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FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES MARCH 1981

THE TABLE BELOW SHOWS THE AVERAGE RATES OF EXCHANGE OF TWENTY-FOUR CURRENCIES IN MARCH 1981 TOGETHER WITH COMPARABLE FIGURES FOR OTHER MONTHS. AVERAGES ARE BASED ON DAILY NOON BUYING RATES FOR CABLE TRANSFERS IN NEW YORK CITY CERTIFIED FOR CUSTOMS PURPOSES BY THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

(RATES IN U.S. CENTS PER UNIT OF FOREIGN CURRENCY)

COUNTRY	MONETARY UNIT	1981 MARCH	1981 FEBRUARY	1981 JANUARY	1980 MARCH
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	116.2903	116.2638	118.1899	109.0337
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	6.69588	6.60329	7.02970	7.55387
BELGIUM	FRANC	2.89661	2.89721	3.09617	3.33950
CANADA	DOLLAR	83.9356	83.4423	83.9738	85.2547
DENMARK	KRONE	15.1086	15.1522	16.1811	17.3254
FINLAND	MARKKA	24.6122	24.6555	25.7522	25.9982
FRANCE	FRANC	20.1465	20.1423	21.5391	23.1876
GERMANY	D. MARK	47.4978	46.7566	49.7710	54.0394
INDIA	RUPEE	12.1309	12.1639	12.5671	12.2695
IRELAND	POUND	173.2477	173.3082	185.5428	202.2532
ITALY	LIRA	0.096986	0.098074	0.104779	0.116347
JAPAN	YEN	0.478973	0.486153	0.494193	0.402455
MALAYSIA	DOLLAR	43.8301	44.1957	44.9938	44.9564
MEXICO	PESO	4.2238	4.2544	4.2792	4.3739
NETHERLANDS	GUILDER	42.9121	42.8702	45.8102	49.2700
NEW ZEALAND	DOLLAR	91.9985	93.4143	96.1371	95.4509
NORWAY	KRONE	18.5396	18.4853	19.0871	19.8147
PORTUGAL	ESCUDO	1.76214	1.77221	1.85907	2.01162
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	126.4967	129.2666	133.6861	123.5942
SPAIN	PESETA	1.16721	1.16861	1.24085	1.44462
SRI LANKA	RUPEE	5.5527	5.5975	5.9525	6.4098
SWEDEN	KRONA	21.7044	21.7343	22.4898	23.0078
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	52.0434	51.5021	54.9071	56.7095
UNITED KINGDOM	POUND	223.1884	229.4108	240.2881	220.4511
MEMO:					
UNITED STATES*	DOLLAR	96.22	96.02	91.38	90.26

*INDEX OF WEIGHTED AVERAGE EXCHANGE VALUE OF U.S. DOLLAR AGAINST CURRENCIES OF OTHER G-10 COUNTRIES PLUS SWITZERLAND. MARCH 1973 = 100. WEIGHTS ARE 1972-76 GLOBAL TRADE OF EACH OF THE 10 COUNTRIES. SERIES REVISED AS OF AUGUST 1978. FOR DESCRIPTION AND BACK DATA, SEE "INDEX OF THE WEIGHTED-AVERAGE EXCHANGE VALUE OF THE U.S. DOLLAR: REVISION" ON PAGE 700 OF THE AUGUST 1978 FEDERAL RESERVE BULLETIN.