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CHART 1

SPOT EXCHANGE INDICES

DOLLAR PRICES OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND WEIGHTED AVERAGE VALUES (THIN LINE)
AVERAGES FOR WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY

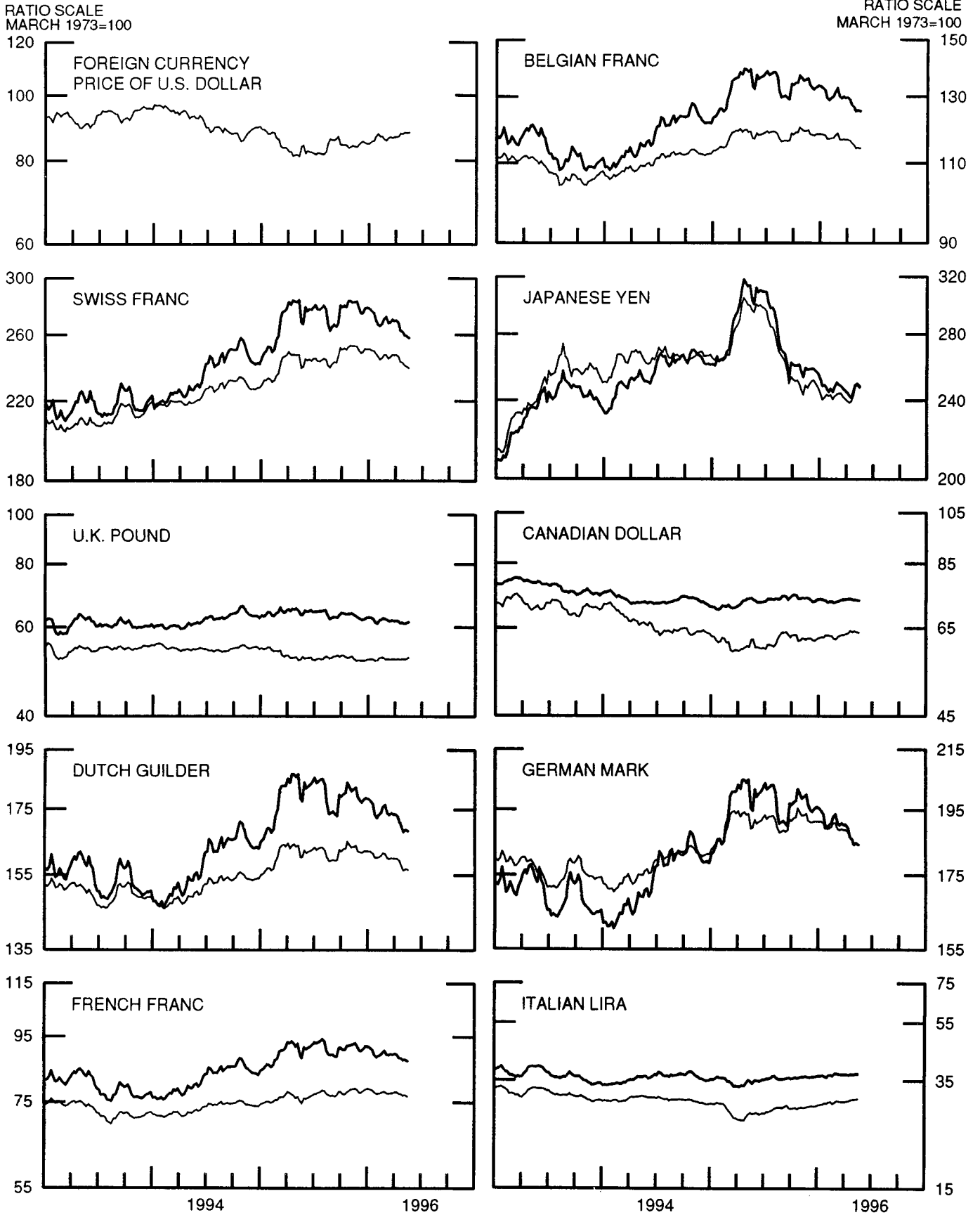


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3-MONTH FORWARD EXCHANGE RATES

PREMIUM (+) OR (-)
AVERAGES FOR WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY

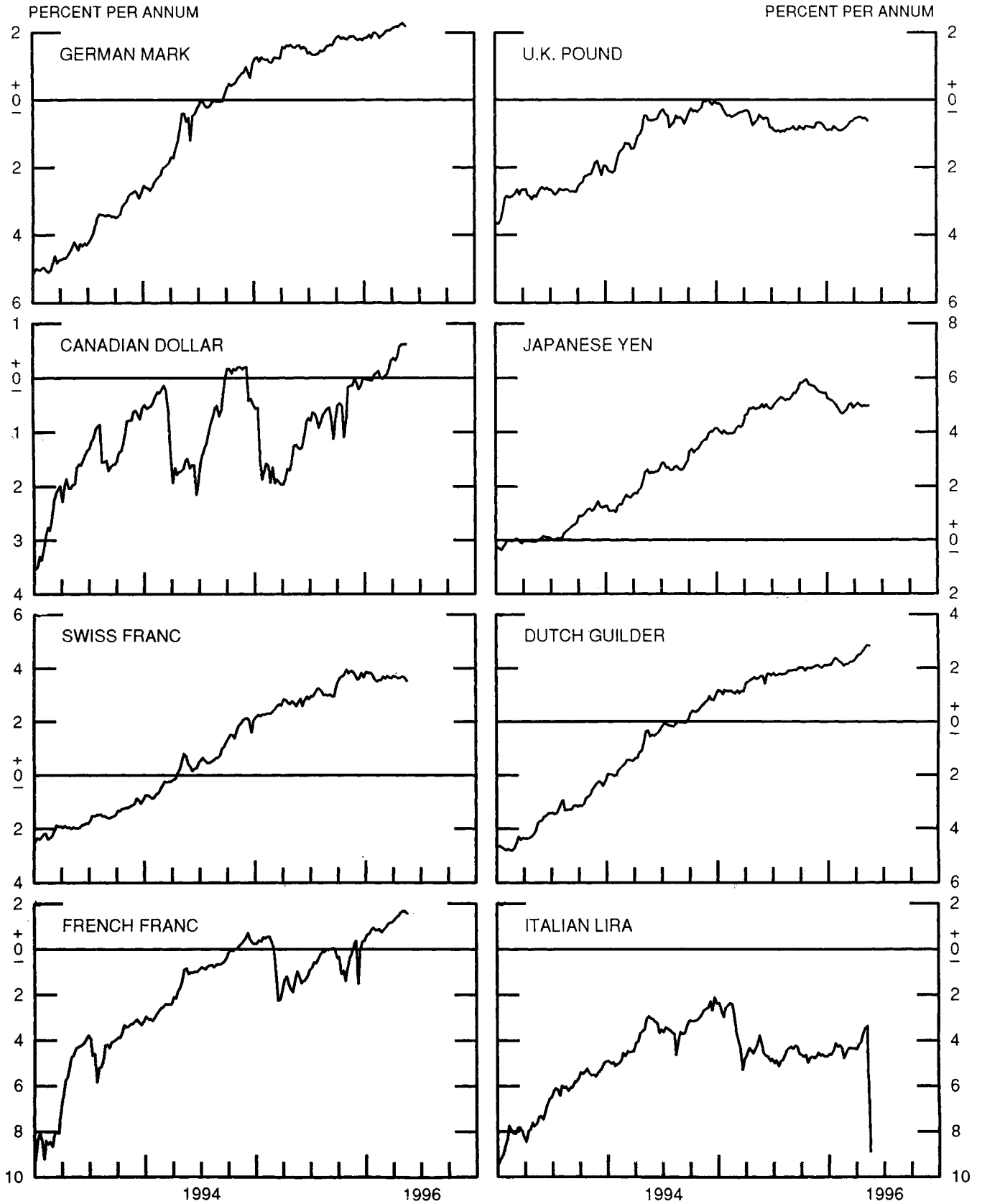


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PRICE OF GOLD IN LONDON
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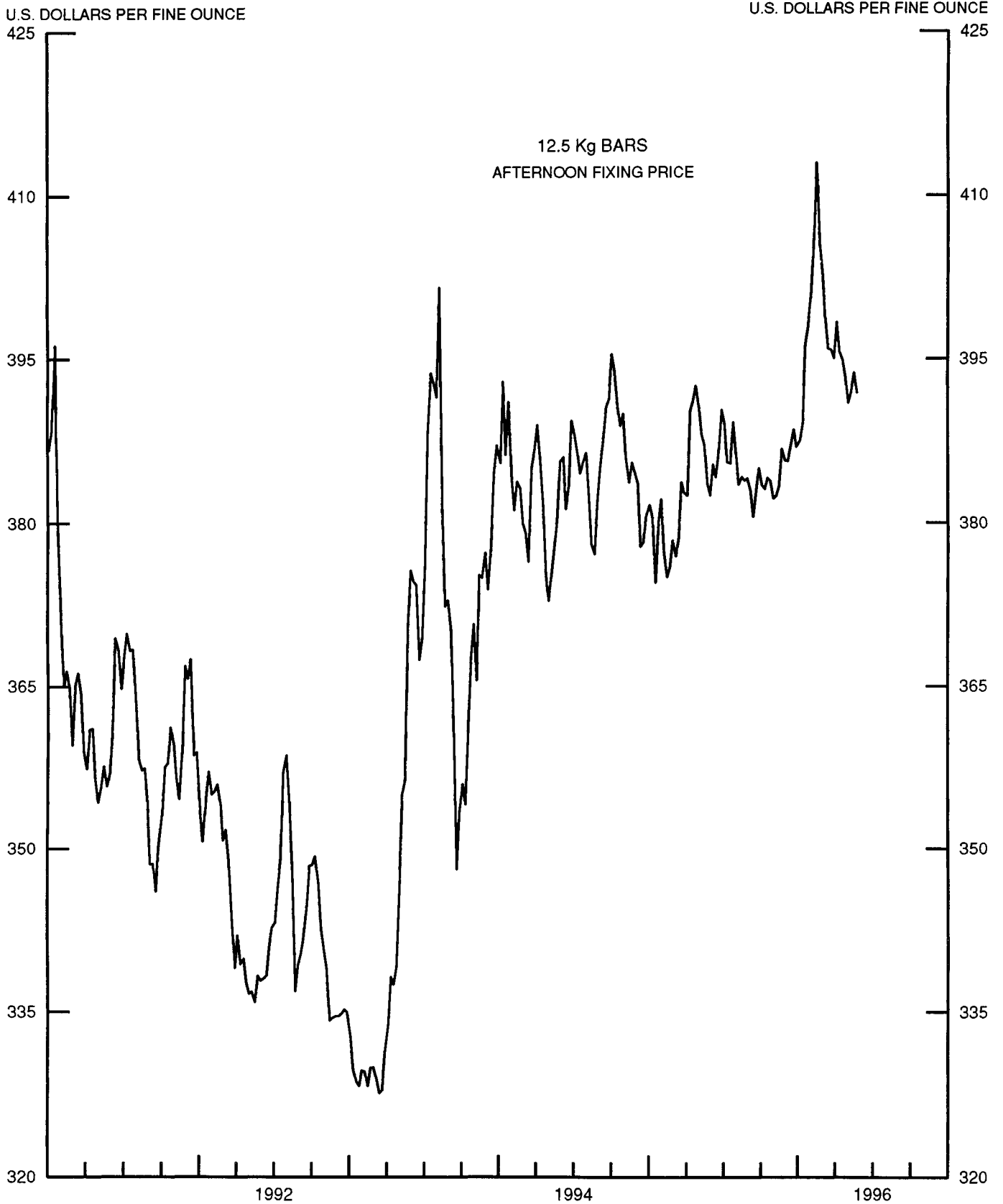


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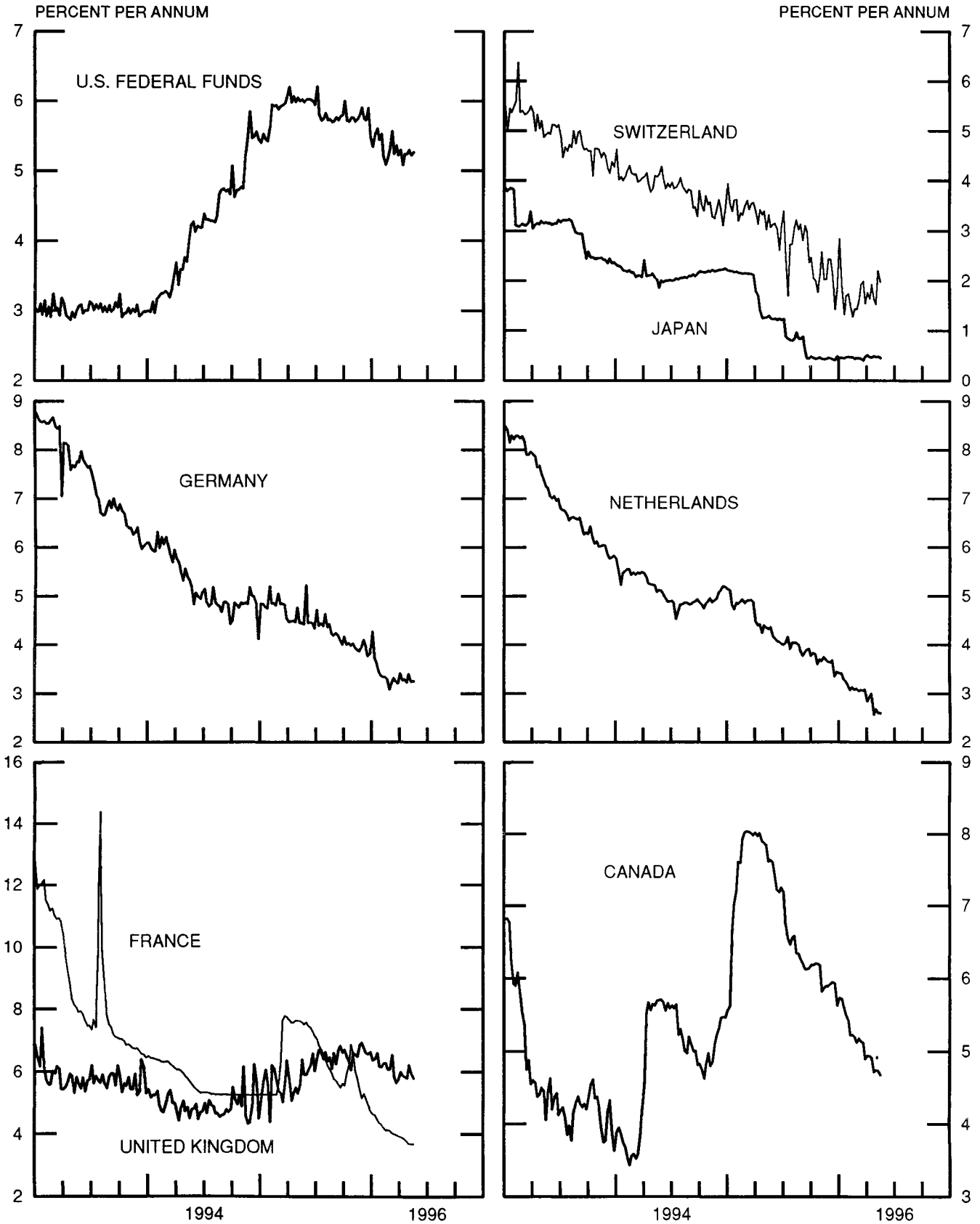


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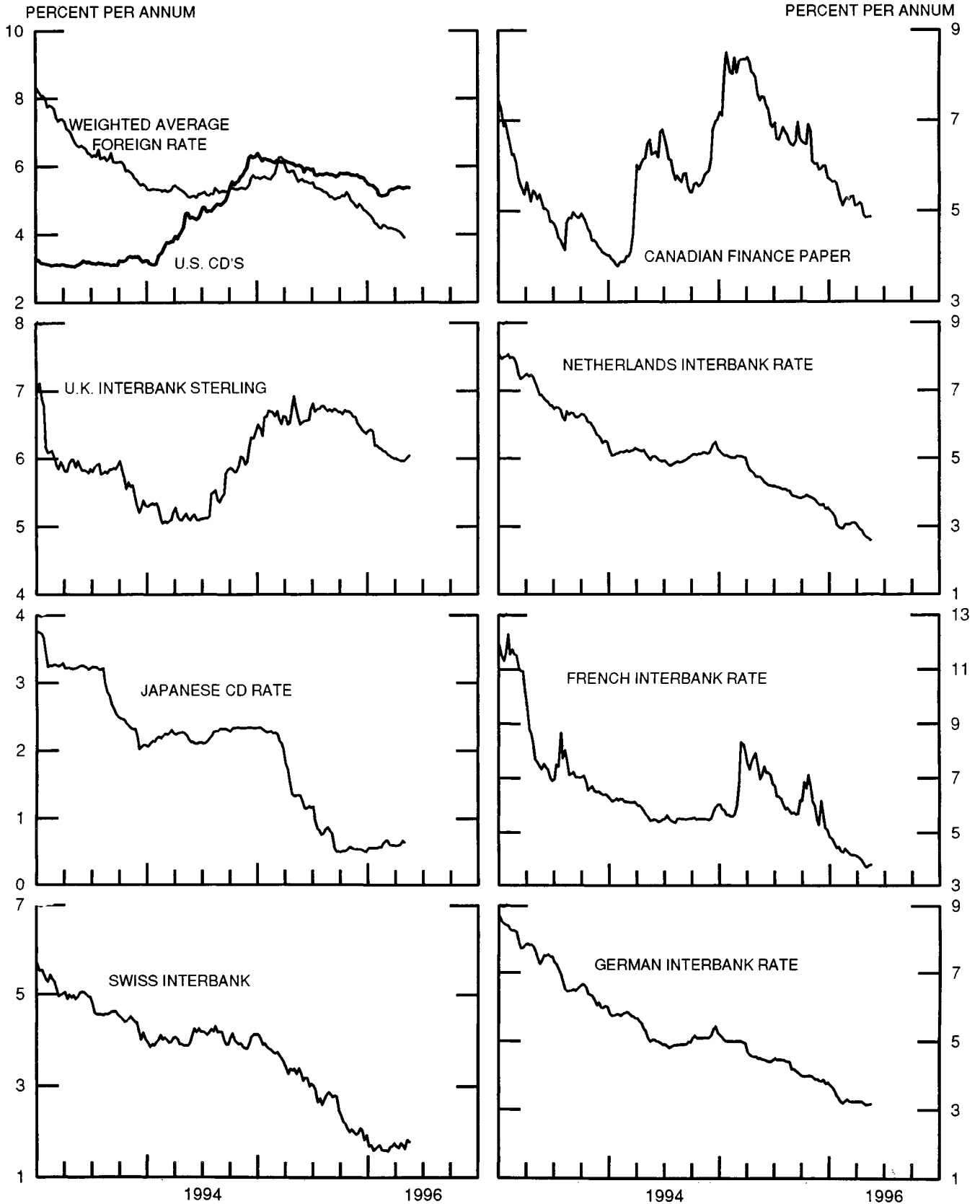


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EURO-DOLLAR DEPOSIT RATES, LONDON

AVERAGES FOR WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY

PERCENT PER ANNUM

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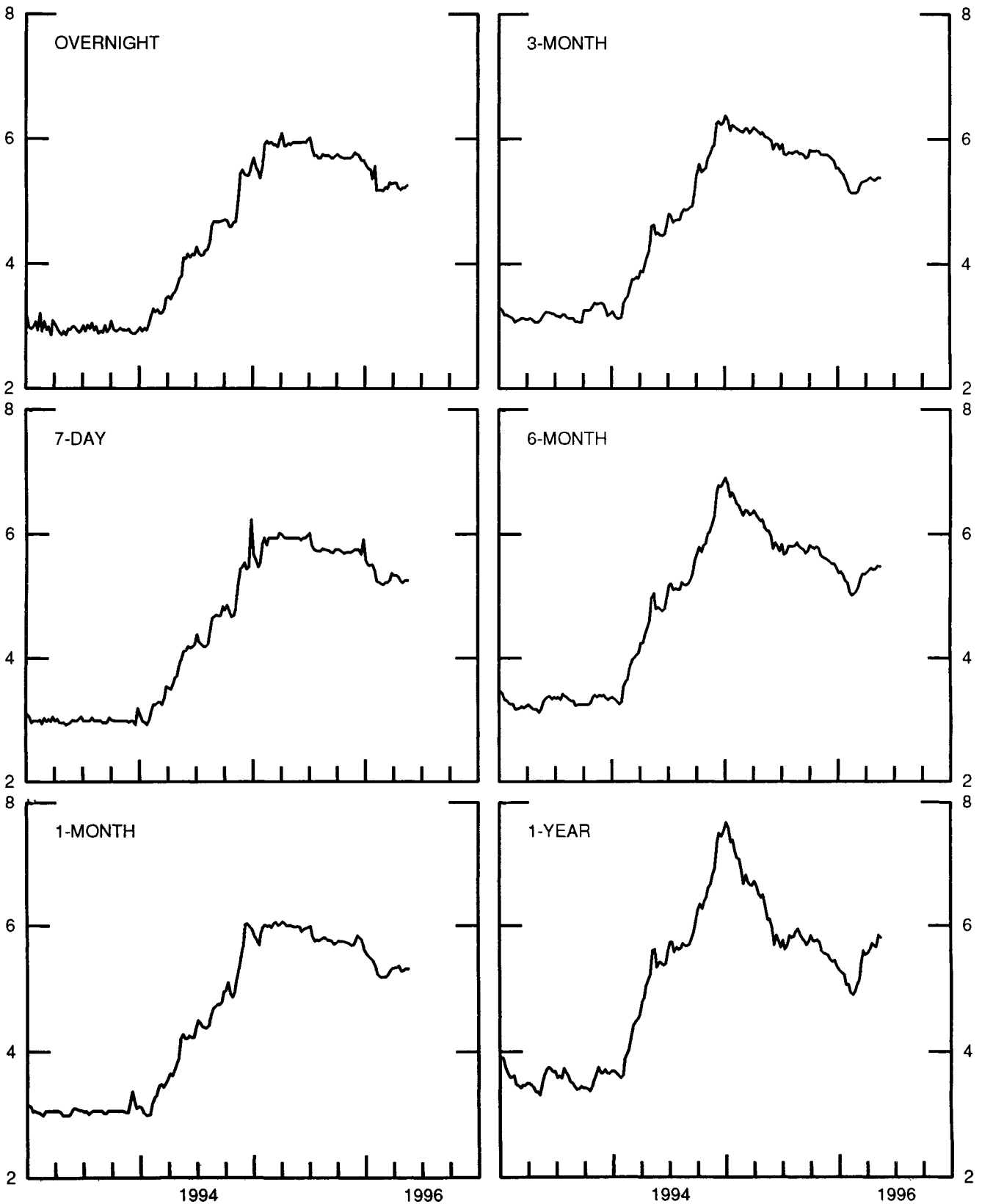
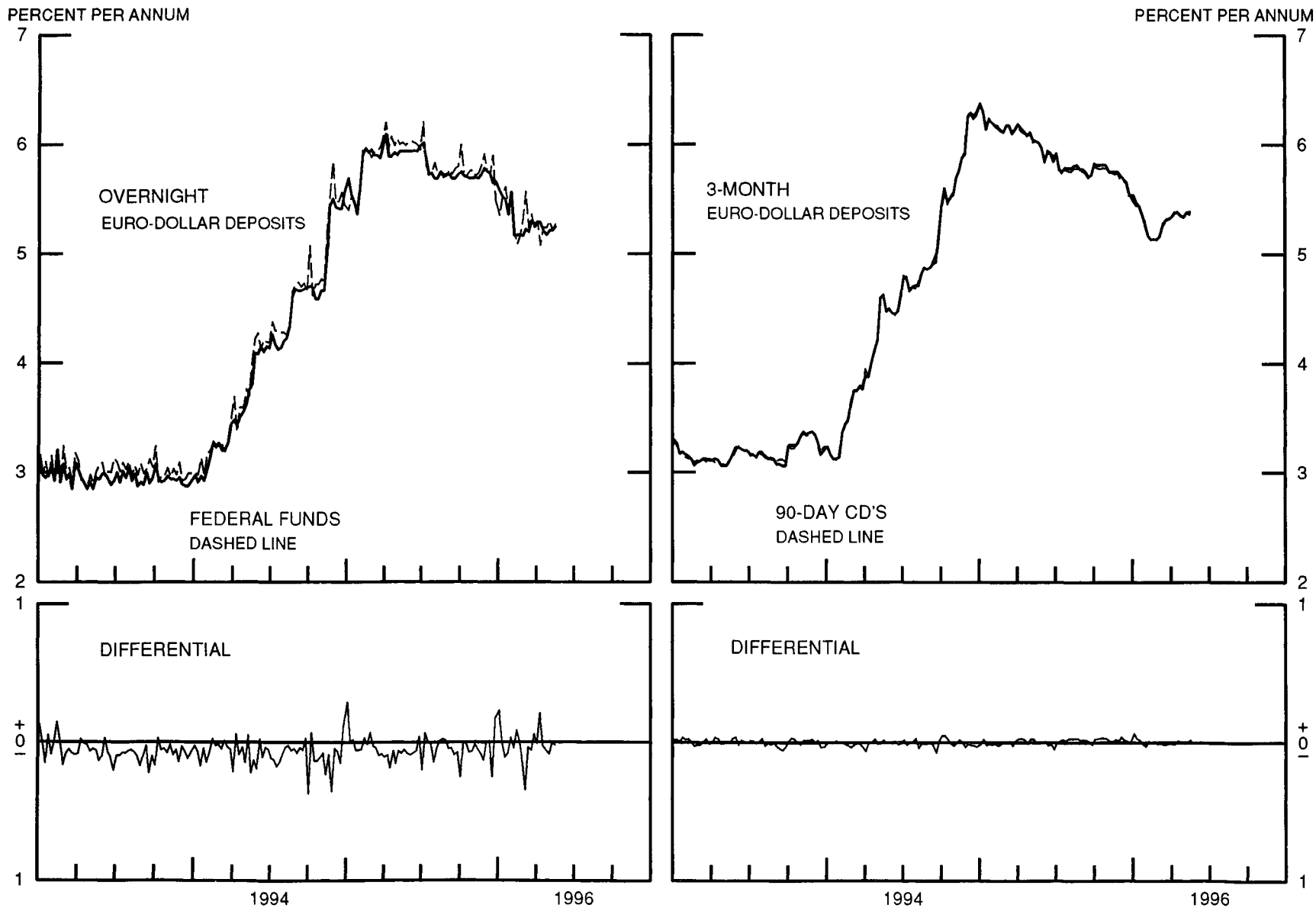


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SELECTED EURO-DOLLAR AND U.S. MONEY MARKET RATES

DIFFERENTIAL: PLUS(+), FAVORS BORROWING IN U.S.

AVERAGES FOR WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY



INTEREST ARBITRAGE: 3-MONTH FUNDS
DIFFERENTIAL: PLUS(+), INDICATES FAVOR DOLLAR ASSETS
AVERAGES FOR WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY

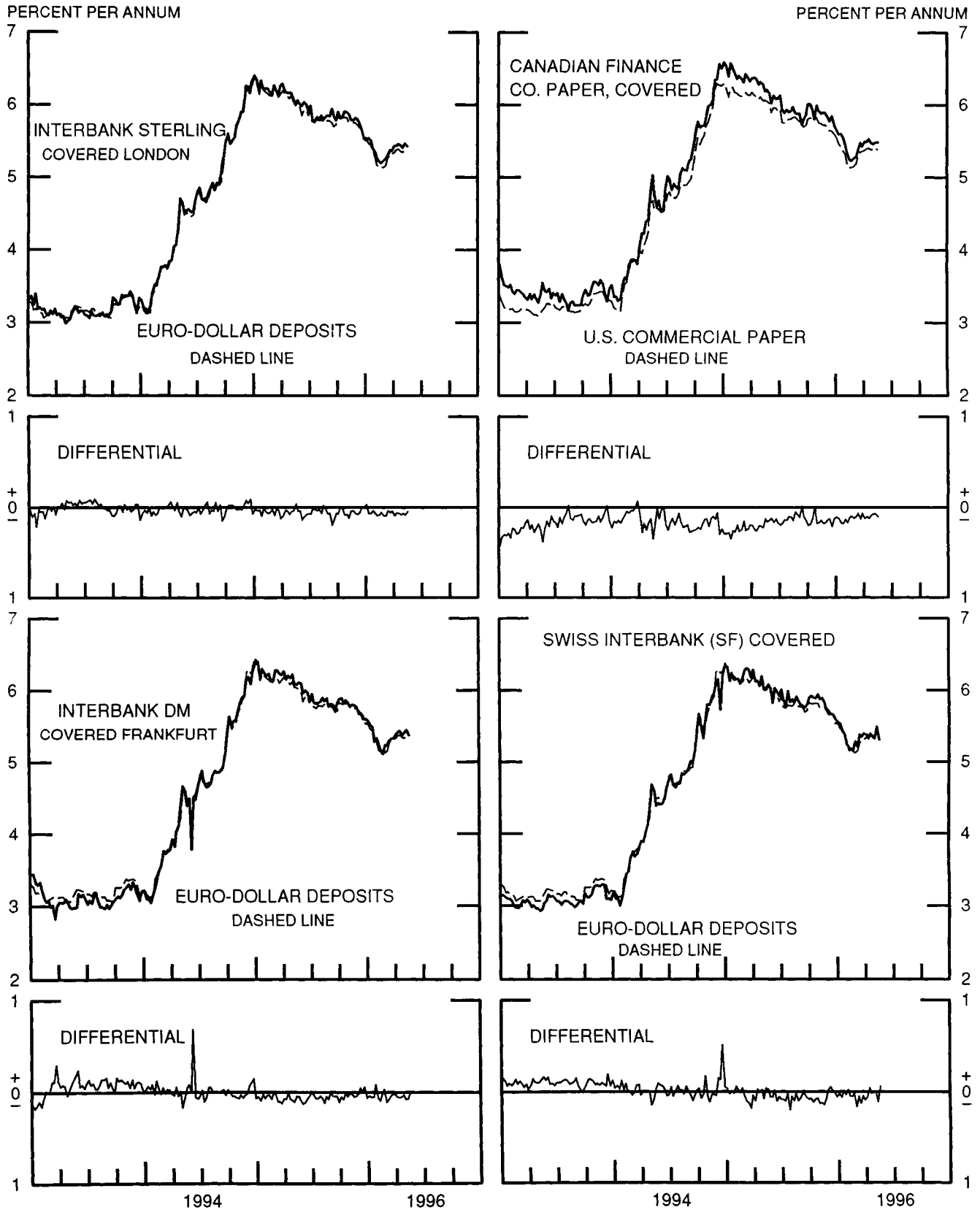


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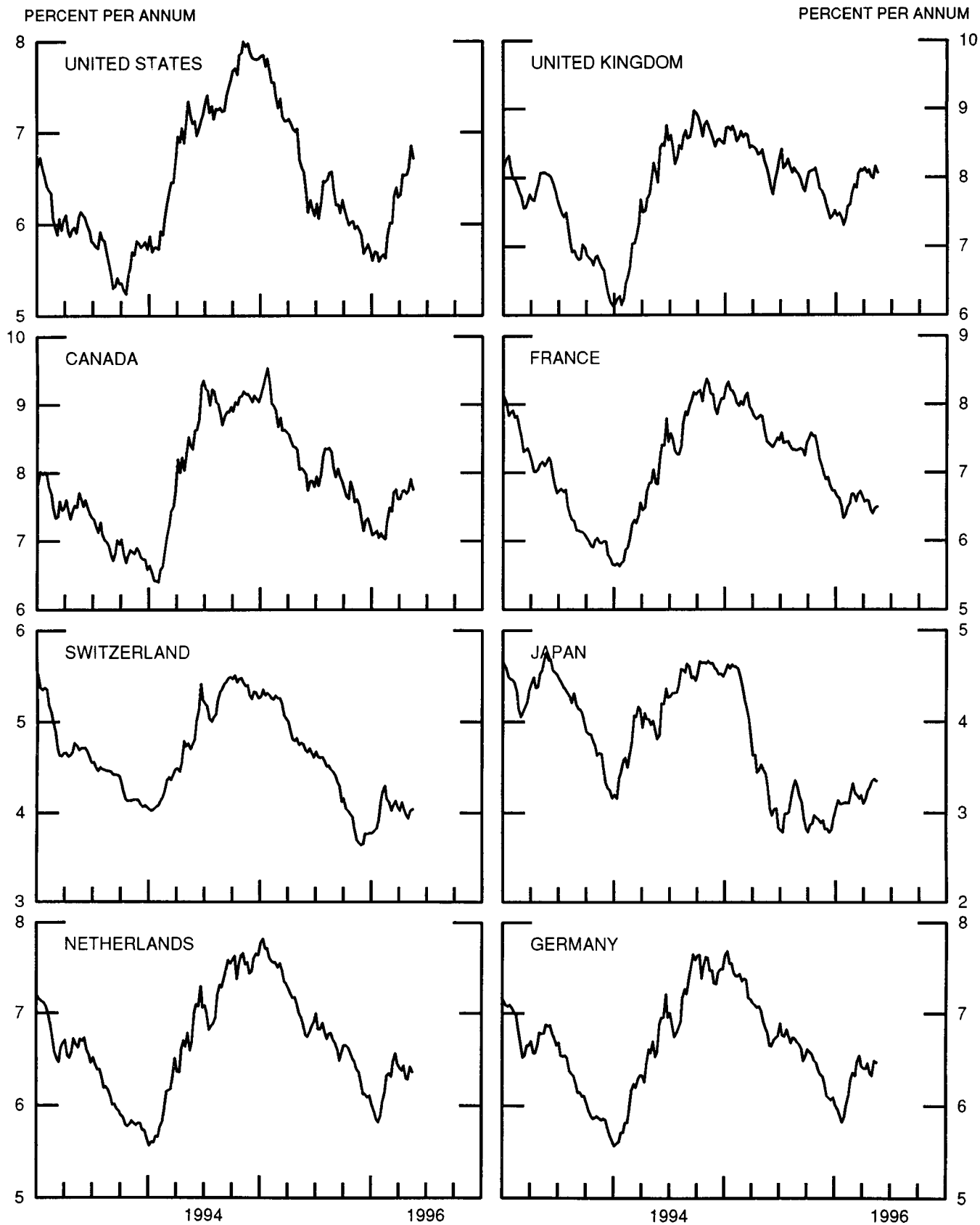
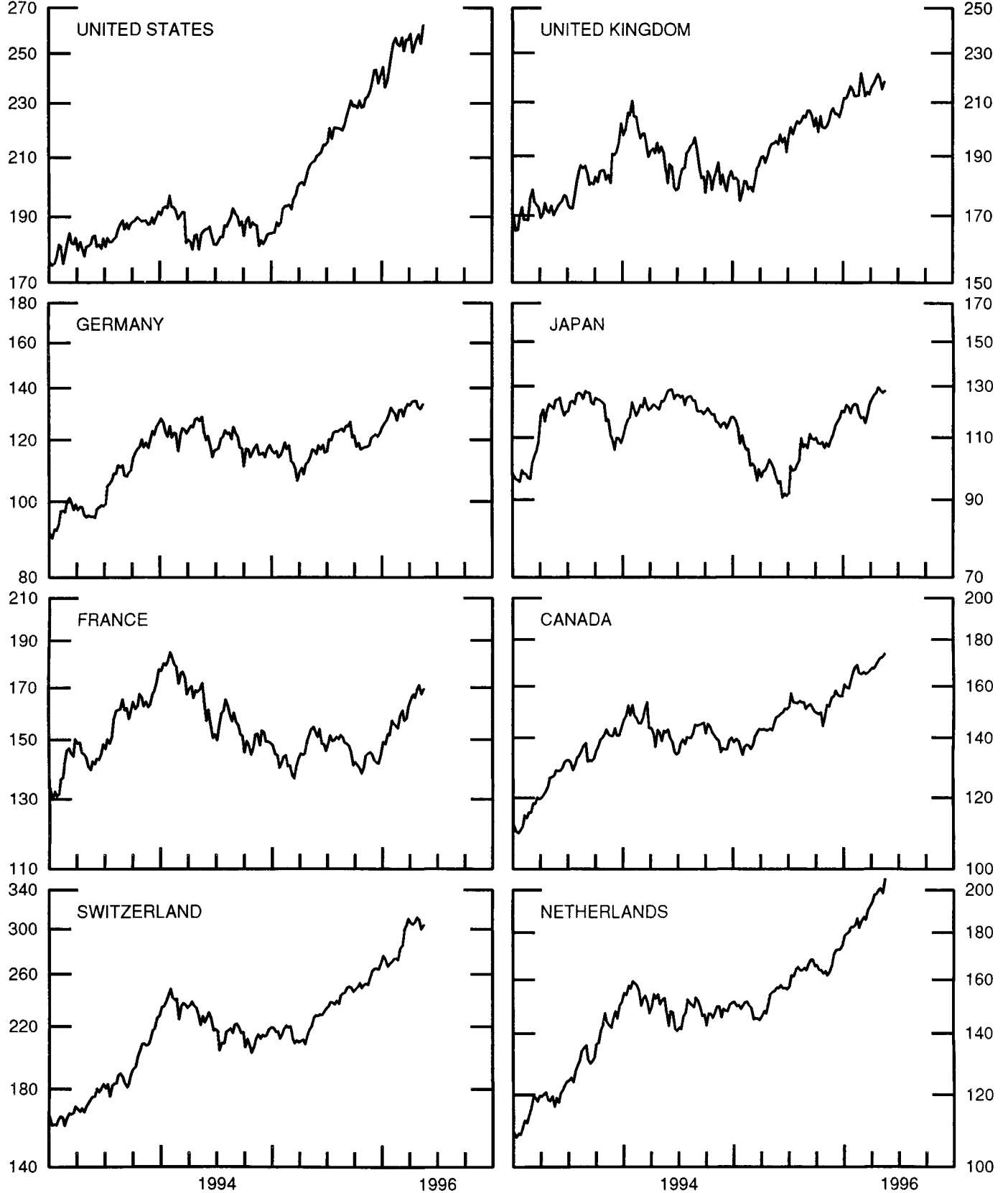


CHART 10
STOCK INDICES
 WEEKLY SERIES

RATIO SCALE
 1986=100

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Chart 1. Spot Exchange Rates and Indices

Noon buying rates (U.S. cents, weekly averages)

Belgian franc	3.2321	3.2138	3.1825	3.1907	3.1819
Canadian dollar	73.709	73.420	73.374	73.248	73.090
French franc	19.538	19.514	19.373	19.410	19.318
German mark	66.280	66.036	65.398	65.608	65.415
Italian lira	0.06359	0.06409	0.06399	0.06413	0.06423
Japanese yen	0.92234	0.93588	0.95018	0.95353	0.94718
Netherlands guilder	59.602	59.032	58.429	58.706	58.520
Swiss franc	81.625	81.506	80.695	80.573	80.173
U.K. pound	150.95	151.36	150.64	150.97	151.73

Indices, March 1973 base rates = 100

Belgian franc	127.36	126.64	125.41	125.73	125.38
Canadian dollar	73.46	73.18	73.13	73.01	72.85
French franc	88.04	87.94	87.30	87.47	87.05
German mark	186.45	185.76	183.97	184.56	184.02
Italian lira	36.50	36.79	36.73	36.81	36.87
Japanese yen	241.50	245.04	248.79	249.67	248.00
Netherlands guilder	171.11	169.47	167.74	168.53	168.00
Swiss franc	262.60	262.21	259.61	259.21	257.93
U.K. pound	61.05	61.22	60.93	61.06	61.37

Weighted average exchange value indices, Mar. 1973=100

Belgian franc	115.84	115.09	114.28	114.40	114.25
Canadian dollar	64.21	63.91	64.08	63.86	63.81
French franc	77.38	77.23	76.87	76.91	76.63
German mark	186.33	185.40	183.94	184.31	183.98
Italian lira	29.92	30.16	30.21	30.23	30.33
Japanese yen	239.25	243.05	248.07	248.63	247.18
Netherlands guilder	159.14	157.43	156.23	156.76	156.47
Swedish krona	58.26	58.40	57.96	57.48	58.09
Swiss franc	242.93	242.44	240.73	239.98	239.11
U.K. pound	51.79	51.92	51.82	51.86	52.23
U.S. dollar	87.77	87.71	88.06	87.89	88.05

Chart 2. 3-Month Forward Exchange Rates, Premium or Discount

Canadian dollar	0.39	0.57	0.61	0.61	0.61
French franc	1.46	1.64	1.67	1.67	1.57
German mark	2.17	2.18	2.24	2.27	2.19
Italian lira	-4.09	-3.69	-3.48	-3.37	-8.88
Japanese yen	5.01	4.94	4.99	4.95	4.97
Netherlands guilder	2.50	2.62	2.72	2.84	2.83
Swiss franc	3.64	3.65	3.69	3.67	3.53
U.K. pound	-0.50	-0.52	-0.56	-0.53	-0.61

Chart 3. Gold Price in London, Afternoon Fixing

U.S. dollars per fine ounce	393.37	390.99	391.93	393.73	391.96
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Chart 4. Call Money Rates

U.S. federal funds	5.24	5.24	5.30	5.22	5.27
Overnight Euro-dollar deposits	5.21	5.18	5.21	5.21	5.25
Canada	4.92	4.72	4.74	4.74	4.68
France	3.85	3.78	3.70	3.69	3.69
Germany	3.30	3.23	3.40	3.25	3.25
Japan	0.47	0.49	0.47	0.49	0.46
Netherlands	3.00	2.58	2.69	2.61	2.60
Switzerland	1.93	1.63	1.53	2.20	1.98
United Kingdom	5.84	5.79	6.21	5.94	5.80

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Chart 5. 3-Month Interest Rates

U.S. 90-day CD's, secondary market	5.38	5.35	5.35	5.38	5.36
Canadian finance paper	5.14	4.90	4.85	4.86	4.87
French interbank rate	3.92	3.76	3.69	3.75	3.78
German interbank rate	3.25	3.19	3.15	3.17	3.18
Japanese CD rate	0.60	0.66	0.64	0.66	0.68
Netherlands interbank rate	2.88	2.75	2.69	2.64	2.59
Swiss interbank rate	1.75	1.70	1.63	1.81	1.78
U.K. interbank sterling	5.96	5.96	5.97	6.00	6.04
Weighted average foreign interest rate (G-10 Countries)	4.07	3.97	3.91	3.92	3.93

Chart 6. Euro-Dollar Deposit Rates

Overnight	5.21	5.18	5.21	5.21	5.25
7-day	5.31	5.24	5.21	5.25	5.25
1-month	5.36	5.28	5.28	5.31	5.31
3-month	5.39	5.35	5.34	5.38	5.38
6-month	5.46	5.43	5.43	5.49	5.48
1-year	5.72	5.68	5.66	5.85	5.81

Chart 7. Selected Euro-dollar & U.S. Money Market Rates

Overnight Euro-dollar deposits	5.21	5.18	5.21	5.21	5.25
U.S. federal funds	5.24	5.24	5.30	5.22	5.27
Differential	-0.03	-0.06	-0.09	-0.01	-0.02
3-month Euro-dollar deposit	5.39	5.35	5.34	5.38	5.38
U.S. 90-day CD's, secondary market	5.38	5.35	5.35	5.38	5.36
Differential	0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.01	0.02

Chart 8. Interest Arbitrage, 3-Month Funds

Euro-dollar deposit	5.39	5.35	5.34	5.38	5.38
Interbank sterling (London), covered	5.45	5.43	5.40	5.46	5.43
Differential	-0.07	-0.08	-0.07	-0.08	-0.05
U.S. commercial paper	5.40	5.38	5.39	5.41	5.39
Canadian finance paper, covered	5.53	5.47	5.46	5.48	5.49
Differential	-0.13	-0.09	-0.07	-0.07	-0.10
Euro-dollar deposit	5.39	5.35	5.34	5.38	5.38
Interbank DM (Frankfurt), covered	5.44	5.38	5.41	5.45	5.38
Differential	-0.05	-0.03	-0.08	-0.07	-0.00
Euro-dollar deposit	5.39	5.35	5.34	5.38	5.38
Swiss interbank, covered	5.40	5.36	5.33	5.49	5.32
Differential	-0.02	-0.01	0.01	-0.11	0.06

Chart 9. Long Term Government Bellwether Bond Yields
10-year maturity, where available

Canada	7.74	7.70	7.74	7.90	7.76
France	6.58	6.45	6.40	6.47	6.49
Germany	6.46	6.36	6.33	6.49	6.48
Japan	3.24	3.28	3.35	3.37	3.35
Switzerland	4.04	3.97	3.94	4.03	4.04
Netherlands	6.43	6.30	6.28	6.42	6.37
United Kingdom	8.11	8.00	7.99	8.16	8.07
United States	6.53	6.54	6.61	6.85	6.72

Chart 10. Stock Indices (Wednesday figures)

Canada	168.72	170.50	171.66	171.98	173.51
France	165.91	169.36	170.91	167.43	169.28
Germany	134.52	134.61	132.30	131.51	133.40
Japan	126.84	129.44	128.37	127.12	127.80
Netherlands	197.91	200.08	200.73	198.45	205.23
Switzerland	306.49	311.17	309.61	299.91	303.44
United Kingdom	219.13	221.26	219.66	215.06	218.03
United States	253.30	256.53	258.42	254.34	262.09

Indices (in order, rebased to 1986=100) are Toronto Composite, CAC General spliced to SBF250 at 22dec93, FAZ Aktien, Tokyo SE (Topix), CBS All-General, Swiss Bank Index, Financial Times Ordinary, NYSE Composite