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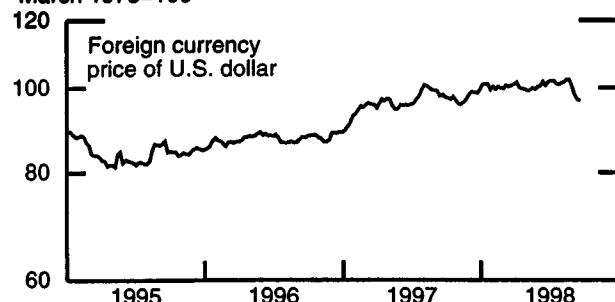
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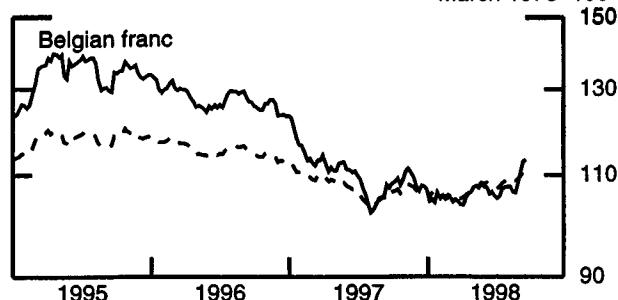
Spot Exchange Indices

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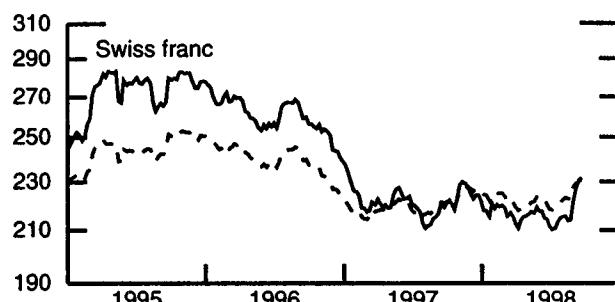
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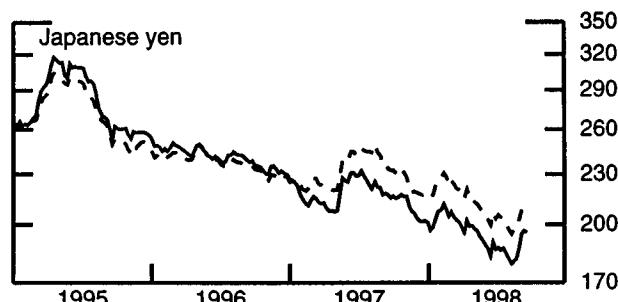
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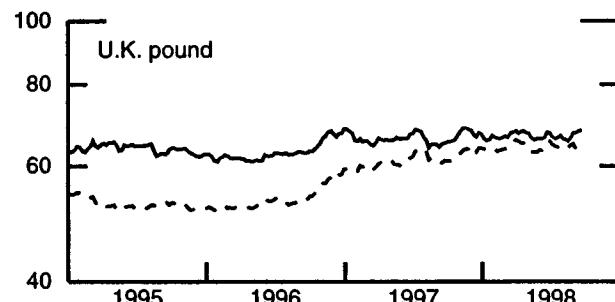
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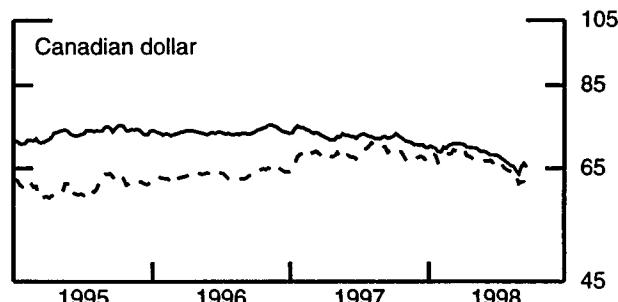
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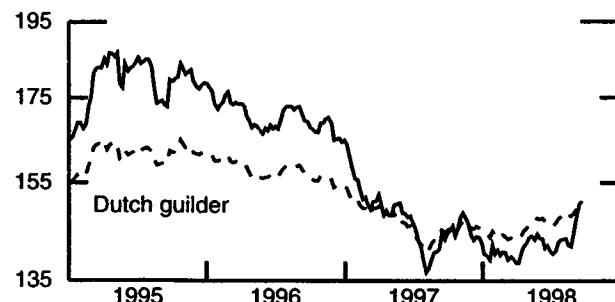
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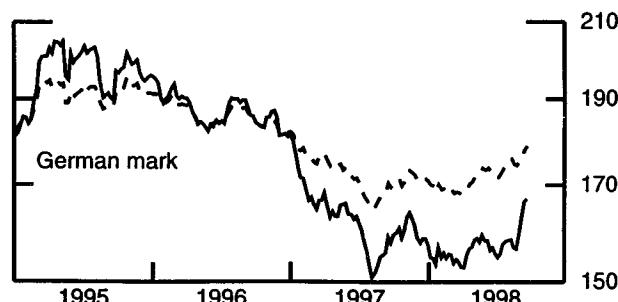
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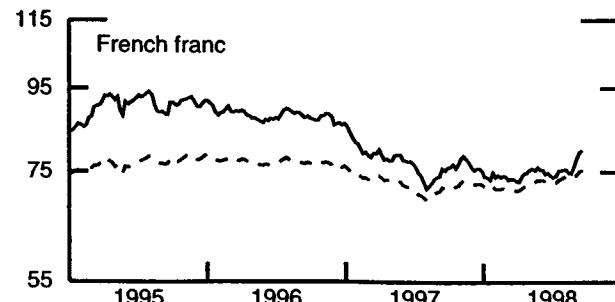
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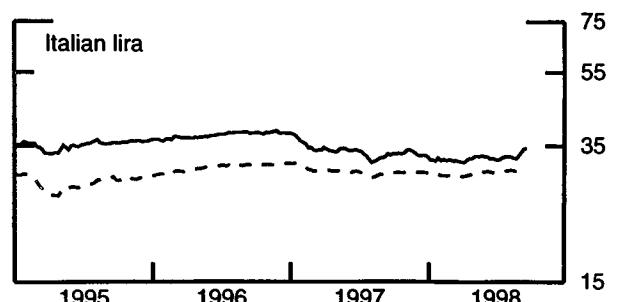


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3-Month Forward Exchange Rates
 Premium (+) or (-)
 (Averages for week ending Wednesday)

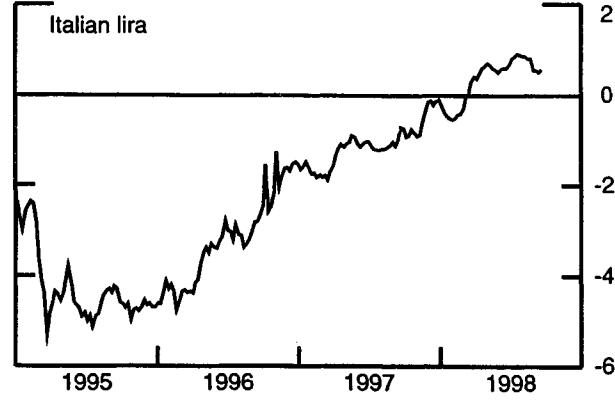
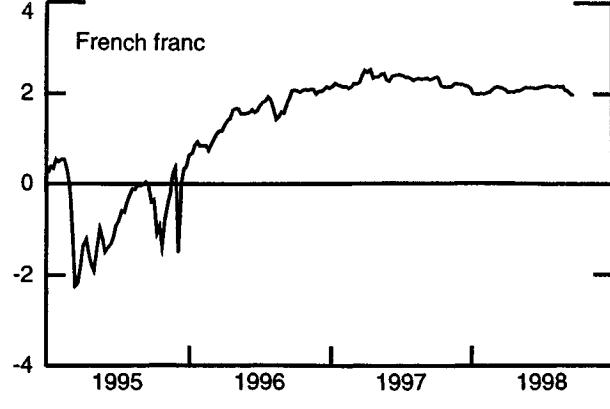
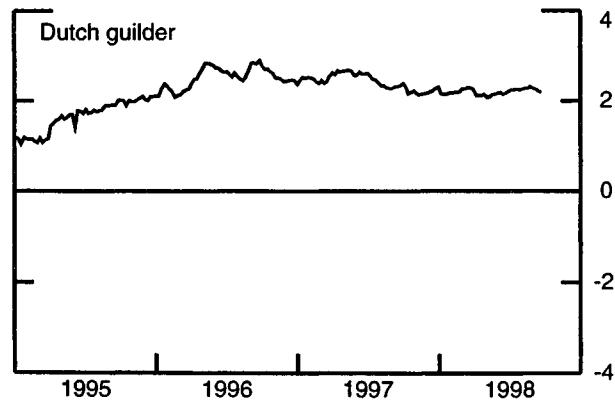
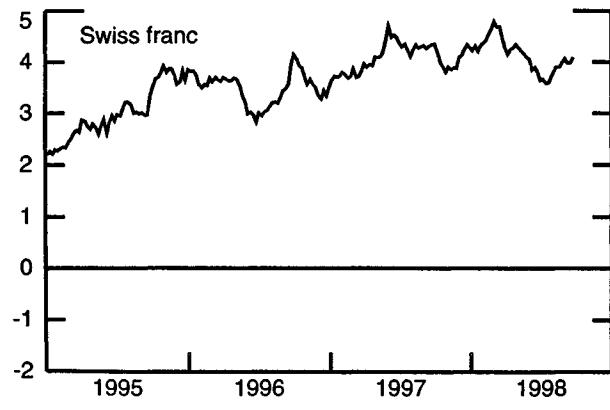
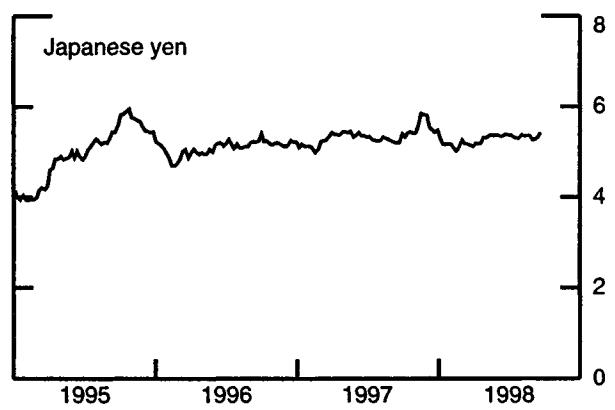
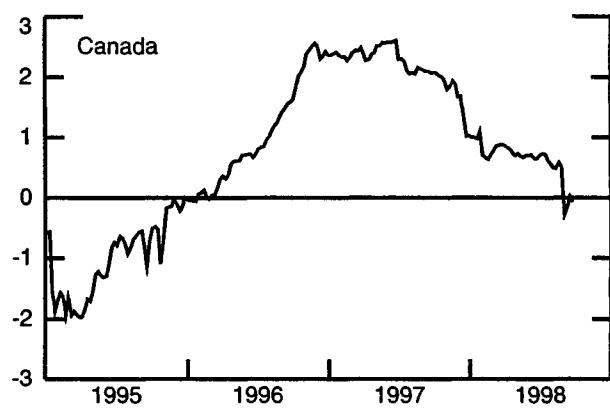
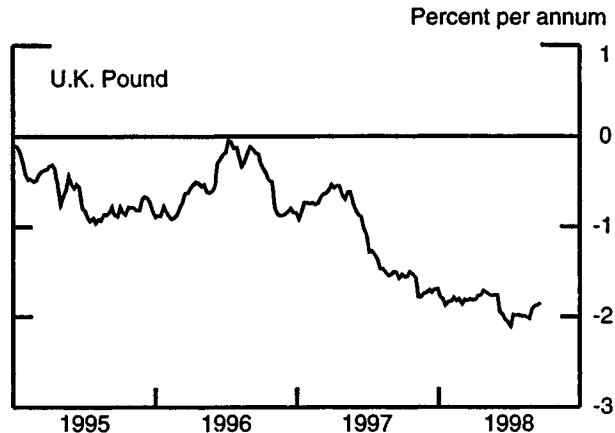
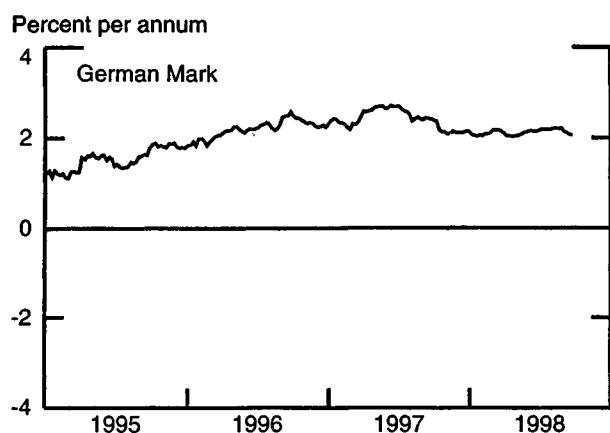


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Price of Gold In London
(Averages for week ending Wednesday)

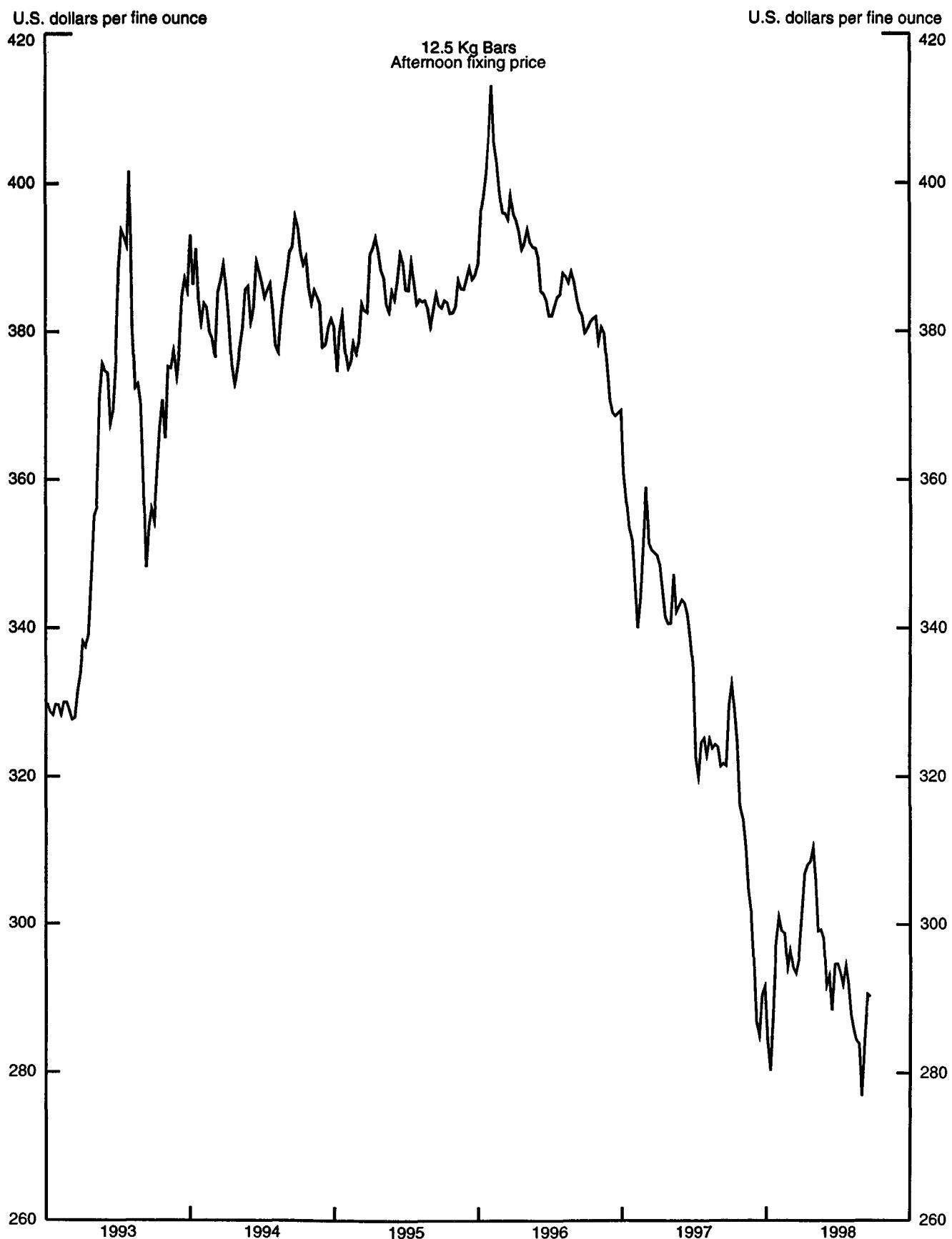
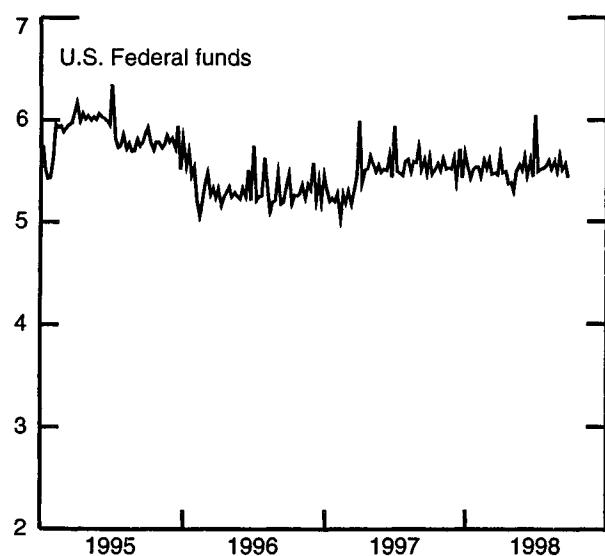


Chart 4

Call Money Rates (Weekly series)

Percent per annum



Percent per annum

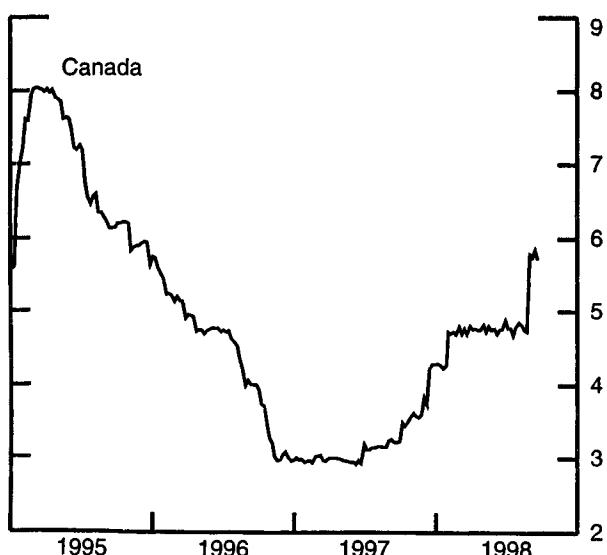
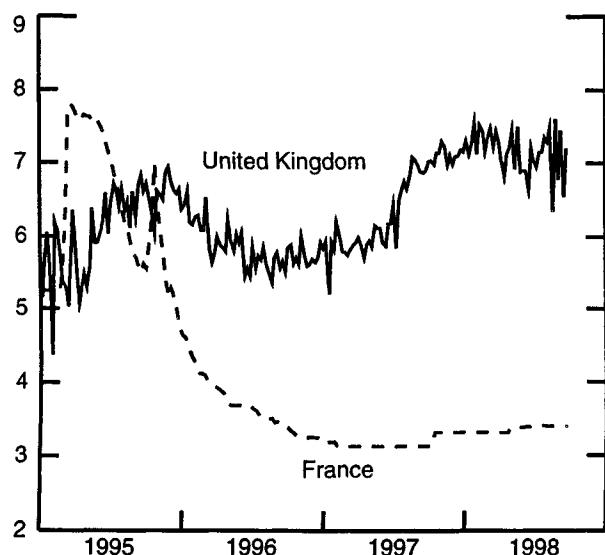
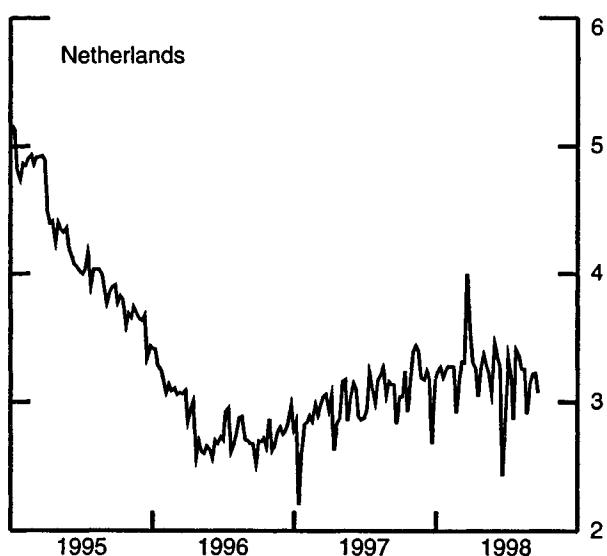
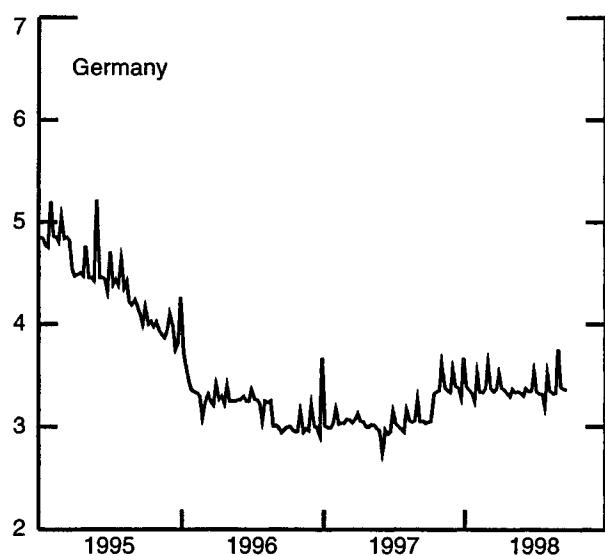
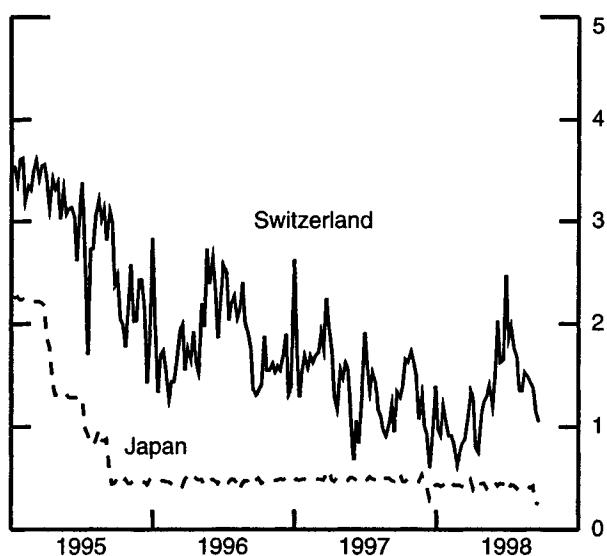


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3-Month Interest Rates

(Weekly series)

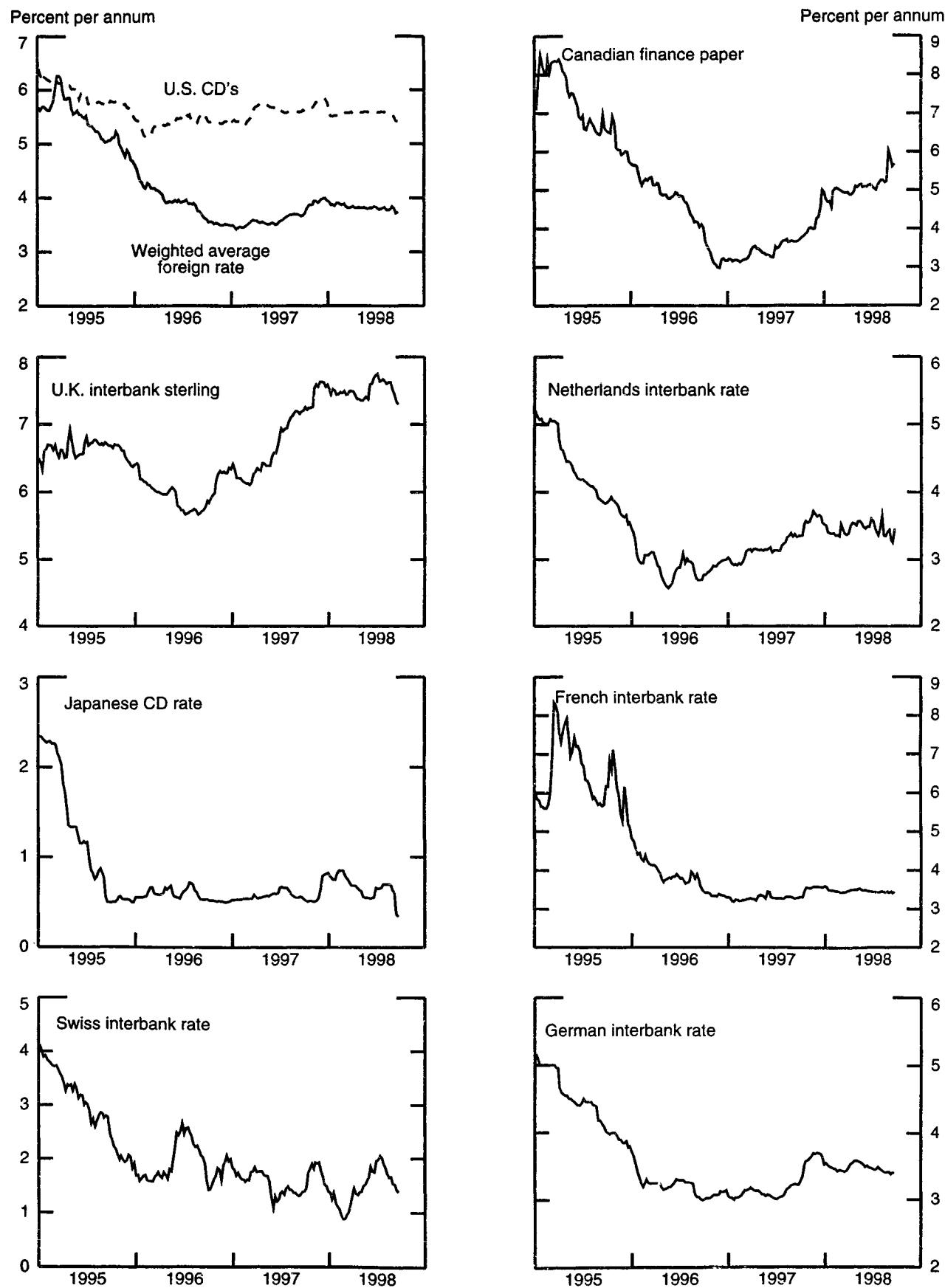


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Euro-Dollar Deposit Rates, London
(Averages for week ending Wednesday)

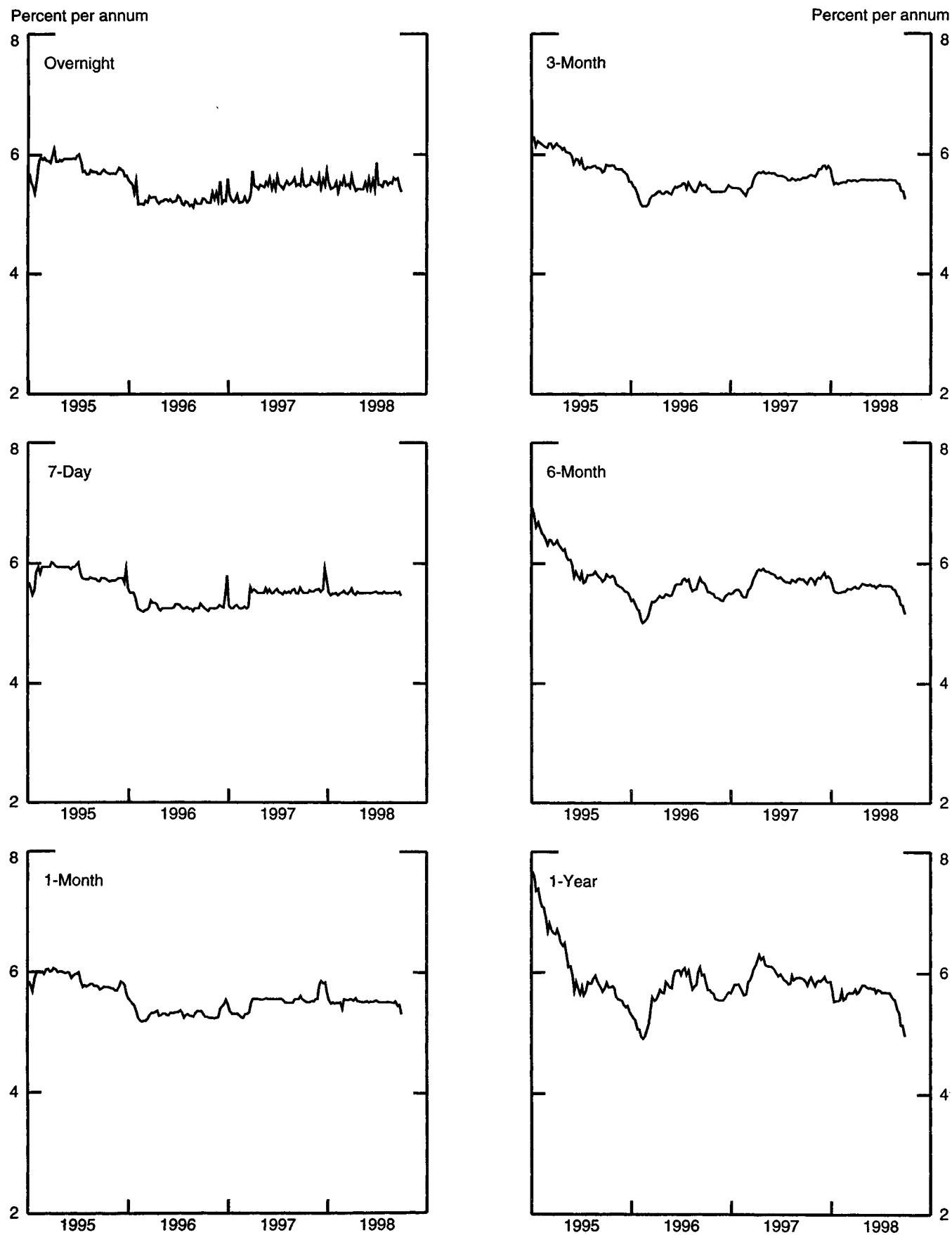


Chart 7

Selected Euro-Dollar and U.S. Money Market Rates

Differential: Plus(+), Favors Borrowing in U.S.
 (Averages for week ending Wednesday)

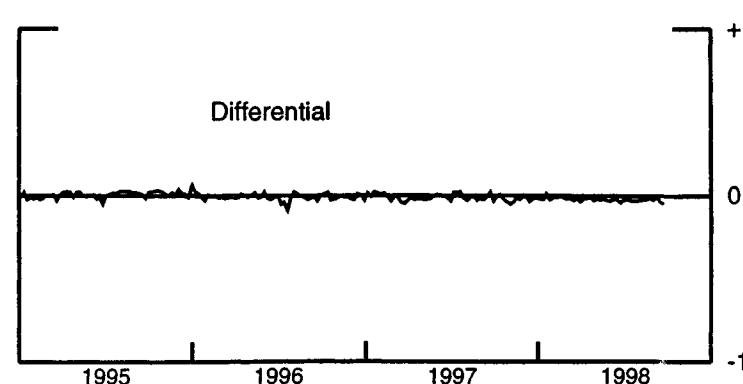
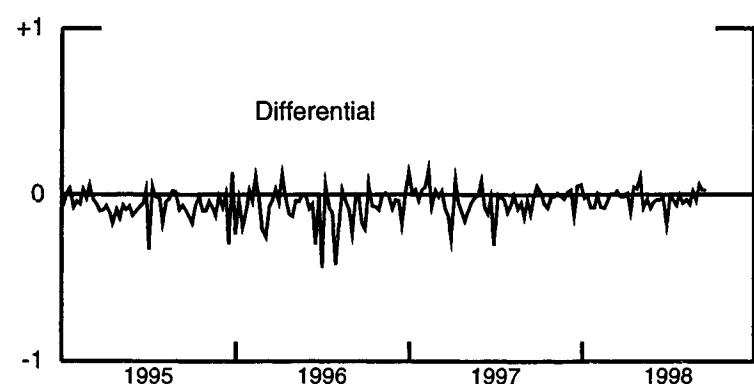
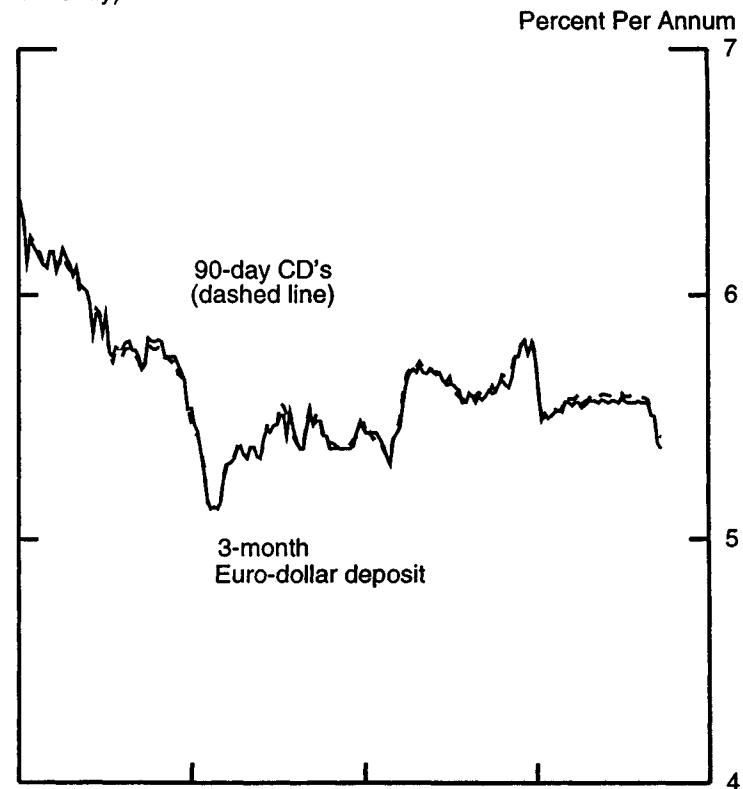
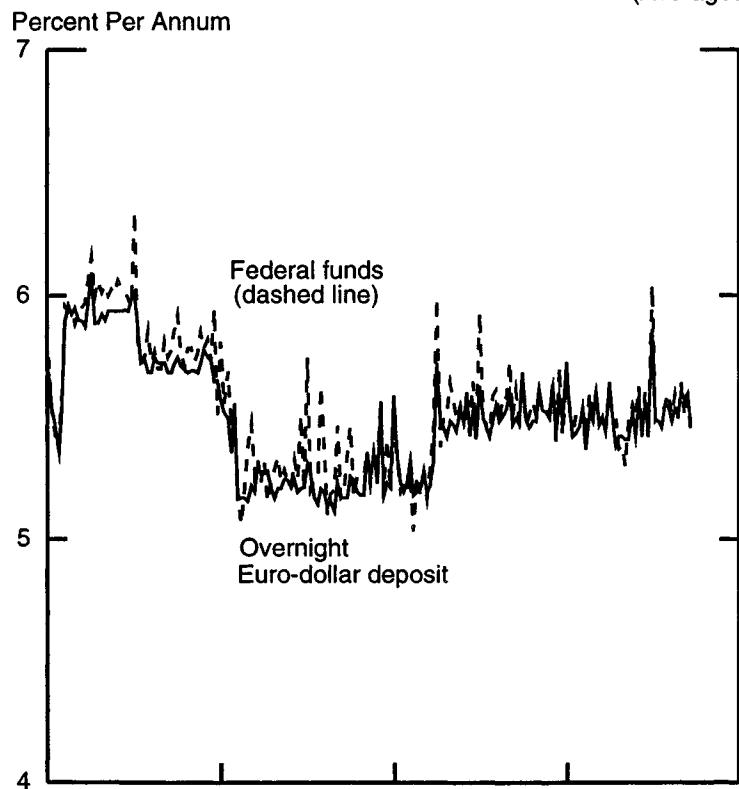


Chart 8

Interest Arbitrage: 3-Month Funds

Differential: plus(+), indicates favor dollar assets
 (Average for week ending Wednesday)

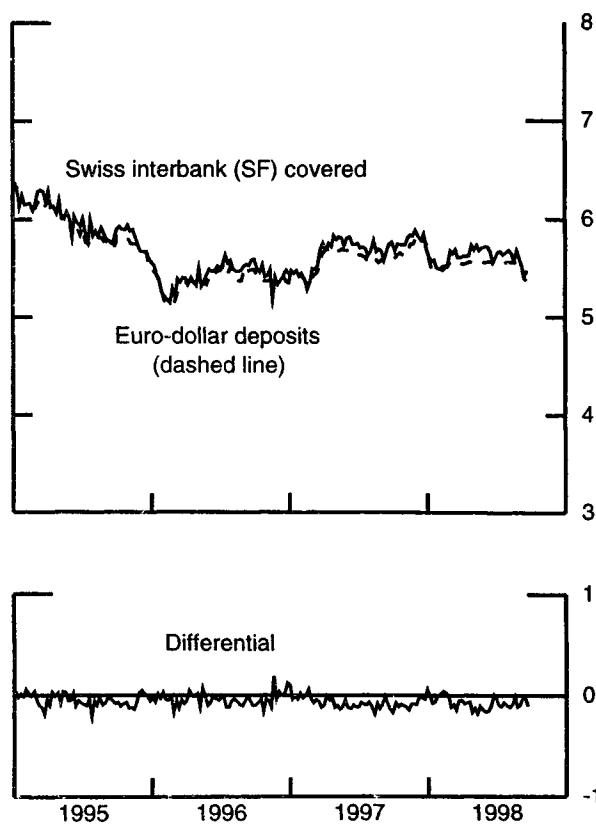
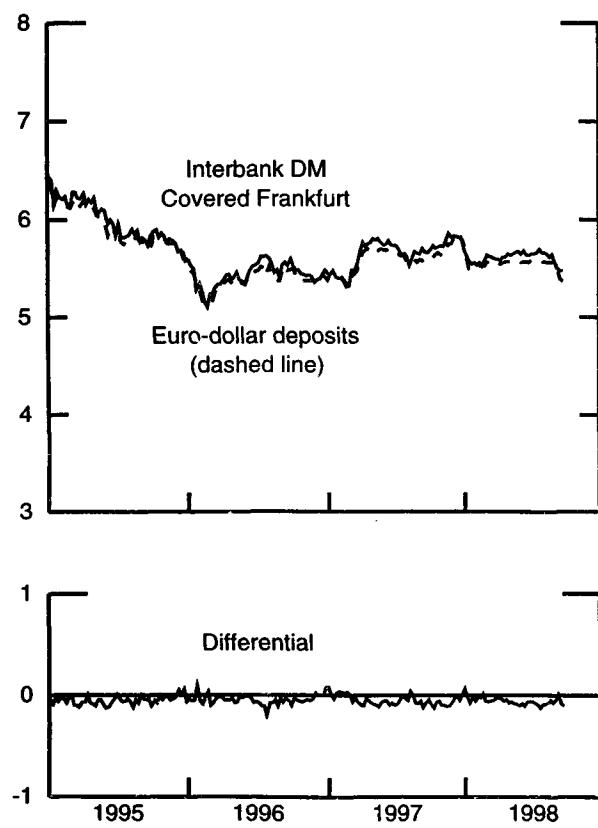
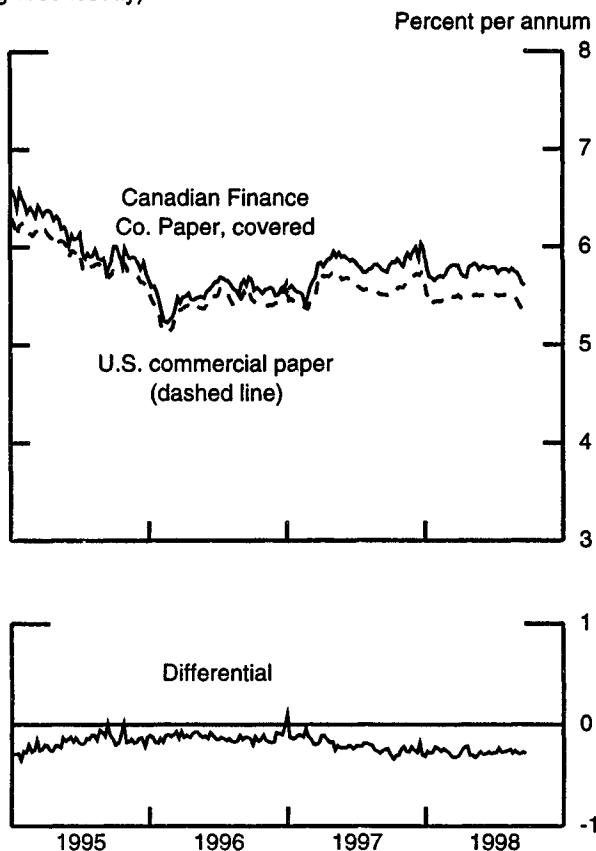
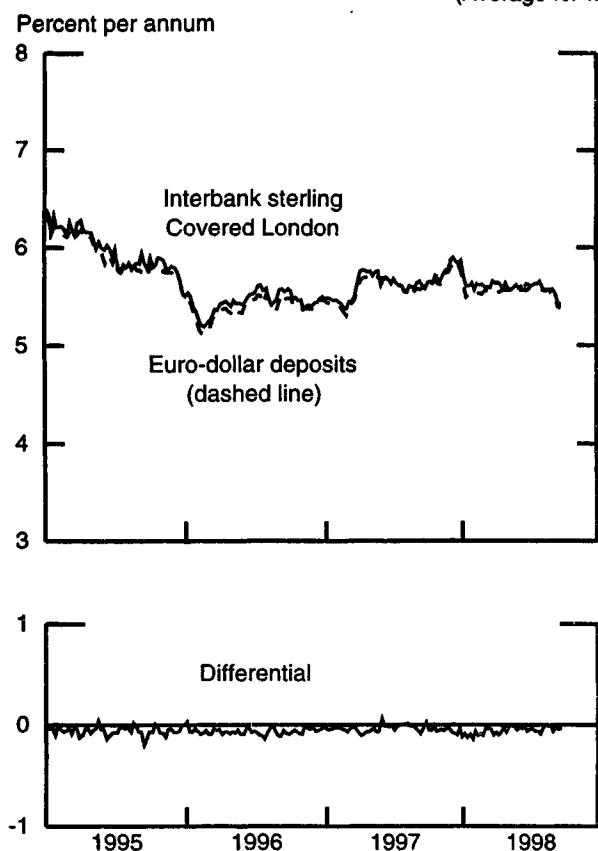
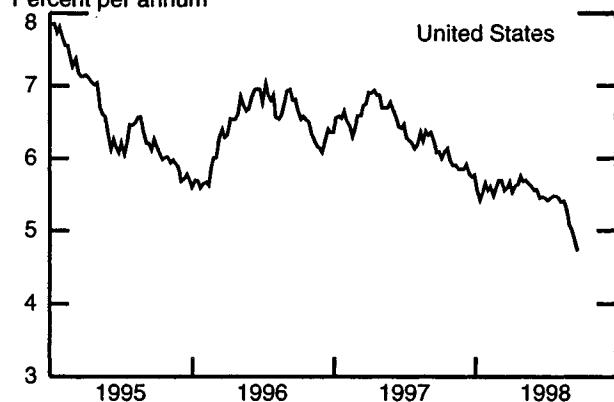


Chart 9

Long-Term Government Bond Yields (Weekly series)

Percent per annum



Percent per annum

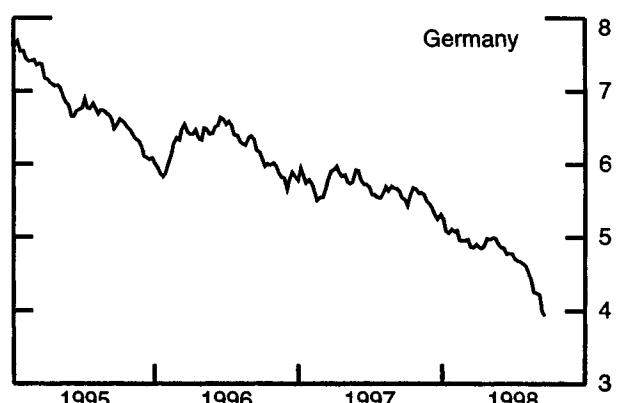
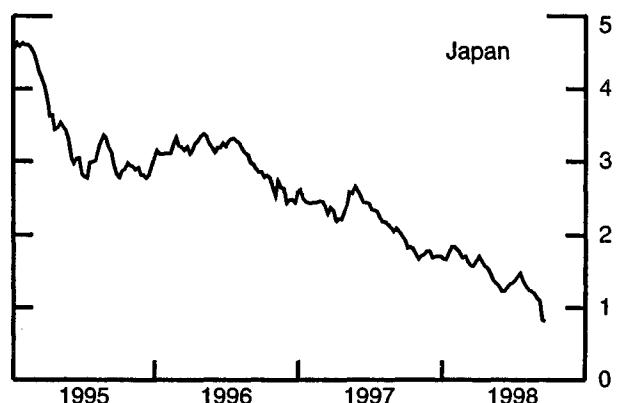
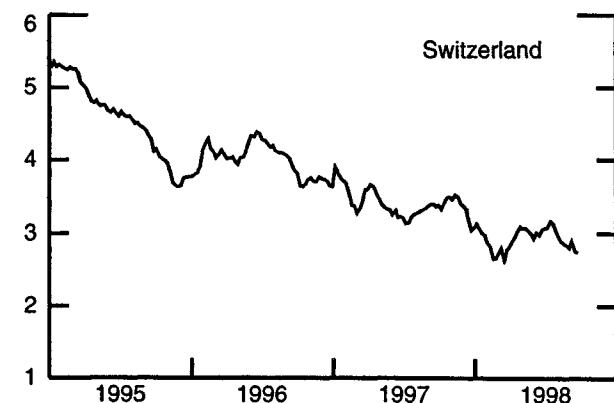
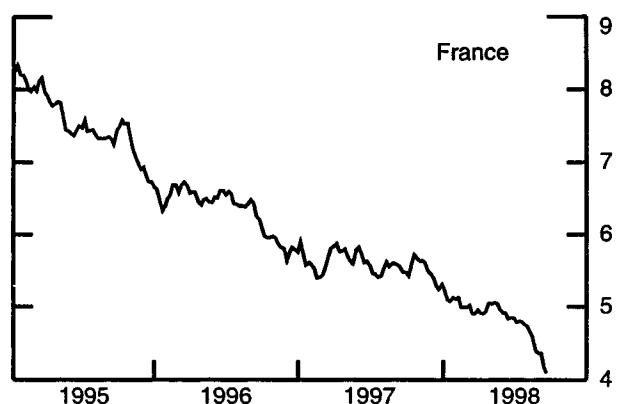
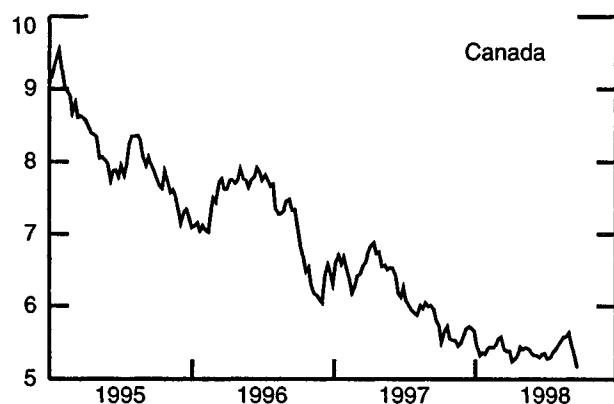
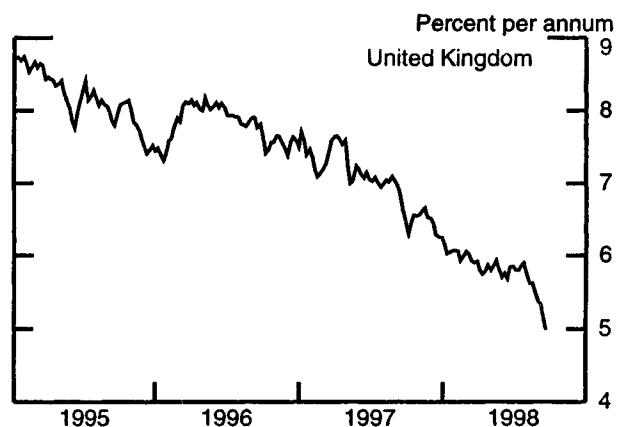
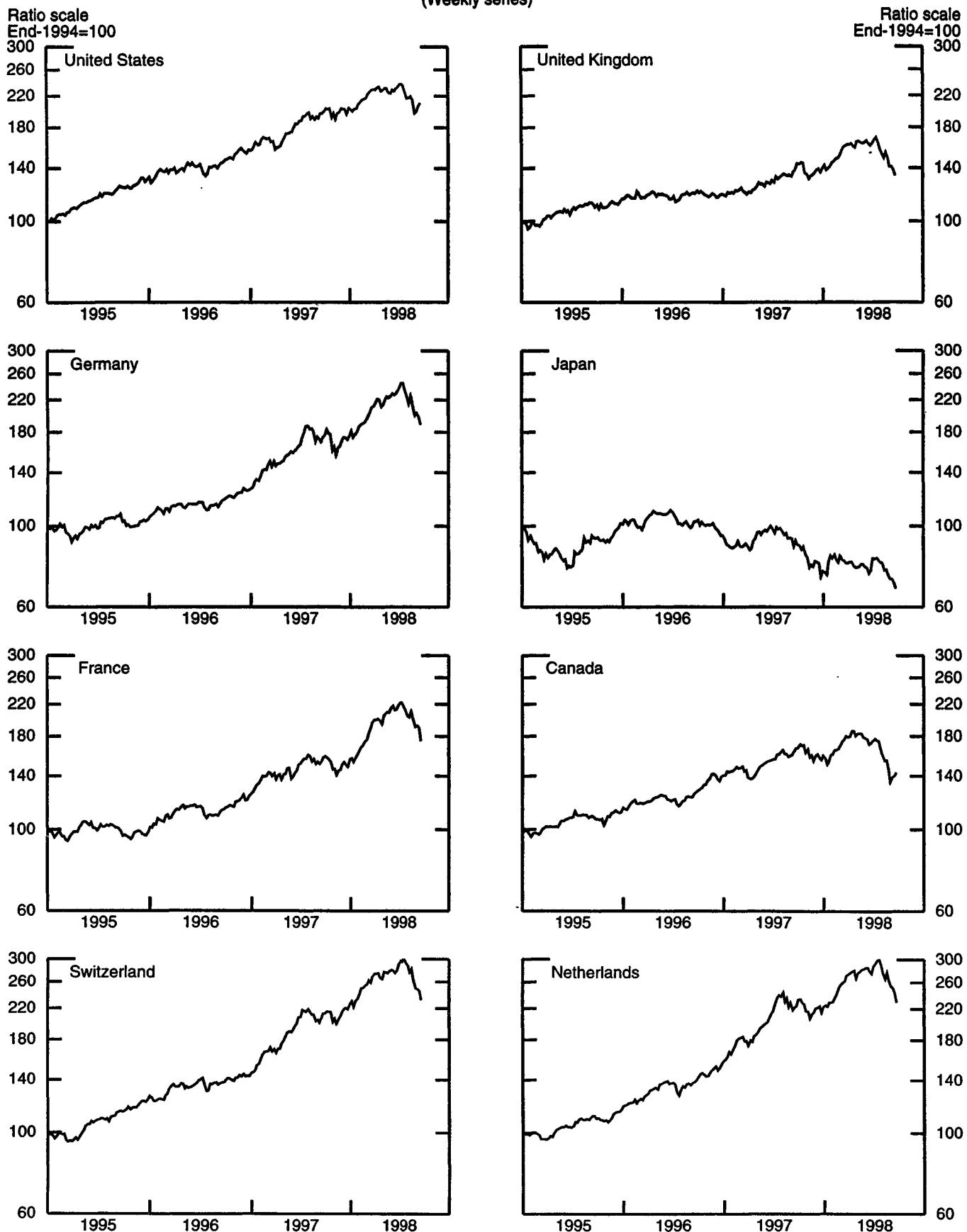


Chart 10

Stock Indices (Weekly series)



26-Aug-98 2-Sep-98 9-Sep-98 16-Sep-98 23-Sep-98

Chart 1. Spot Exchange Rates and Indices

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

Belgian franc	2.6963	2.7437	2.8046	2.8650	2.8754
Canadian dollar	64.640	64.004	65.432	66.229	65.452
French franc	16.582	16.883	17.250	17.622	17.696
German mark	55.589	56.634	57.852	59.069	59.347
Italian lira	0.05637	0.05726	0.05863	0.05984	0.06000
Japanese yen	0.69363	0.71488	0.74448	0.75019	0.74688
Netherlands guilder	49.308	50.183	51.270	52.380	52.596
Swiss franc	66.530	68.857	70.506	71.725	72.042
U.K. pound	163.66	166.62	166.71	167.88	168.31

Indices, March 1973 base rates = 100

Belgian franc	106.25	108.12	110.52	112.90	113.31
Canadian dollar	64.43	63.79	65.22	66.01	65.23
French franc	74.72	76.08	77.73	79.41	79.74
German mark	156.38	159.32	162.74	166.17	166.95
Italian lira	32.35	32.87	33.66	34.35	34.44
Japanese yen	181.62	187.18	194.93	196.43	195.56
Netherlands guilder	141.55	144.06	147.19	150.37	150.99
Swiss franc	214.04	221.52	226.83	230.75	231.77
U.K. pound	66.19	67.39	67.43	67.90	68.08

Weighted average exchange value indices, March 1973=100

Belgian franc	108.65	109.07	109.62	110.61	110.95
Canadian dollar	63.46	61.86	62.19	62.15	61.32
French franc	73.70	74.05	74.41	75.12	75.41
German mark	174.36	175.37	176.24	177.95	178.79
Italian lira	29.91	29.97	30.19	30.44	30.50
Japanese yen	198.98	202.65	208.05	206.86	205.67
Netherlands guilder	147.78	148.38	149.07	150.45	151.00
Swedish krona	53.65	53.89	53.95	53.95	53.66
Swiss franc	222.79	227.56	229.10	230.13	231.00
U.K. pound	64.67	64.97	63.79	63.38	63.51
U.S. dollar	102.27	100.50	98.33	96.75	96.66

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

Canadian dollar	0.51	-0.27	-0.15	0.02	-0.06
French franc	2.16	2.09	2.07	1.99	1.99
German mark	2.21	2.14	2.11	2.06	2.06
Italian lira	0.80	0.56	0.55	0.50	0.56
Japanese yen	5.36	5.26	5.28	5.31	5.42
Netherlands guilder	2.31	2.26	2.25	2.20	2.19
Swiss franc	4.00	4.06	3.98	3.99	4.09
U.K. pound	-2.02	-1.91	-1.88	-1.87	-1.85

Chart 3. Gold Price in London, Afternoon Fixing

U.S. dollars per fine ounce	283.90	276.89	284.25	290.59	290.27
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Chart 4. Call Money Rates

U.S. federal funds	5.49	5.65	5.51	5.57	5.44
Overnight Euro-dollar deposits	5.51	5.61	5.58	5.60	5.46
Canada	4.73	5.78	5.74	5.84	5.72
France	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40
Germany	3.33	3.76	3.38	3.36	3.36
Japan	0.42	0.41	0.43	0.26	0.25
Netherlands	2.91	3.15	3.22	3.22	3.07
Switzerland	1.49	1.43	1.38	1.15	1.05
United Kingdom	7.60	6.78	7.45	6.55	7.20

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Chart 5. 3-Month Interest Rates

	26-Aug-98	2-Sep-98	9-Sep-98	16-Sep-98	23-Sep-98
U.S. 90-day CD's, secondary market	5.57	5.54	5.51	5.43	5.42
Canadian finance paper	5.23	6.01	5.85	5.60	5.67
French interbank rate	3.46	3.42	3.45	3.41	3.44
German interbank rate	3.42	3.41	3.38	3.40	3.40
Japanese CD rate	0.69	0.63	0.61	0.36	0.35
Netherlands interbank rate	3.41	3.44	3.29	3.25	3.45
Swiss interbank rate	1.66	1.53	1.52	1.42	1.38
U.K. interbank sterling	7.63	7.52	7.45	7.34	7.29
Weighted average foreign interest rate (G-10 Countries)	3.79	3.85	3.81	3.72	3.74

Chart 6. Euro-Dollar Deposit Rates

Overnight	5.51	5.61	5.58	5.60	5.46
7-day	5.50	5.50	5.53	5.50	5.53
1-month	5.51	5.50	5.53	5.45	5.46
3-month	5.56	5.51	5.51	5.39	5.38
6-month	5.56	5.46	5.45	5.31	5.30
1-year	5.57	5.41	5.36	5.15	5.15

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

Overnight Euro-dollar deposits	5.51	5.61	5.58	5.60	5.46
U.S. federal funds	5.49	5.65	5.51	5.57	5.44
Differential	0.02	-0.03	0.07	0.03	0.03
3-month Euro-dollar deposit	5.56	5.51	5.51	5.39	5.38
U.S. 90-day CD's, secondary market	5.57	5.54	5.51	5.43	5.42
Differential	-0.01	-0.02	-0.00	-0.03	-0.05

Chart 8. Interest Arbitrage, 3-Month Funds

Euro-dollar deposit	5.56	5.51	5.51	5.39	5.38
Interbank sterling (London), covered	5.57	5.58	5.54	5.44	5.41
Differential	-0.00	-0.06	-0.03	-0.04	-0.04
U.S. commercial paper	5.49	5.46	5.41	5.36	5.33
Canadian finance paper, covered	5.75	5.73	5.70	5.62	5.61
Differential	-0.26	-0.28	-0.29	-0.26	-0.28
Euro-dollar deposit	5.56	5.51	5.51	5.39	5.38
Interbank DM (Frankfurt), covered	5.64	5.57	5.51	5.48	5.48
Differential	-0.08	-0.05	0.00	-0.09	-0.10
Euro-dollar deposit	5.56	5.51	5.51	5.39	5.38
Swiss interbank, covered	5.68	5.61	5.52	5.42	5.48
Differential	-0.11	-0.09	-0.01	-0.03	-0.10

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

Canada	5.58	5.63	5.48	5.30	5.15
France	4.40	4.36	4.36	4.18	4.09
Germany	4.26	4.25	4.23	4.00	3.93
Japan	1.21	1.13	1.10	0.83	0.82
Switzerland	2.84	2.80	2.89	2.76	2.74
Netherlands	4.43	4.38	4.36	4.16	4.09
United Kingdom	5.51	5.38	5.34	5.15	4.99
United States	5.30	5.08	5.01	4.85	4.72

Chart 10. Stock Indices (Wednesday figures)

Canada	146.47	134.86	139.35	140.17	142.75
France	200.19	191.10	191.93	190.01	174.92
Germany	213.51	199.72	202.85	198.23	188.99
Japan	73.58	71.76	71.58	69.75	67.36
Netherlands	263.20	254.57	251.22	243.20	229.42
Switzerland	262.64	249.69	247.98	245.31	231.73
United Kingdom	149.95	141.60	141.24	138.38	133.58
United States	215.02	197.11	199.48	206.44	209.99

Indices (in order, rebased to end-1994=100) are Toronto Composite, SBF250, FAZ Aktien, Tokyo SE (Topix), CBS All-General, Swiss Performance Index, Financial Times Ordinary, NYSE Composite