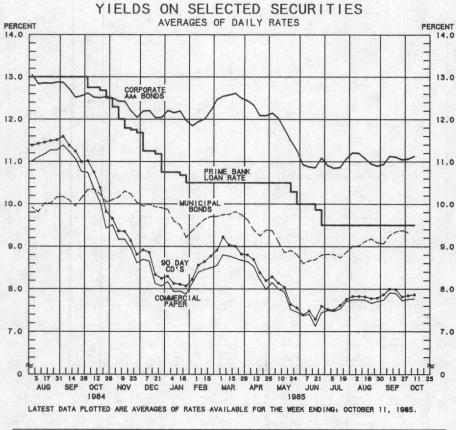
TOTAL CHECKABLE DEPOSITS AVERAGES OF DAILY FIGURES SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

TOTAL CHECKABLE DEPOSITS IS THE SUM OF DEMAND DEPOSITS AND OTHER CHECKABLE DEPOSITS AT ALL DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS.

TOTAL	CHECKABLE	DEPOSI	TS

	10/1/84	12/31/84	3/4/85	4/1/85	4/29/85	5/27/85	7/1/85	7/29/85
O THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS NDING:								
3/ 4/85	9.2							
4/ 1/85	8.4	11.3						
4/29/85	8.1	10.2	5.3	ALL ALL				
5/27/85	9.0	11.1	8.5	10.9				
7/ 1/85	11.2	14.1	13.7	17.0	21.9			
7/29/85	10.7	13.1	12.4	14.4	17.0	17.7		
9/ 2/85	12.2	14.8	14.9	17.0	19.4	20.6	17.0	
9/30/85	12.5	14.9	14.9	16.7	18.7	19.4	16.5	21.1

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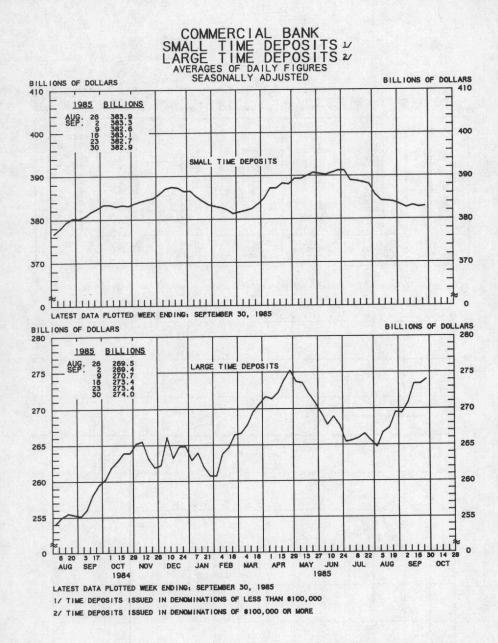
1985	90 DAY CD*S	30-DAY COMMERCIAL PAPER	90-DAY BANKERS* ACCEPTANCES	CORPORATE AAA BONDS	CORPORATE BAA BONDS	MUNICIPAL BONDS X80
AUG. 2 9 16 23 30 SEP. 6 13 20 27 0CT. 4 11 * 18 25	7.83 7.82 7.78 7.79 7.87 8.00 7.82 7.82 7.85 7.85	7.75 7.75 7.74 7.67 7.71 7.91 7.90 7.73 7.76 7.77	7.74 7.73 7.66 7.66 7.68 7.92 7.90 7.90 7.68 7.72 7.80	11.21 11.08 10.95 10.94 11.13 11.11 11.05 11.05 11.07 11.13	12.58 12.59 12.54 12.44 12.40 12.52 12.51 12.51 12.47 12.46 12.44	9.01 9.02 9.12 9.09 9.07 9.26 9.35 9.35 9.38 9.33 N.A.

NOTE: CURRENT DATA APPEAR IN THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS" H.15 RELEASE. # AVERAGES OF RATES AVAILABLE BOND BUYER'S AVERAGE INDEX OF 20 MUNICIPAL BONDS, THURSDAY DATA N.A. - NOT AVAILABLE

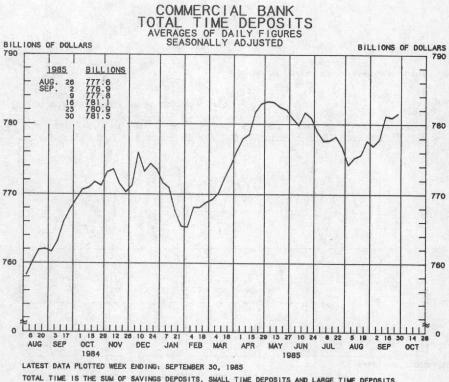


1985	FEDERAL FUNDS ###	3-MONTH TREASURY BILL	6-MONTH TREASURY BILL #968	1-YEAR TREASURY BILL	5-YEAR TREASURY SECURITIES	LONG-TERM TREASURY SECURITIES
AUG. 2 9 16 23 30 SEP. 6 13 20 0CT. 4 11 * 18 25	7.64 7.92 7.88 8.06 7.78 7.88 7.88 7.80 7.85 7.96 8.12 7.84	7.28 7.21 7.13 7.07 7.07 7.14 7.12 6.89 7.01 7.14	7.40 7.52 7.36 7.28 7.21 7.30 7.39 7.32 7.05 7.24 7.32	7.57 7.58 7.49 7.39 7.42 7.62 7.62 7.55 7.34 7.41 7.48	10.01 9.98 9.84 9.67 9.66 9.76 9.95 9.85 9.66 9.71 9.82	10.90 10.85 10.76 10.59 10.57 10.68 10.87 10.80 10.73 10.73 10.82

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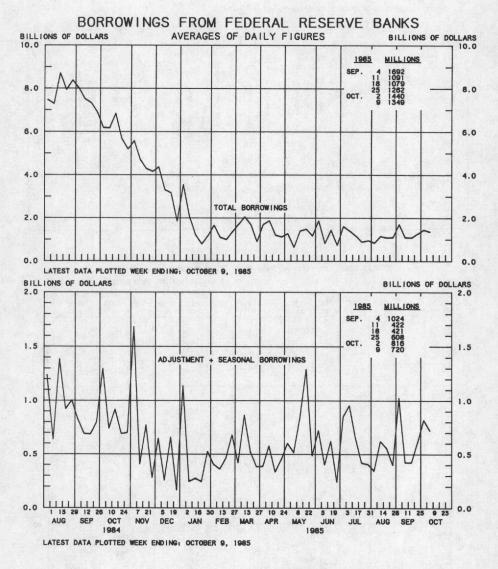


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TOTAL	TIME	15	THE	SUM	OF	SAVINGS	DEPOSITS,	SMALL	TIME DEPOSITS	AND	LARGE	TIME	DEPOSITS.	
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			TO	TAL TIME	DEPOSIT	s		
	COMPOUN	DED ANNUAL	RATES (OF CHANG	E, AVERA	GE OF FO	UR WEEKS	ENDING:
	10/1/84	12/31/84	3/4/85	4/1/85	4/29/85	5/27/85	7/1/85	7/29/85
TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:								
3/ 4/85 4/ 1/85	0.6	-0.6						
4/29/85 5/27/85 7/ 1/85	3.1 3.2 2.4	2.4 2.7 1.6	10.3 8.2 4.7	8.4 3.8	0.0			
7/29/85	1.7	0.8	2.9	1.8	-1.4	-3.7		
9/ 2/85 9/30/85	1.4	0.4	2.0	1.0	-1.5	-3.0	-2.9	2.0
0,00,00		1.1	2.1	1.9	0.0	-0.9	0.0	2.0

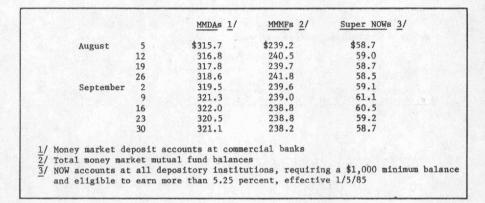


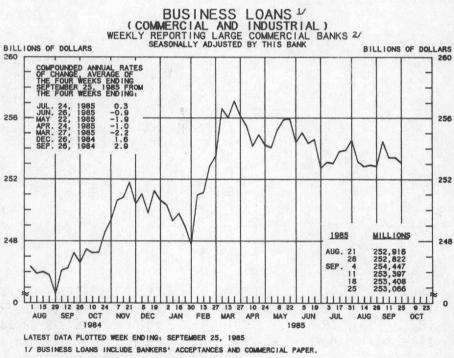
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MMDAS, MMMFS AND SUPER NOWS

(BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)





2/ BANKS WITH DOMESTIC ASSETS GREATER THAN \$1.4 BILLION

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			Changes in terest Rates	
Period	3-month Treasury bill	6-month Treasury bill	l <i>-</i> year Treasury bill	5-year Treasury security
9/7/84-1/25/85	-296	-282	-260	-214
1/25/85-3/8/85	104	105	87	81
3/8/85-6/21/85	-188	-208	-195	-201
6/21/85-10/11/85	33	42	34	32