

Interest rates on Treasury securities of all maturities declined by about 300 basis points from mid-1984 to mid-1985. Since June 1985, the rate on threemonth bills has been virtually unchanged while yields on other Treasury securities have declined further, resulting in a substantial flattening of the yield curve. As the table below shows, the narrowing of the interest rate spreads has occurred primarily since the end of September and has been most prominent in the yields on longer-term Treasury securities. In particular, the 5-year and long-term Treasury securities have each narrowed their spreads with the three-month rate by more than 150 basis points.

Spread Between Interest Rates on Selected U.S. Treasury Securities and the Three-Month Bill Rate (basis points)

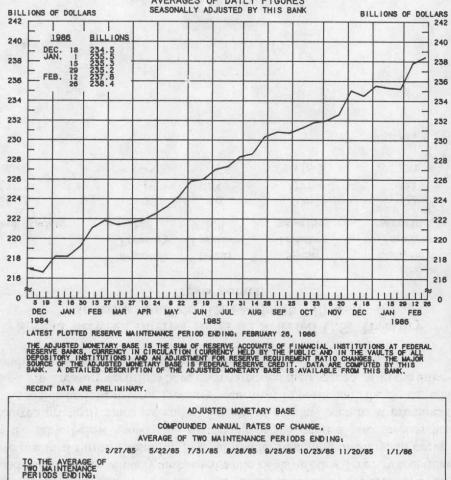
Week Ending	6-month Treasury bill	1-year Treasury bill	5-year Treasury securities	Long-term Treasury securities
6/28/85	27	40	288	372
9/27/85	16	45	277	384
2/28/86	-5	· 1	116	170

-Mack Ott



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ADJUSTED MONETARY BASE AVERAGES OF DAILY FIGURES

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7/31/85

8/28/85

9/25/85

10/23/85

1/ 1/88 1/29/88

2/26/88

6.9

7.4

7.4 7.0 6.7 7.2 6.8 7.5 10.0

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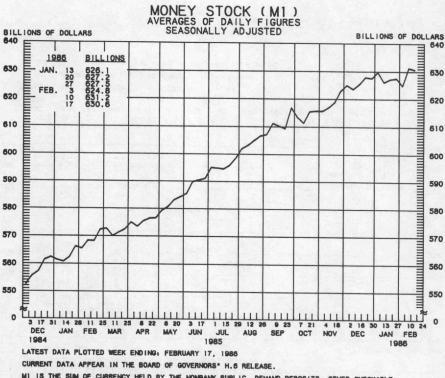
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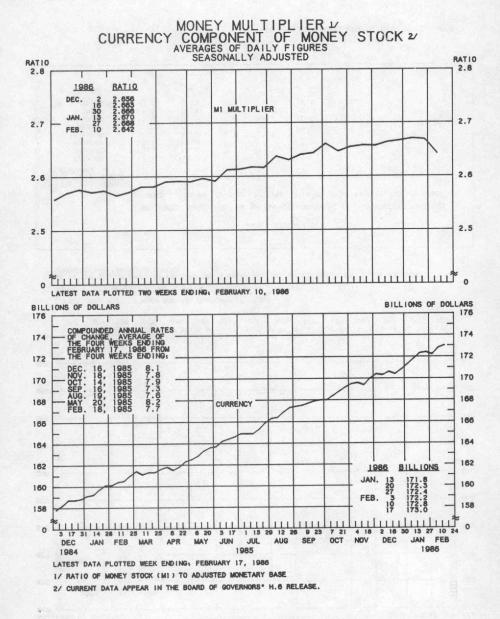
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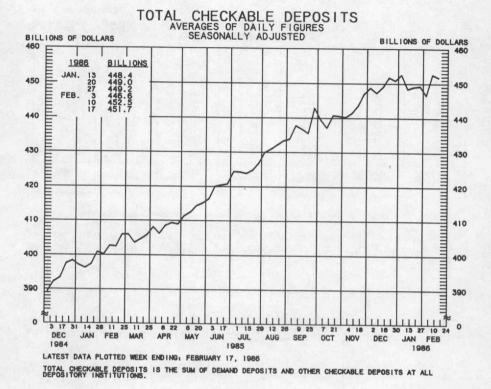
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	COMPOUND	ED ANNUA	L RATES	OF CHANG	E, AVER	AGE OF F	OUR WEEK	
	2/18/85	5/20/85	7/15/85	8/19/85			11/18/85	
TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:								
7/15/85 8/19/85 9/16/85 10/14/85 11/18/85	12.1 12.7 13.1 12.5 11.8	16.1 15.9 14.5 13.1	15.4 13.3 11.6	11.9 10.1	7.8			
12/16/85 1/20/86 2/17/86	12.3 11.6 10.8	13.6 12.4 11.3	12.5 11.3 10.0	11.7 10.3 9.0	10.6 9.2 7.9	11.4 9.4 7.7	10.7	4.0

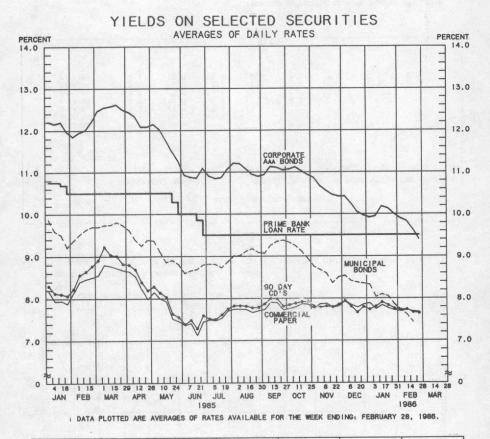


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			TOTAL	CHECKAE	BLE DEPO	SITS		
	COMPOUND		RATES	OF CHANG	E, AVER	AGE OF F	OUR WEEKS	S ENDING:
	2/18/85			8/19/85				
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7/15/85 8/19/85 9/16/85 10/14/85	14.0 14.6 15.1 14.5	18.9 18.7 17.0	17.7	14,1				
11/18/85 12/16/85	13.5	14.9 15.8	12.9	11.1	8.2	12.9		
1/20/86 2/17/86	13.2	14.2	12.6	11.5	10.1	10.1	12.1	2.6

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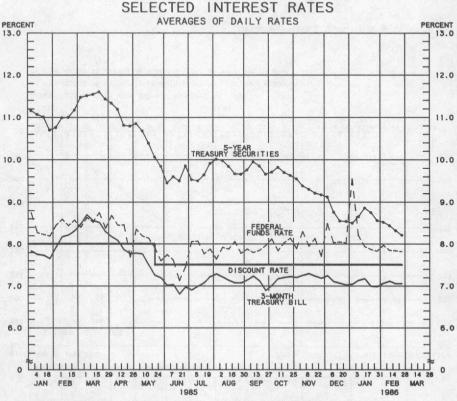


1986	90 DAY CD*S	30-DAY COMMERCIAL PAPER	90-DAY BANKERS" ACCEPTANCES	CORPORATE AAA BONDS	CORPORATE BAA BONDS	MUNICIPAL BONDS NON
JAN. 3 10 17 24 51 7 14 21 28 * MAR. 7 14 21 28 * 14 21 28 * 28	7.74 7.81 7.91 7.84 7.76 7.73 7.73 7.67 7.65	7.89 7.75 7.84 7.77 7.72 7.70 7.73 7.69 7.68	7.65 7.66 7.72 7.61 7.59 7.62 7.52 7.52 7.53	9.92 9.95 10.18 10.13 10.00 9.90 9.84 9.64 9.40	11.36 11.37 11.48 11.49 11.43 11.29 11.25 11.25 11.00 10.95	8.33 8.04 8.10 8.05 7.86 7.73 7.73 7.62 7.44 N.A.

NOTE: CURRENT DATA APPEAR IN THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS" H.15 RELEASE. M AVERAGES OF RATES AVAILABLE MEM BOND BUYER'S AVERAGE INDEX OF 20 MUNICIPAL BONDS, THURSDAY DATA

N.A. - NOT AVAILABLE

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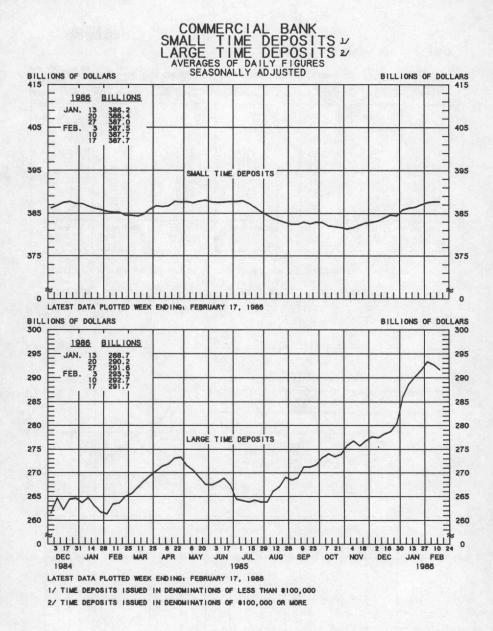


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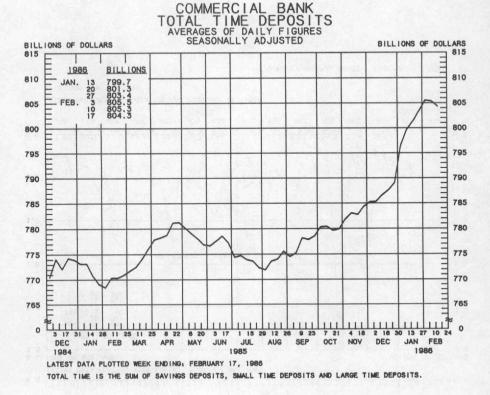
1986	FEDERAL FUNDS NON	3-MONTH TREASURY BILL	6-MONTH TREASURY BILL HONE	1-YEAR TREASURY BILL	5-YEAR TREASURY SECURITIES	LONG-TERM TREASURY SECURITIES
JAN. 3 10 17 24 51 FEB. 7 14 21 28 MAR. 7 14 21 28	9.55 8.20 7.94 7.87 7.83 7.97 7.85 7.85 7.84 7.82	7.04 7.13 7.17 6.99 6.98 7.06 7.11 7.15 7.05	7.07 7.11 7.28 7.14 7.03 7.06 7.23 7.00 7.00	7.12 7.21 7.32 7.21 7.11 7.12 7.17 7.17 7.10	8.50 8.65 8.75 8.56 8.52 8.44 8.32 8.21	9.44 9.53 9.72 9.52 9.46 9.34 9.34 9.07 8.75

NOTE: CURRENT DATA APPEAR IN THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS" H.15 RELEASE EXCLUDING LONG-TERM TREASURY SECURITIES WHICH ARE COMPUTED BY THIS BANK. TREASURY BILL YIELDS ARE ON A DISCOUNT BASIS. WAVERAGES OF RATES AVAILABLE ENDING TWO DAYS EARLIER THAN DATE SHOWN WARR AUCTION AVERAGES FOR WEEK ENDING TWO DAYS EARLIER THAN DATE SHOWN

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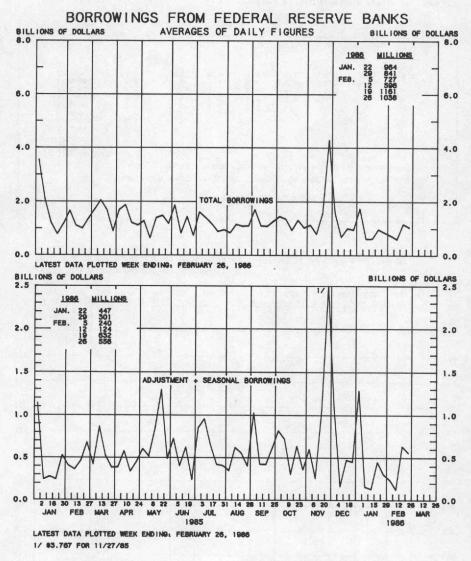


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	2/18/85	5/20/85	7/15/85	8/19/85	9/16/85	10/14/85	11/18/85	12/16/85
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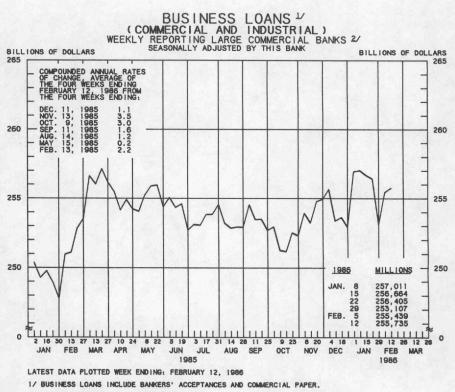


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MMDAS, MMMFS AND SUPER NOWS

(BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

December	23	\$332.1	\$240.6	\$64.1
	30	333.0	239.3	63.9
January	6	337.0	236.6	66.9
	13	337.7	243.2	67.0
	20	337.1	245.0	66.3
	27	336.2	247.0	65.3
February	3	335.6	246.9	65.9
	10	336.6	246.9	67.4
	17	336.7	246.6	66.8



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

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