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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

RATIO SCALE
MARCH 1973=100

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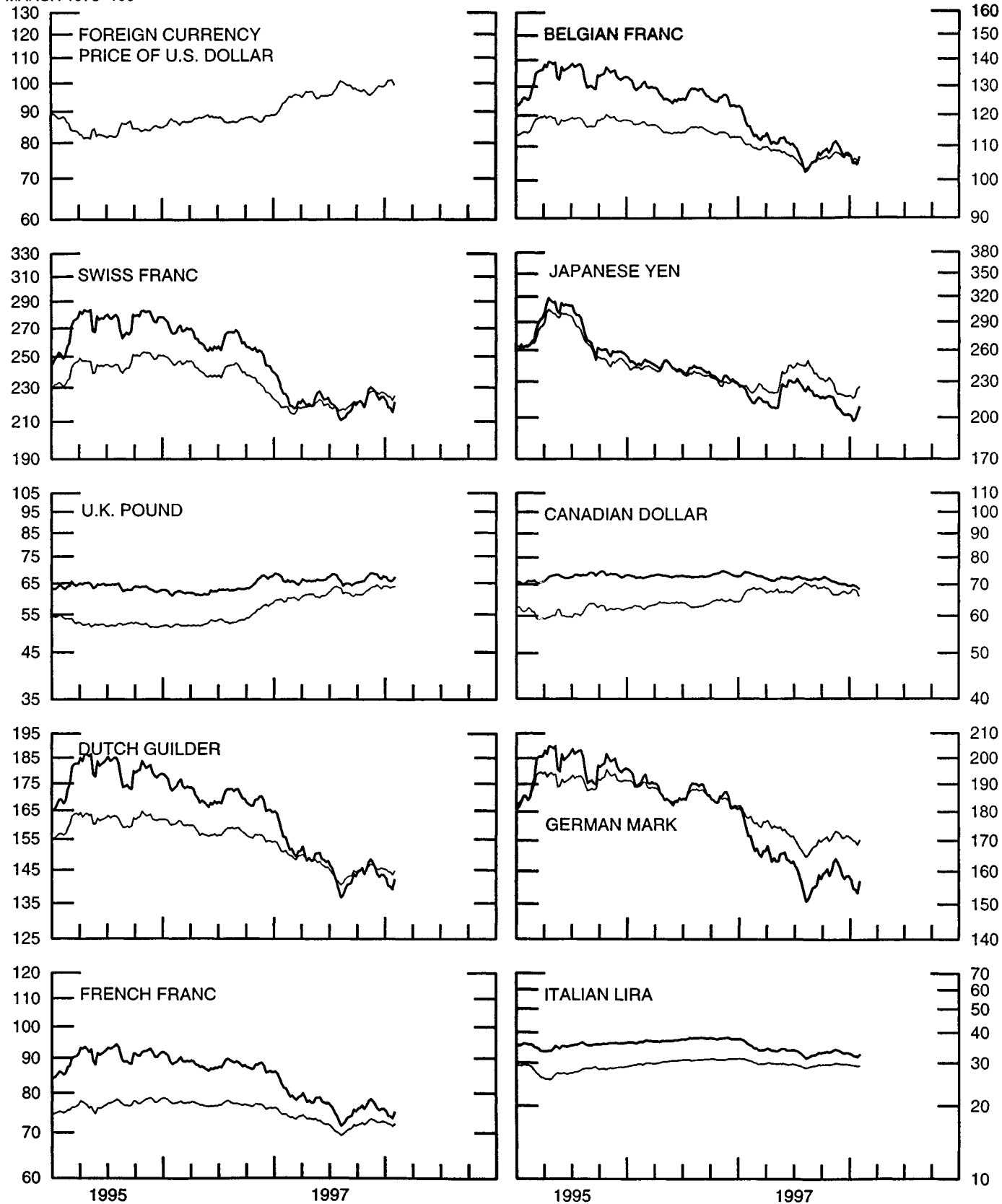


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PREMIUM (+) OR (-)
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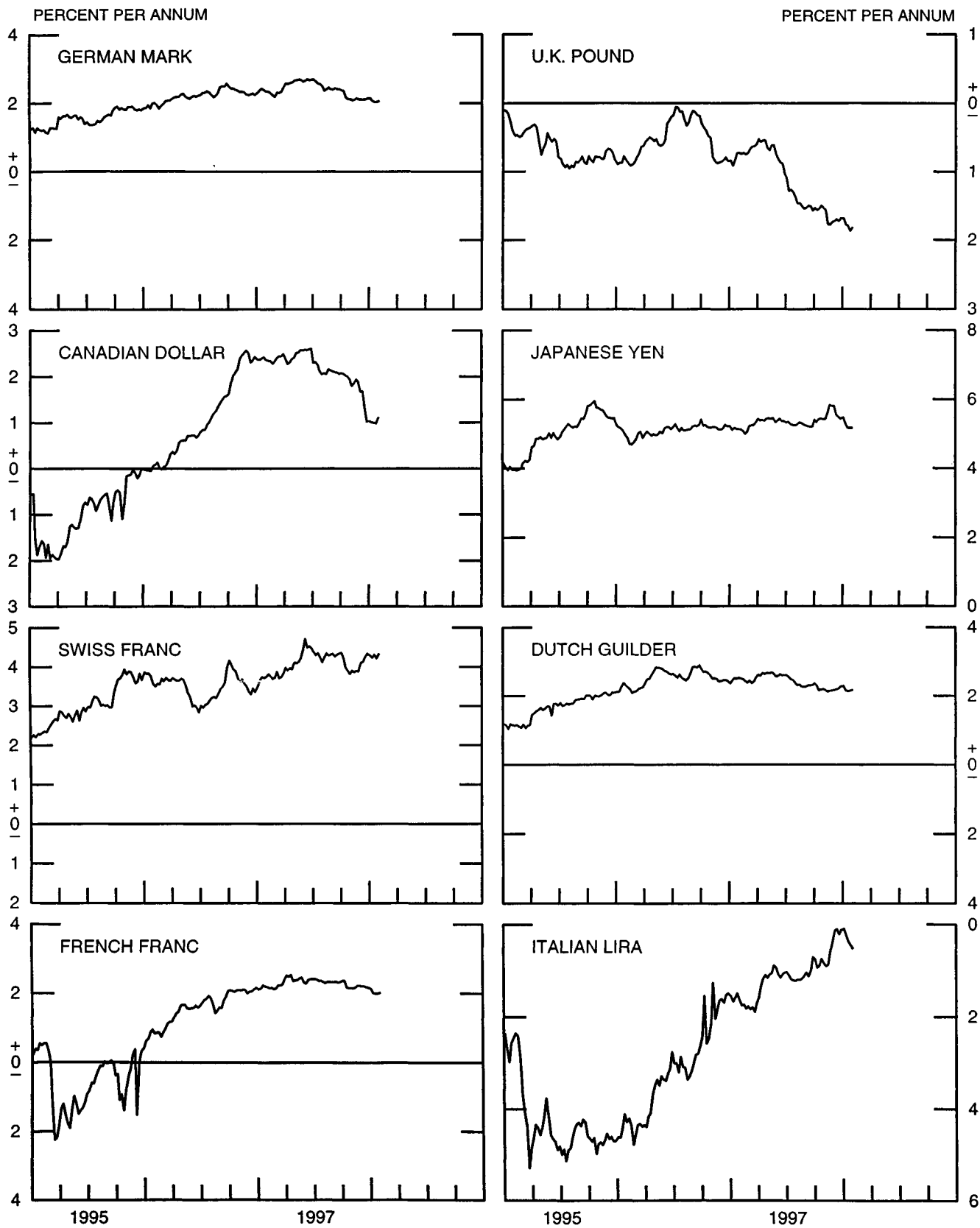


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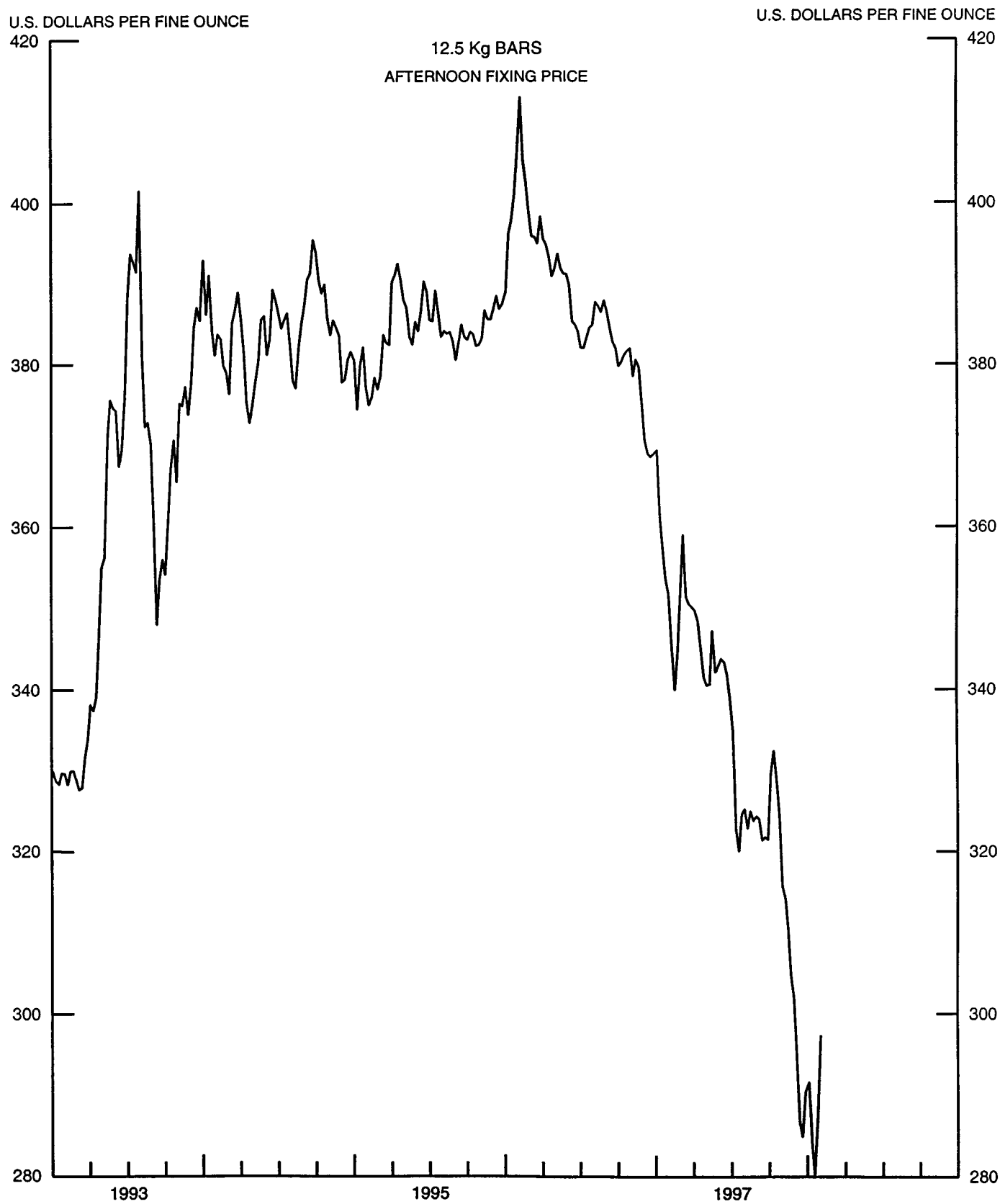


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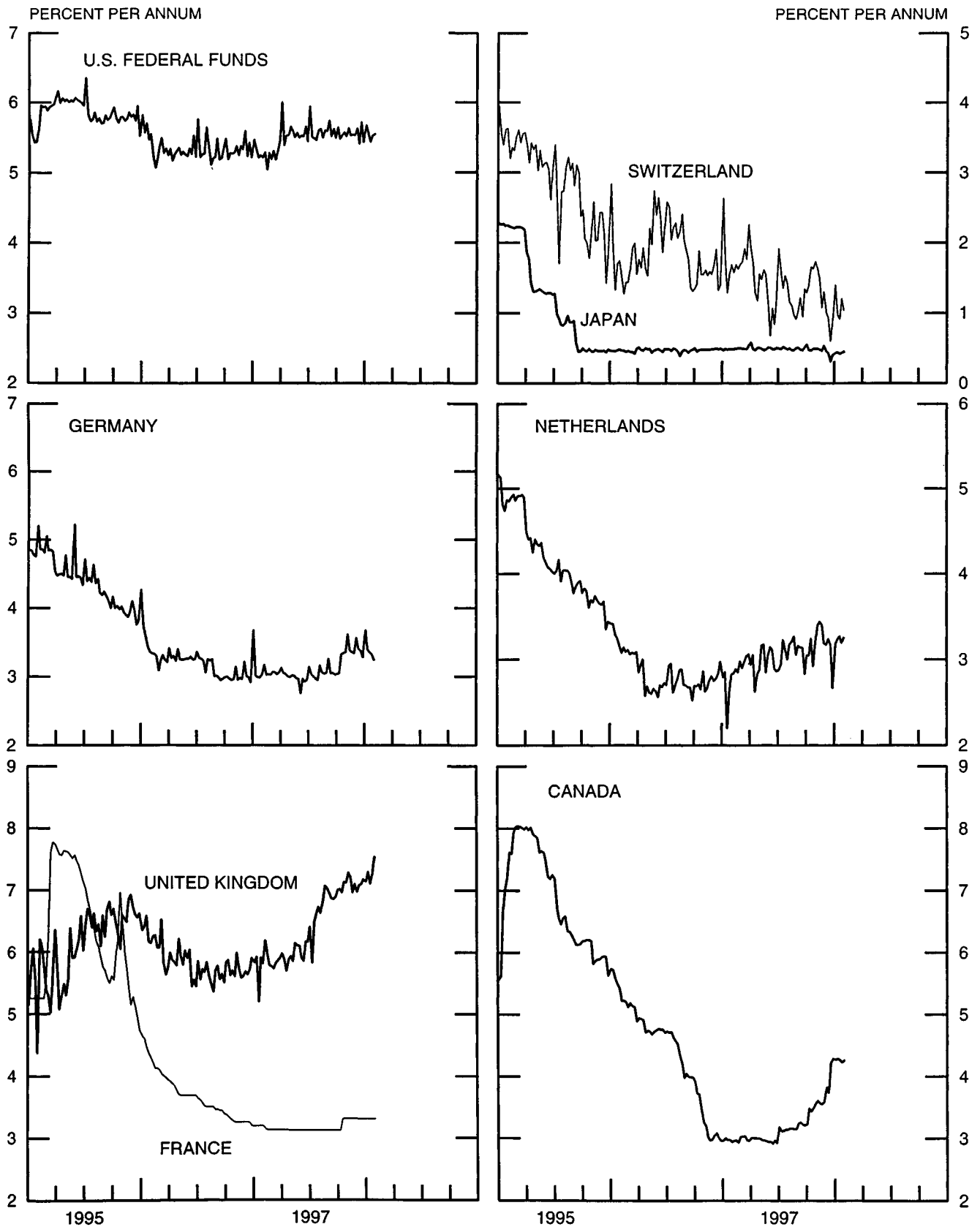


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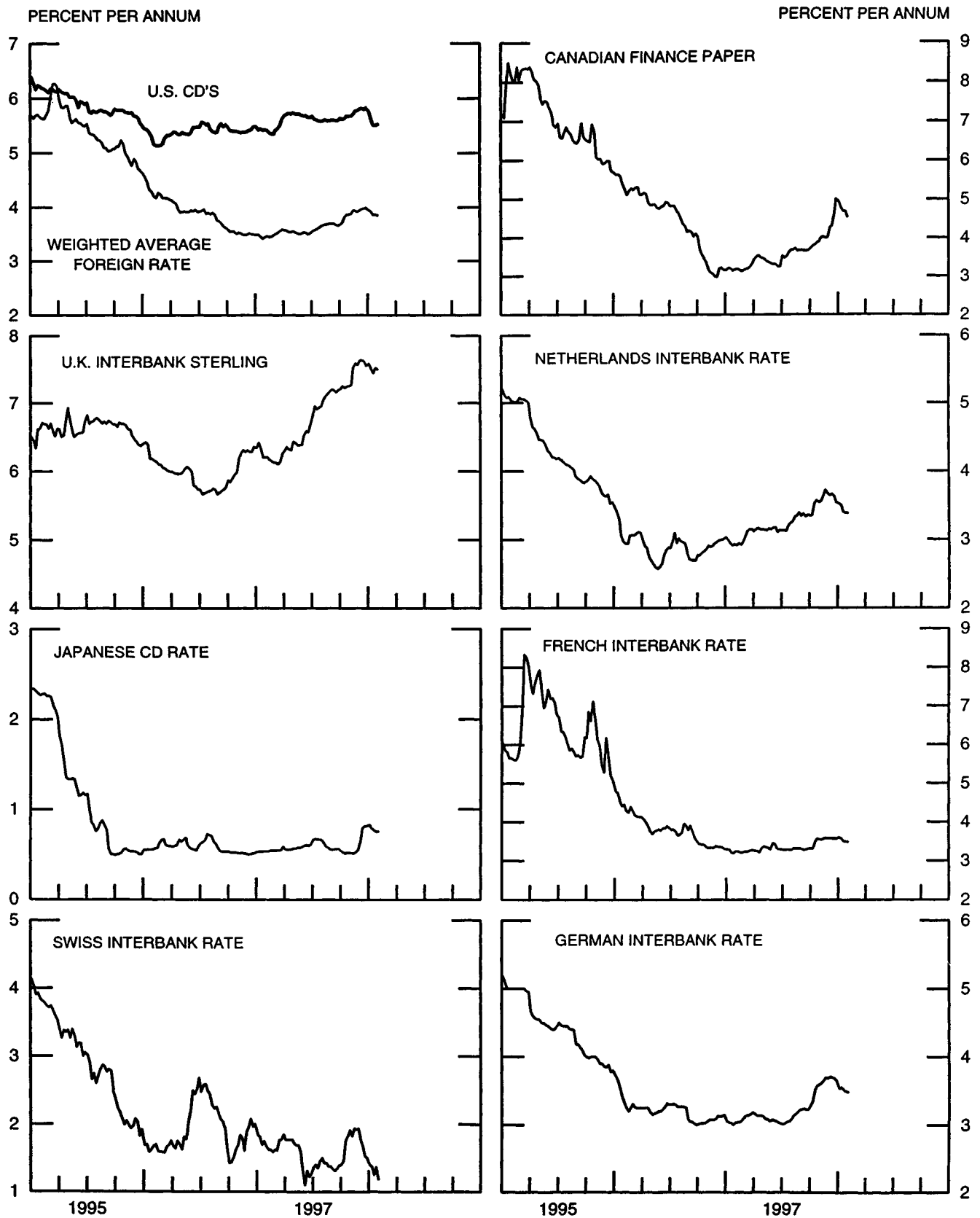


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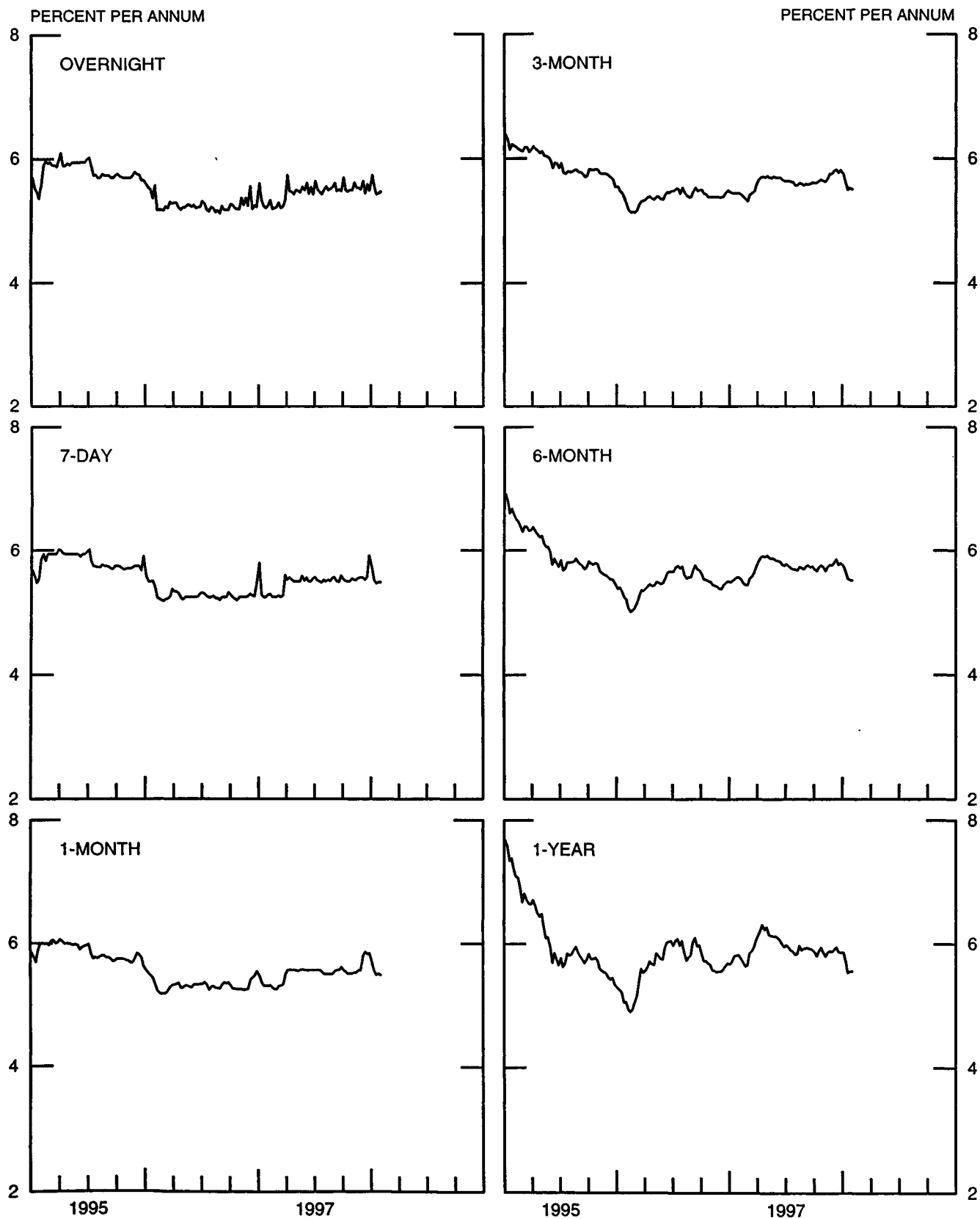


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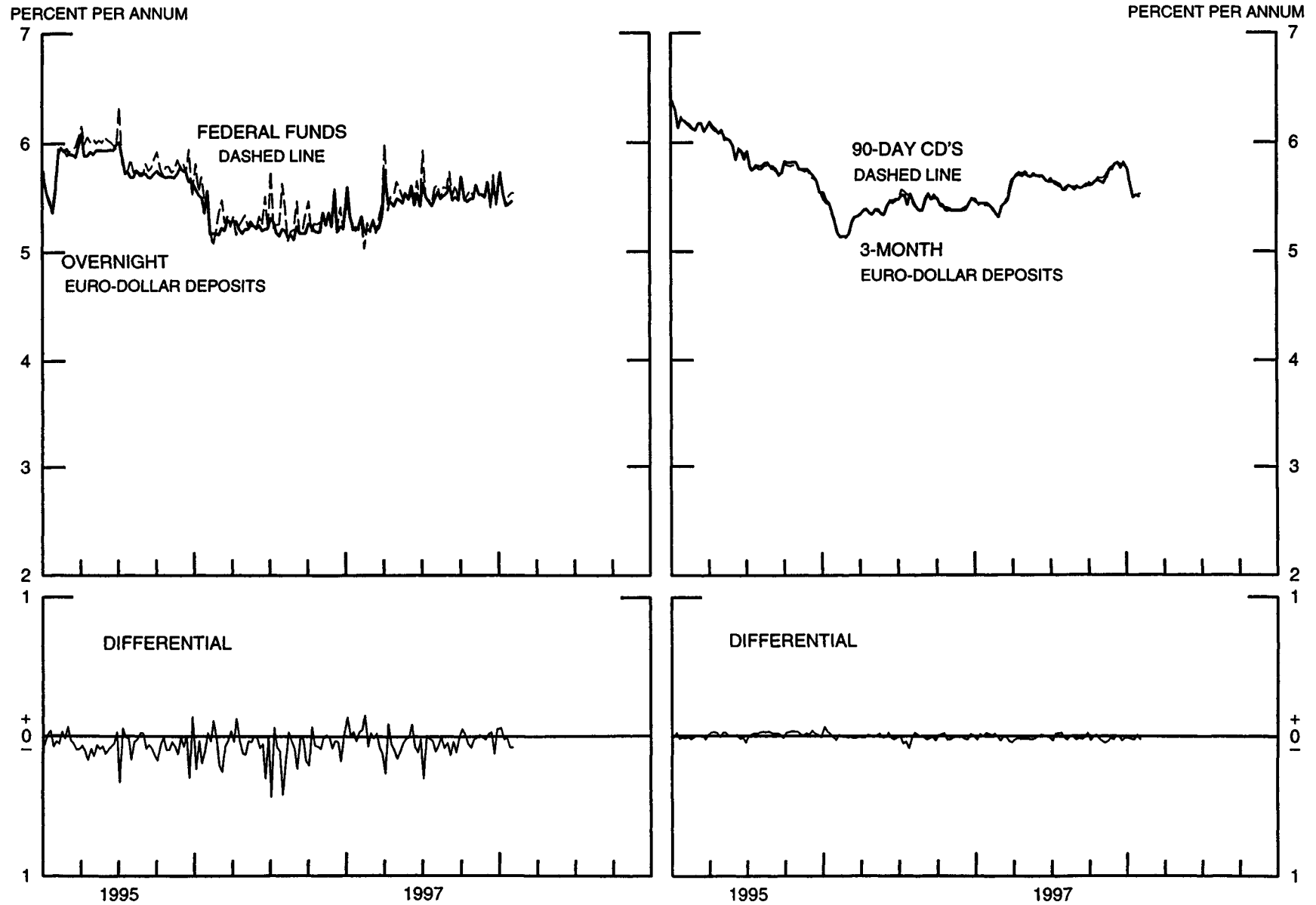


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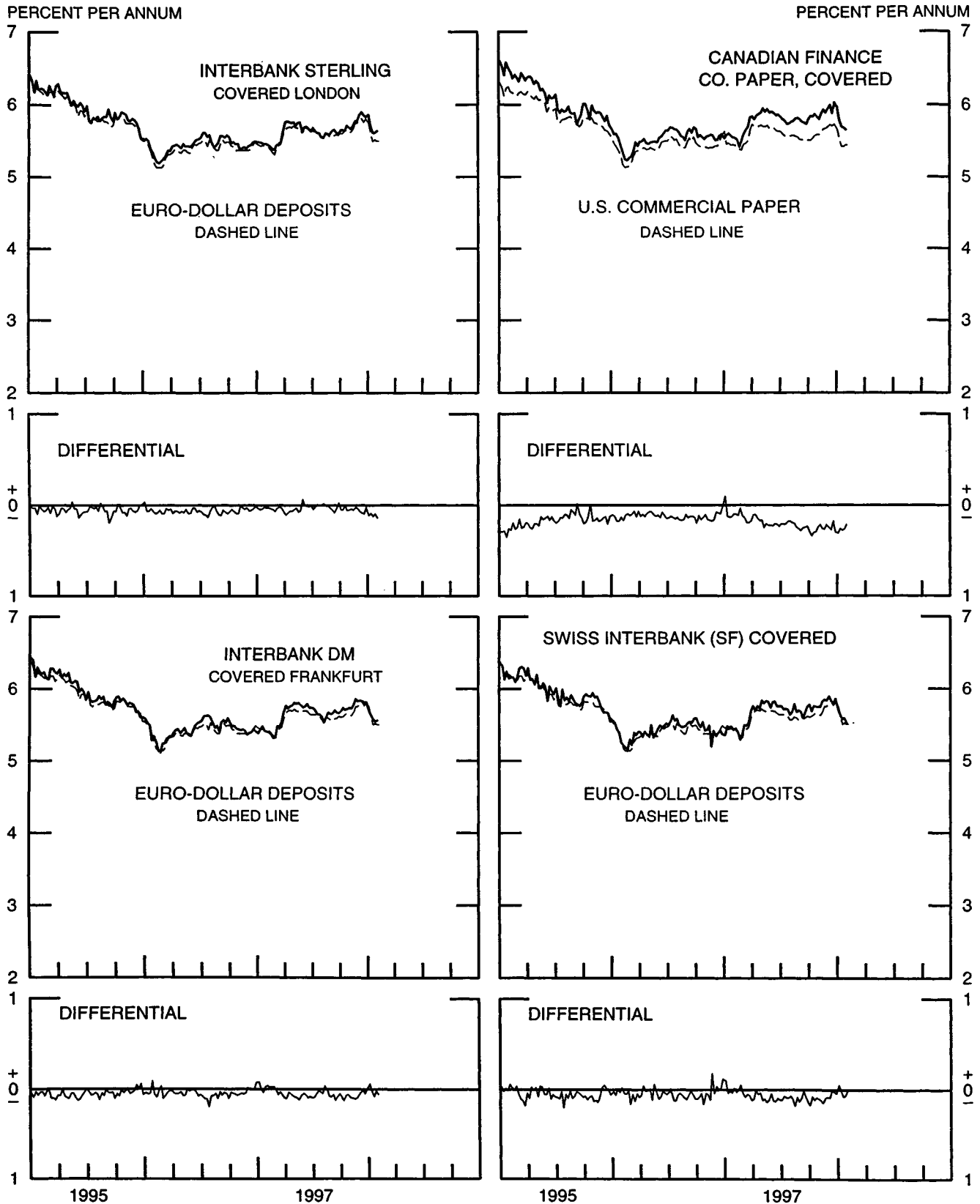


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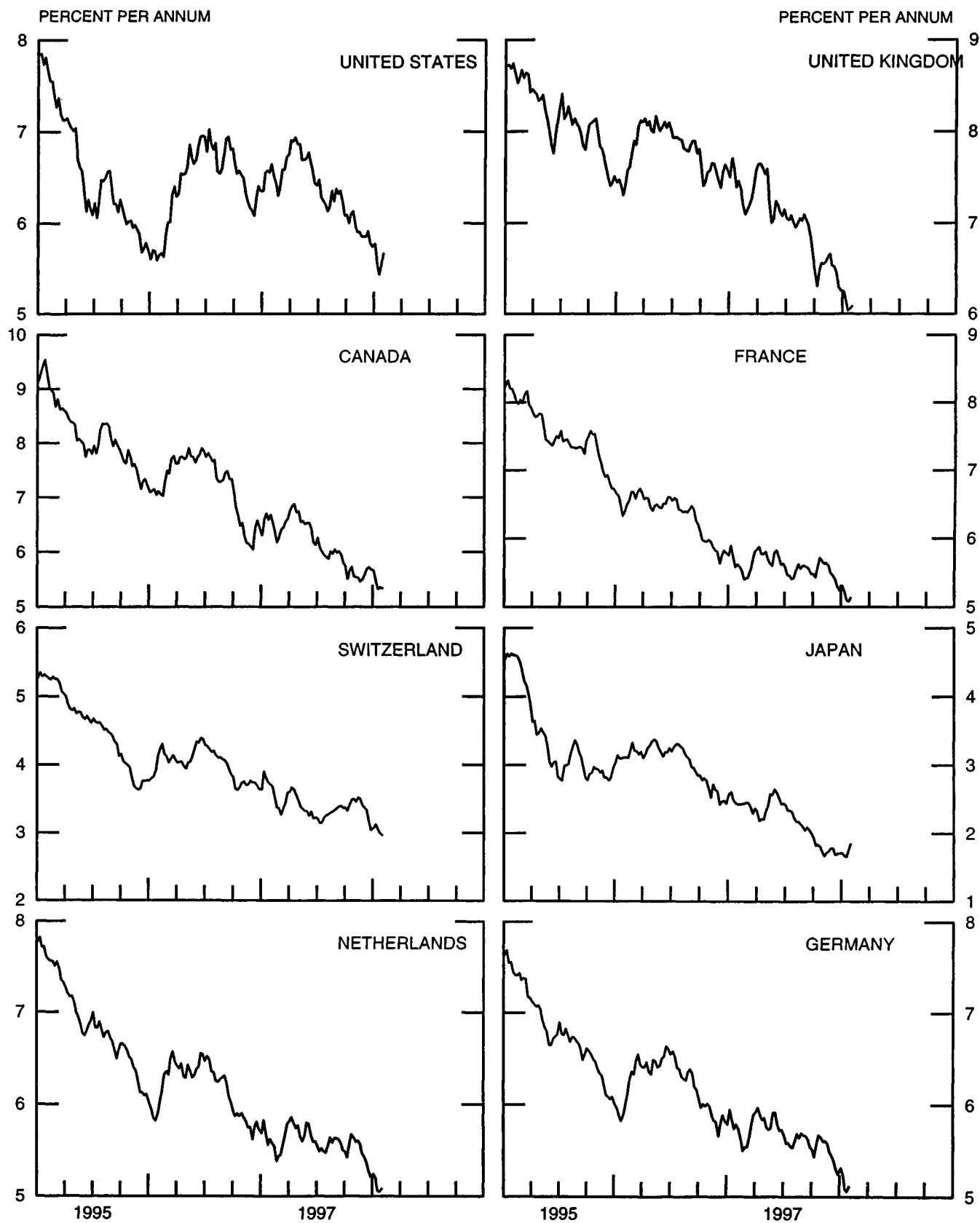
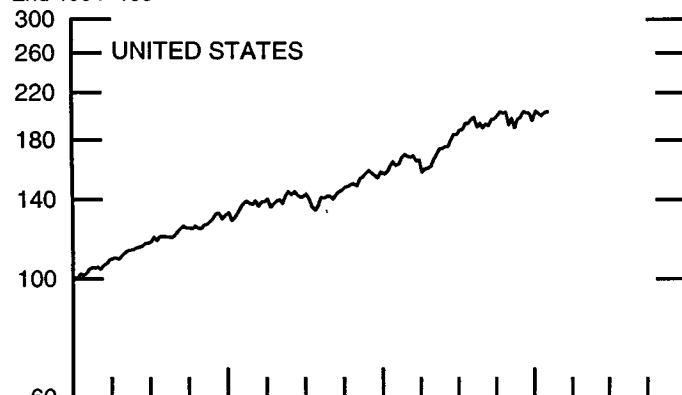
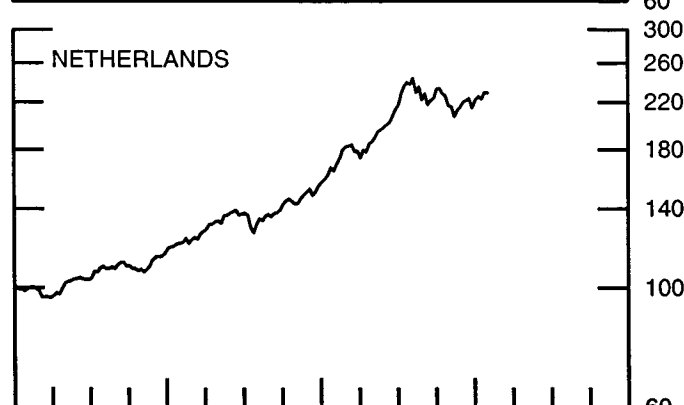
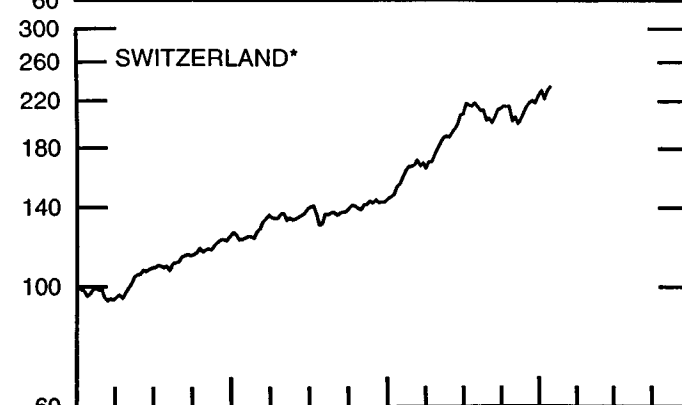
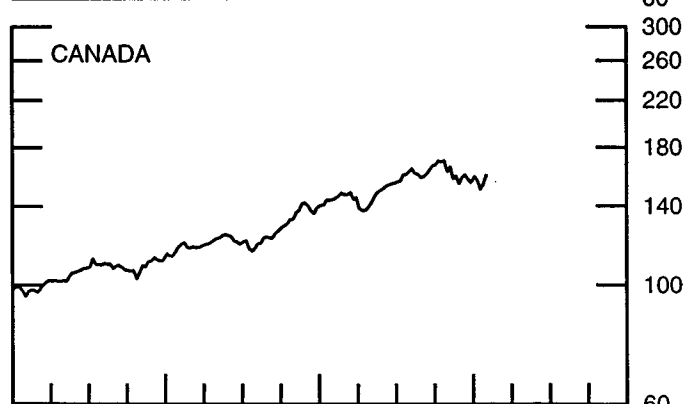
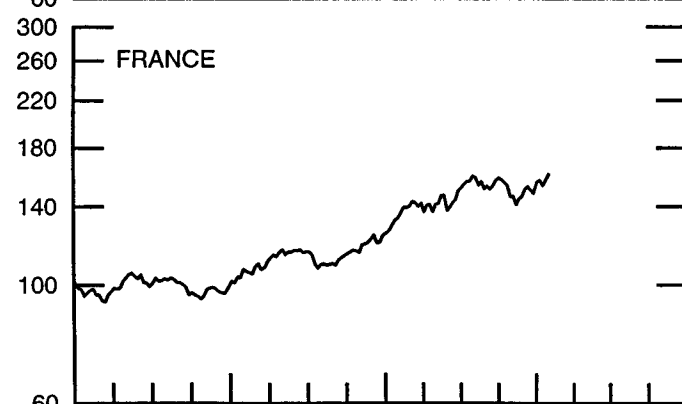
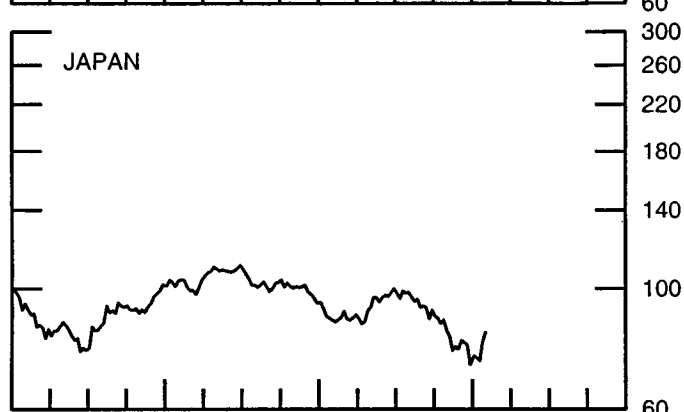
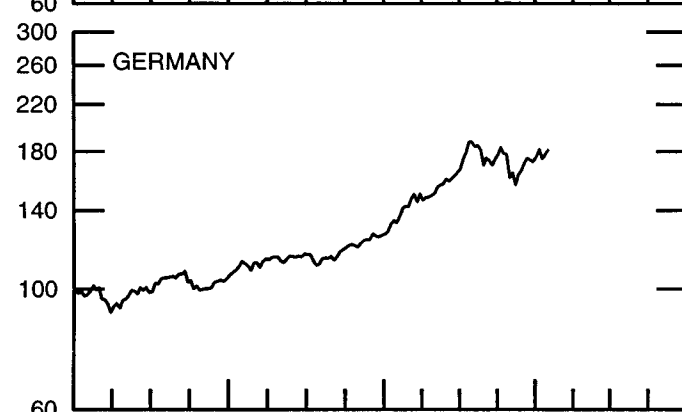
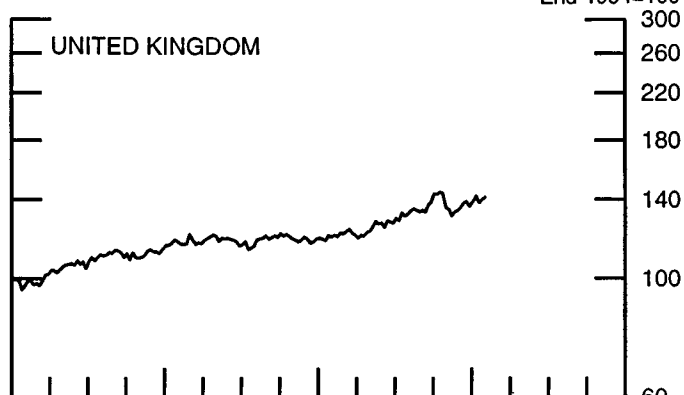


CHART 10
STOCK INDICES
WEEKLY SERIES

RATIO SCALE
End-1994=100



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*New Series

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Chart 1. Spot Exchange Rates and Indices

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

Belgian franc	2.7105	2.6515	2.6620	2.6436	2.6984
Canadian dollar	69.678	70.021	69.807	69.491	68.800
French franc	16.712	16.436	16.413	16.294	16.624
German mark	55.918	55.023	54.950	54.551	55.712
Italian lira	0.05692	0.05600	0.05586	0.05549	0.05649
Japanese yen	0.76798	0.75196	0.75760	0.77586	0.79252
Netherlands guilder	49.625	48.805	48.759	48.422	49.421
Swiss franc	68.988	67.765	67.722	66.944	68.631
U.K. pound	165.89	163.34	162.29	162.93	165.23

Indices, March 1973 base rates = 100

Belgian franc	106.81	104.48	104.90	104.17	106.33
Canadian dollar	69.45	69.79	69.58	69.26	68.57
French franc	75.31	74.07	73.96	73.42	74.91
German mark	157.30	154.79	154.58	153.46	156.72
Italian lira	32.67	32.14	32.06	31.85	32.43
Japanese yen	201.08	196.89	198.36	203.15	207.51
Netherlands guilder	142.46	140.11	139.98	139.01	141.88
Swiss franc	221.94	218.01	217.87	215.37	220.80
U.K. pound	67.10	66.06	65.64	65.90	66.83

Weighted average exchange value indices, March 1973=100

Belgian franc	106.61	105.52	106.01	105.35	106.17
Canadian dollar	67.11	68.36	68.16	67.91	66.24
French franc	72.45	72.09	72.01	71.51	72.07
German mark	170.78	169.99	169.80	168.54	170.15
Italian lira	29.48	29.35	29.29	29.11	29.26
Japanese yen	217.28	215.14	217.05	223.18	225.23
Netherlands guilder	145.14	144.46	144.38	143.48	144.60
Swedish krona	54.89	54.44	54.47	54.37	54.31
Swiss franc	225.80	224.50	224.45	222.04	224.74
U.K. pound	63.98	63.75	63.33	63.68	63.74
U.S. dollar	99.30	100.85	100.91	101.04	99.37

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

Canadian dollar	1.03	1.00	1.00	0.98	1.09
French franc	2.13	2.01	2.00	2.00	2.02
German mark	2.14	2.06	2.04	2.03	2.05
Italian lira	-0.09	-0.23	-0.37	-0.45	-0.51
Japanese yen	5.47	5.29	5.17	5.17	5.17
Netherlands guilder	2.29	2.15	2.14	2.15	2.17
Swiss franc	4.29	4.23	4.31	4.21	4.31
U.K. pound	-1.69	-1.78	-1.80	-1.87	-1.83

Chart 3. Gold Price in London, Afternoon Fixing

U.S. dollars per fine ounce	291.63	284.20	280.25	287.83	297.29
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Chart 4. Call Money Rates

U.S. federal funds	5.67	5.55	5.43	5.52	5.54
Overnight Euro-dollar deposits	5.73	5.53	5.43	5.44	5.46
Canada	4.28	4.29	4.27	4.23	4.26
France	3.31	3.31	3.31	3.31	3.31
Germany	3.68	3.39	3.35	3.32	3.25
Japan	0.43	0.44	0.42	0.43	0.44
Netherlands	3.18	3.24	3.27	3.19	3.25
Switzerland	1.40	0.97	0.91	1.20	1.04
United Kingdom	7.15	7.30	7.11	7.26	7.54

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Chart 5. 3-Month Interest Rates

U.S. 90-day CD's, secondary market	5.76	5.63	5.52	5.51	5.52
Canadian finance paper	4.92	4.77	4.68	4.69	4.54
French interbank rate	3.59	3.56	3.49	3.48	3.48
German interbank rate	3.54	3.55	3.52	3.49	3.49
Japanese CD rate	0.83	0.79	0.77	0.75	0.75
Netherlands interbank rate	3.52	3.50	3.40	3.39	3.38
Swiss interbank rate	1.40	1.38	1.25	1.36	1.19
U.K. interbank sterling	7.58	7.51	7.44	7.52	7.50
Weighted average foreign interest rate (G-10 Countries)	3.95	3.93	3.87	3.87	3.86

Chart 6. Euro-Dollar Deposit Rates

Overnight	5.73	5.53	5.43	5.44	5.46
7-day	5.73	5.52	5.47	5.49	5.49
1-month	5.68	5.56	5.49	5.51	5.49
3-month	5.75	5.61	5.49	5.52	5.50
6-month	5.75	5.66	5.54	5.52	5.51
1-year	5.86	5.72	5.54	5.56	5.56

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

Overnight Euro-dollar deposits	5.73	5.53	5.43	5.44	5.46
U.S. federal funds	5.67	5.55	5.43	5.52	5.54
Differential	0.06	-0.02	-0.01	-0.08	-0.08
3-month Euro-dollar deposit	5.75	5.61	5.49	5.52	5.50
U.S. 90-day CD's, secondary market	5.76	5.63	5.52	5.51	5.52
Differential	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	0.01	-0.02

Chart 8. Interest Arbitrage, 3-Month Funds

Euro-dollar deposit	5.75	5.61	5.49	5.52	5.50
Interbank sterling (London), covered	5.87	5.70	5.61	5.61	5.64
Differential	-0.11	-0.09	-0.12	-0.09	-0.14
U.S. commercial paper	5.65	5.52	5.41	5.41	5.43
Canadian finance paper, covered	5.96	5.78	5.69	5.68	5.65
Differential	-0.31	-0.26	-0.28	-0.26	-0.22
Euro-dollar deposit	5.75	5.61	5.49	5.52	5.50
Interbank DM (Frankfurt), covered	5.69	5.63	5.57	5.54	5.56
Differential	0.06	-0.02	-0.08	-0.02	-0.06
Euro-dollar deposit	5.75	5.61	5.49	5.52	5.50
Swiss interbank, covered	5.70	5.62	5.57	5.59	5.51
Differential	0.05	-0.01	-0.08	-0.07	-0.01

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

Canada	5.66	5.46	5.32	5.36	5.34
France	5.30	5.23	5.10	5.07	5.13
Germany	5.31	5.25	5.08	5.06	5.11
Japan	1.71	1.67	1.66	1.75	1.84
Switzerland	3.07	3.12	3.05	3.00	2.97
Netherlands	5.24	5.20	5.05	5.05	5.08
United Kingdom	6.25	6.16	6.03	6.05	6.08
United States	5.77	5.56	5.43	5.53	5.66

Chart 10. Stock Indices (Wednesday figures)

Canada	159.00	156.41	150.73	154.13	159.75
France	155.51	156.48	152.99	156.46	160.29
Germany	175.99	181.34	174.54	177.46	180.73
Japan	75.37	74.65	73.70	79.85	82.99
Netherlands	222.59	225.07	222.73	228.67	228.42
Switzerland*	225.91	230.25	222.13	229.79	233.78
United Kingdom	139.32	142.31	138.46	140.01	141.31
United States	203.71	201.71	199.79	202.40	202.93

Indices (in order, rebased to 1986=100) are Toronto Composite, SBF250, FAZ Aktien, Tokyo SE (Topix), CBS All-General, Swiss Performance Index*, Financial Times Ordinary, NYSE Composite

*New Series