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Chart 1

Nominal Currency Exchange Values

Dollar prices of foreign currencies and weighted average values of U.S. dollar
(Averages for week ending Wednesday, ratio scale, March 1973 = 100)

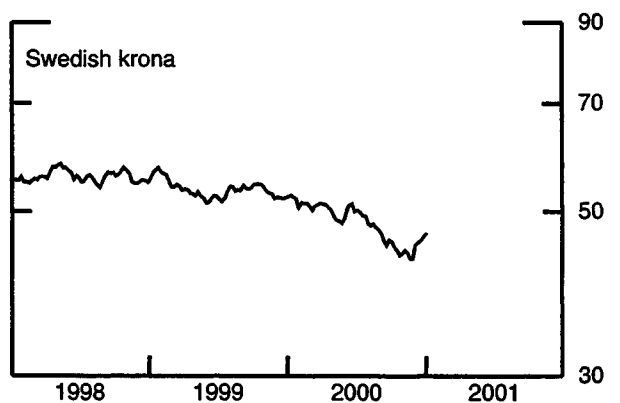
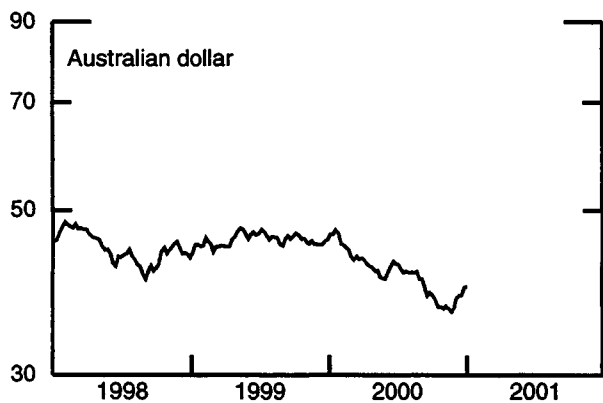
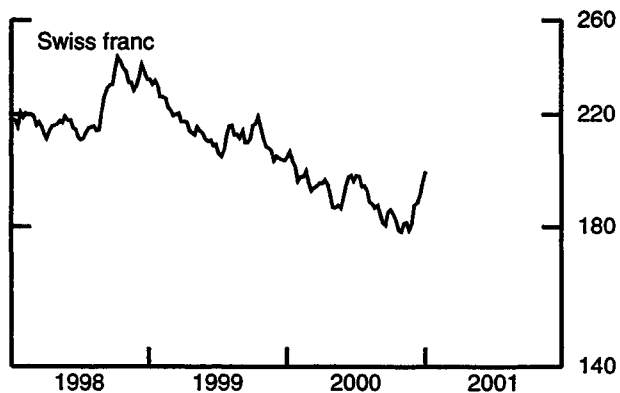
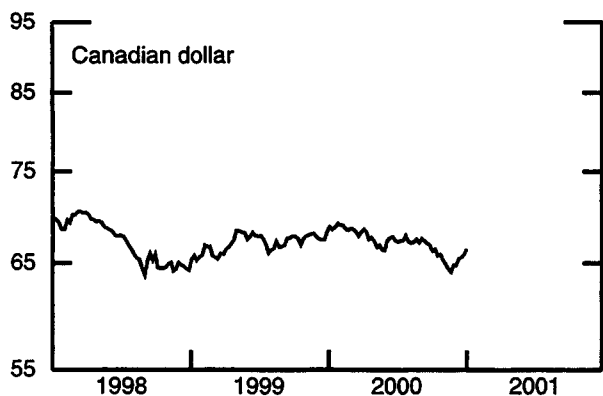
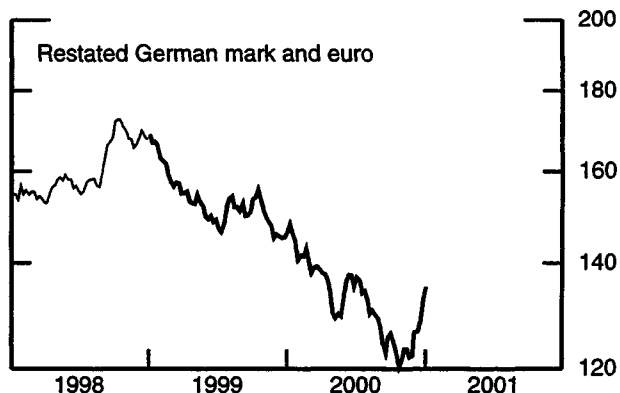


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3-Month Forward Exchange Rates

Premium (+) or (-)
(Averages for week ending Wednesday, percent per annum)

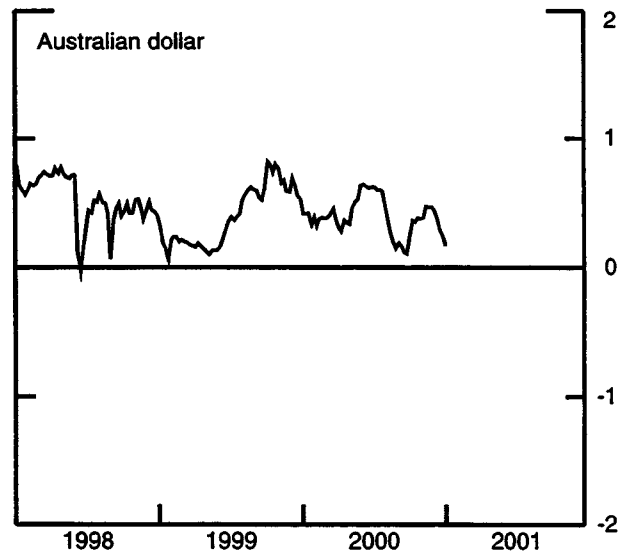
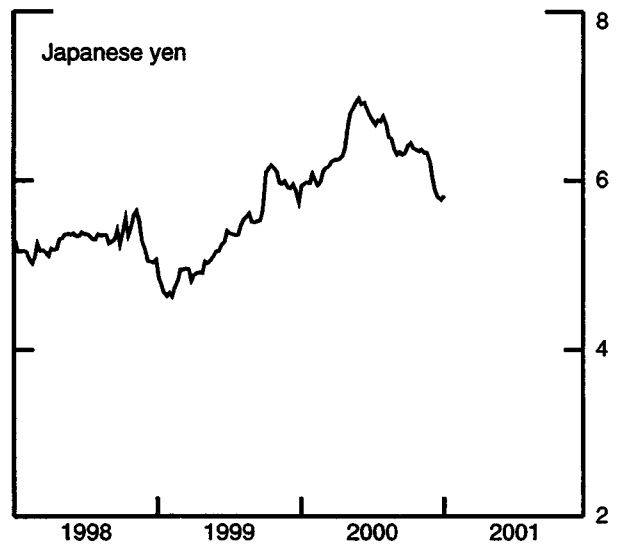
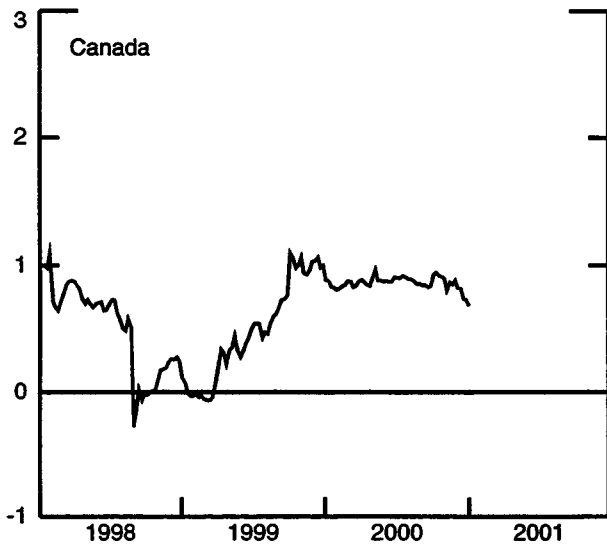
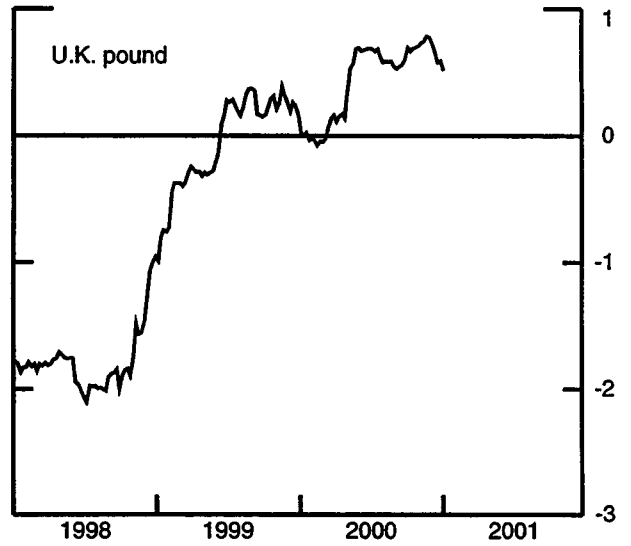


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(Averages for week ending Wednesday)

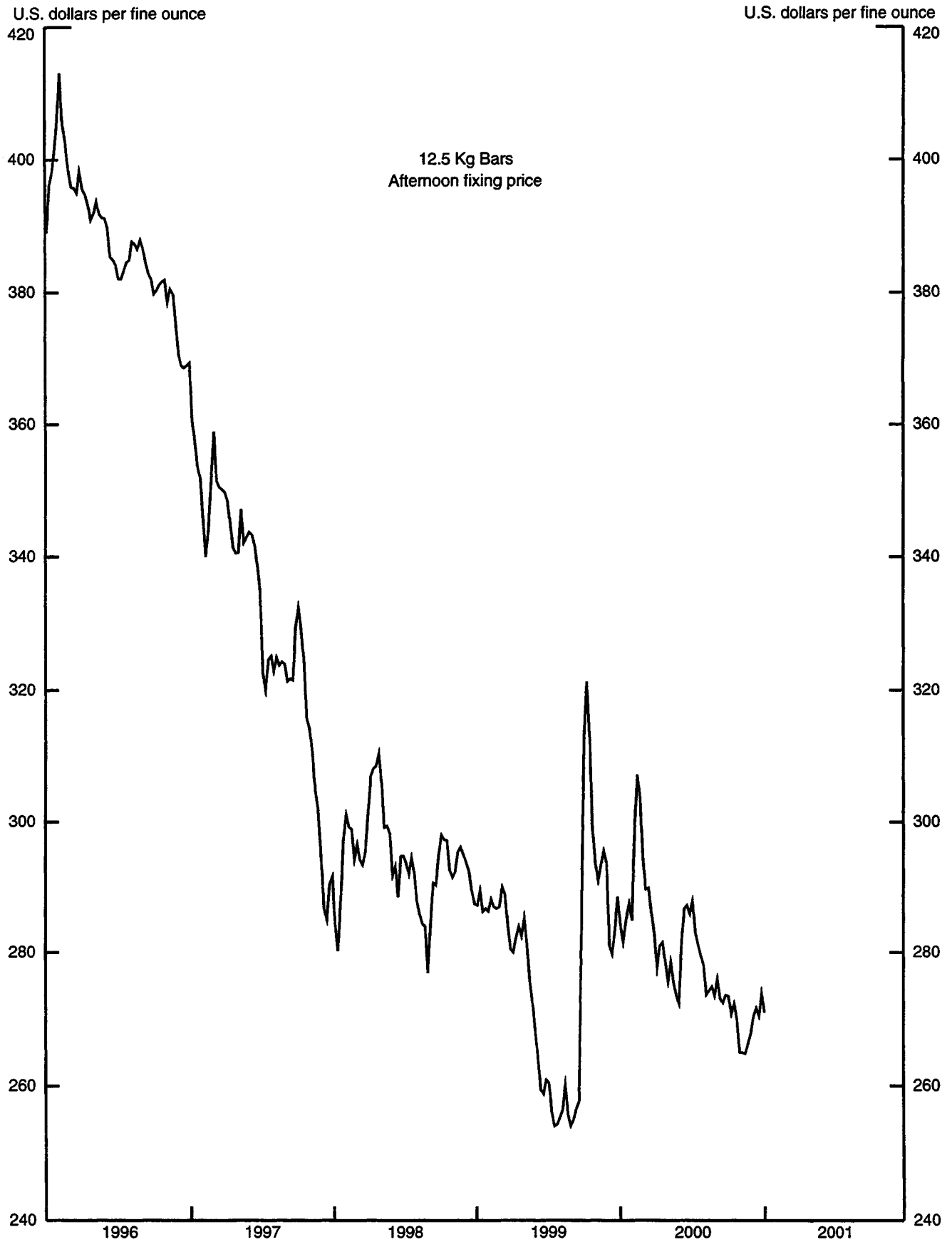
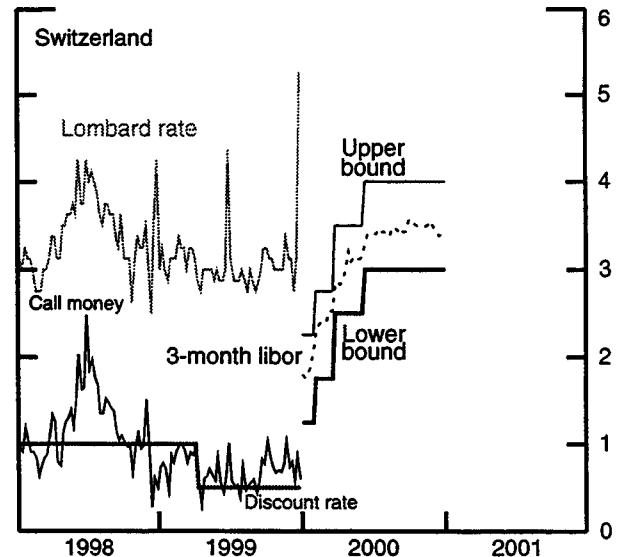
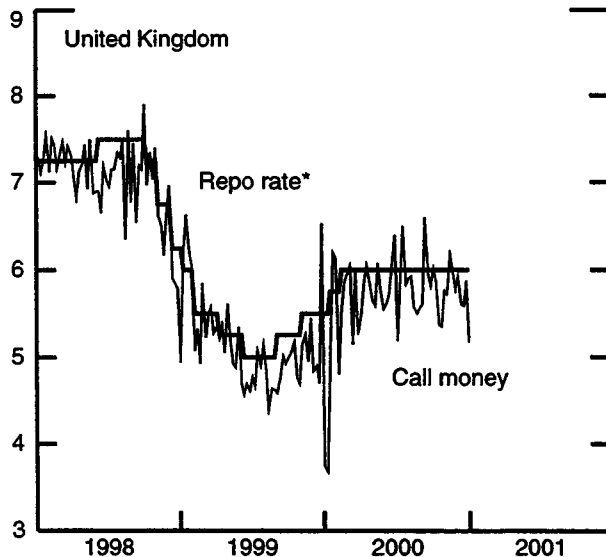
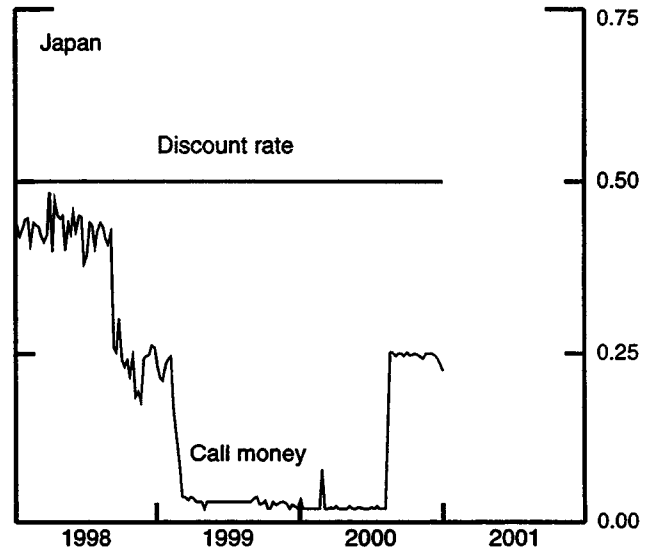
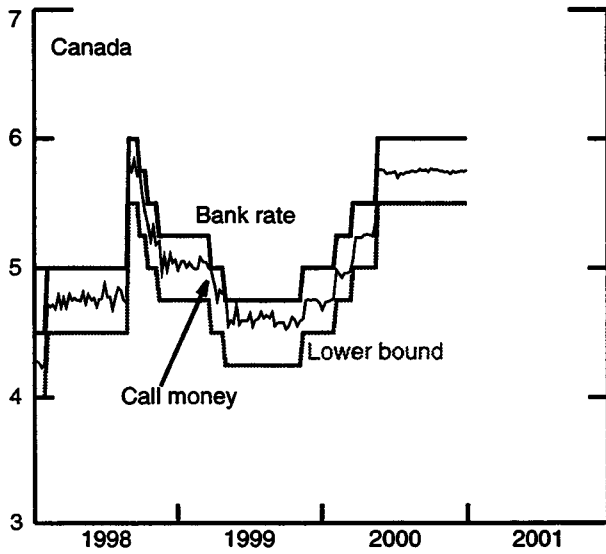
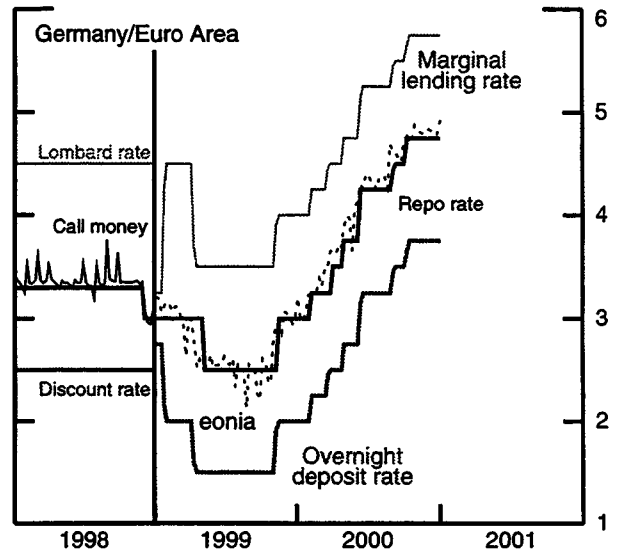
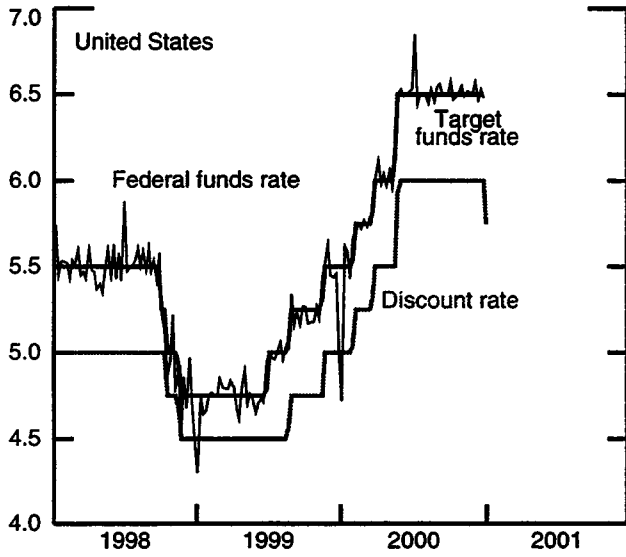


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* Money-market dealing rate prior to March 1997.

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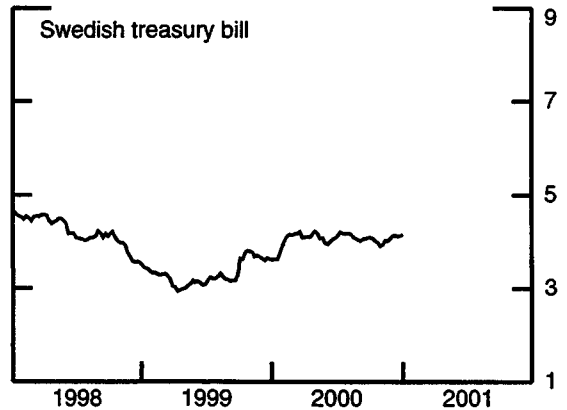
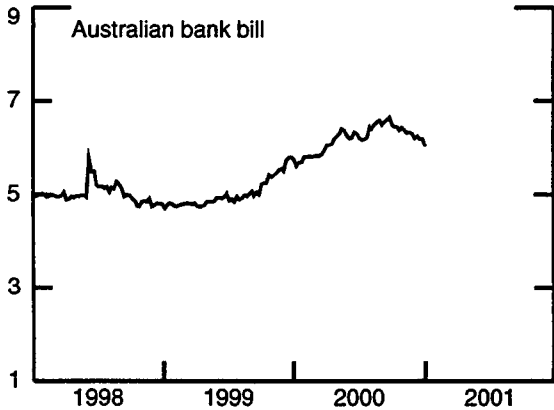
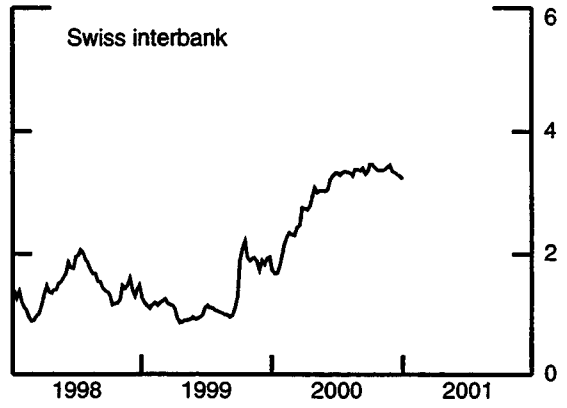
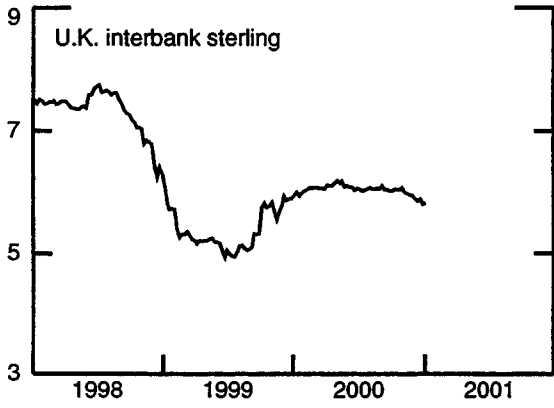
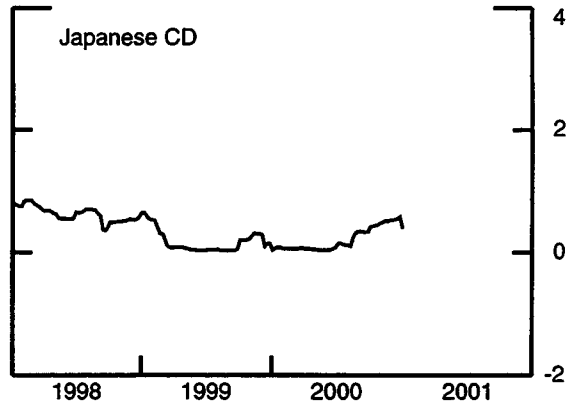
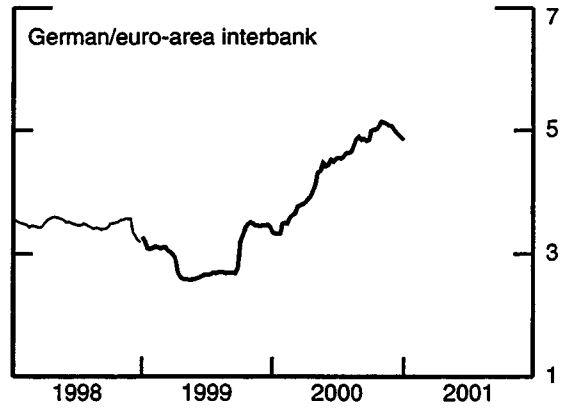
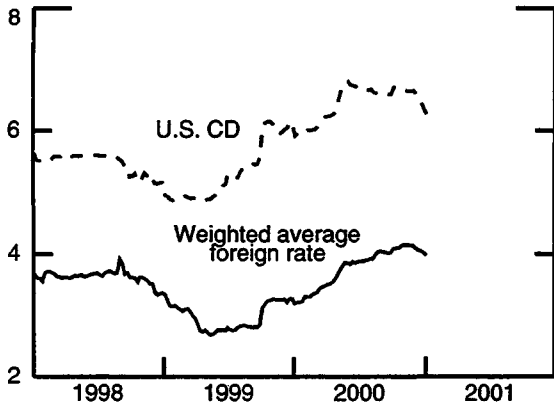


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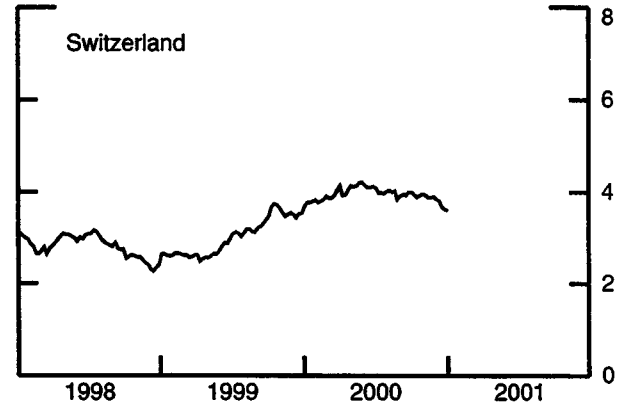
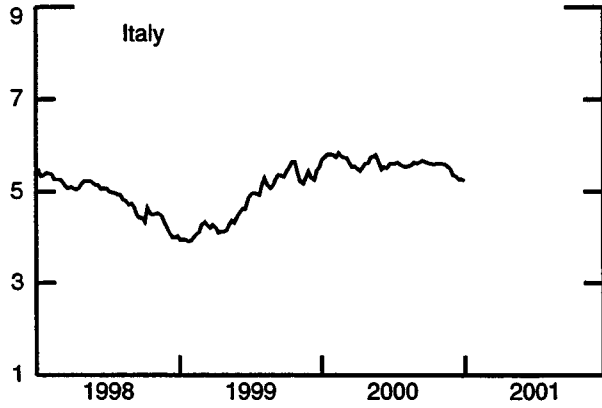
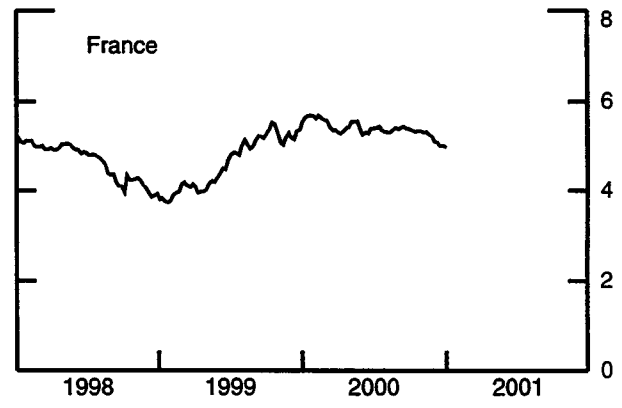
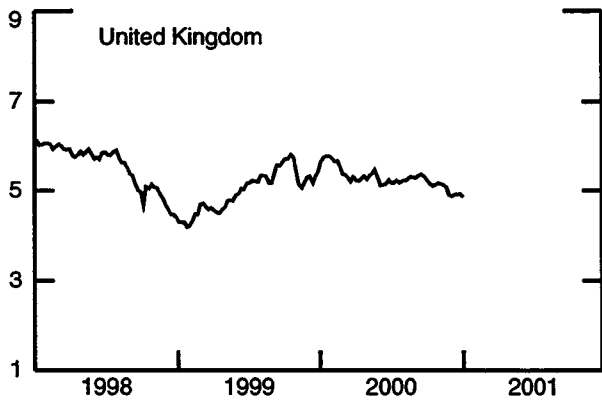
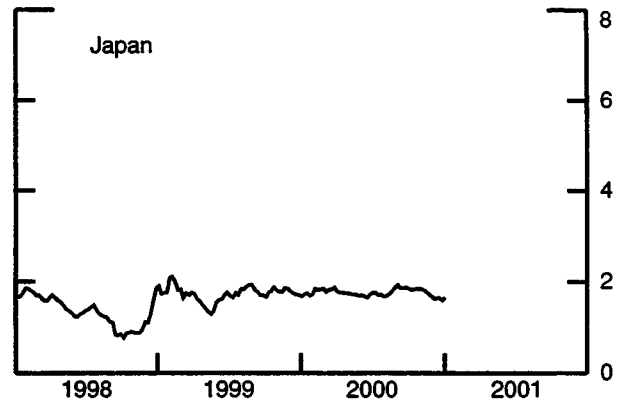
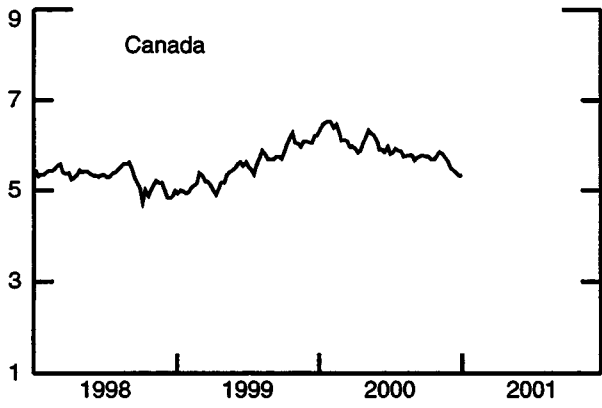
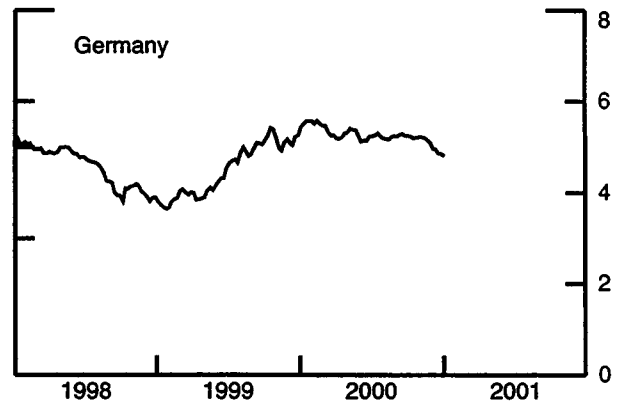
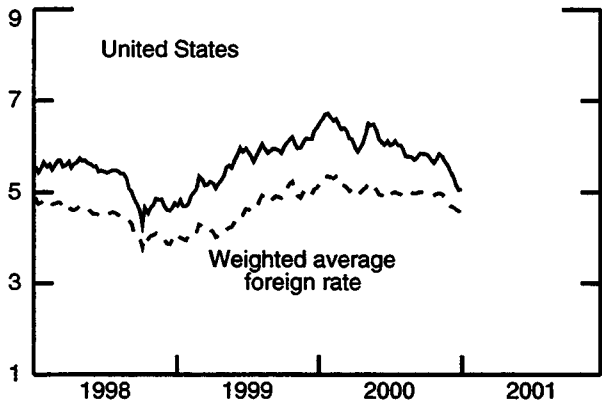
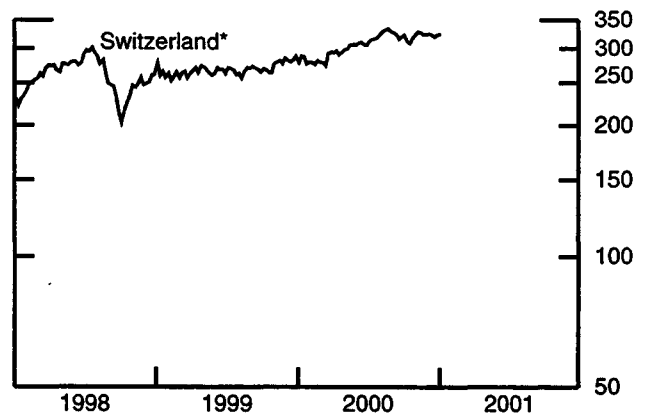
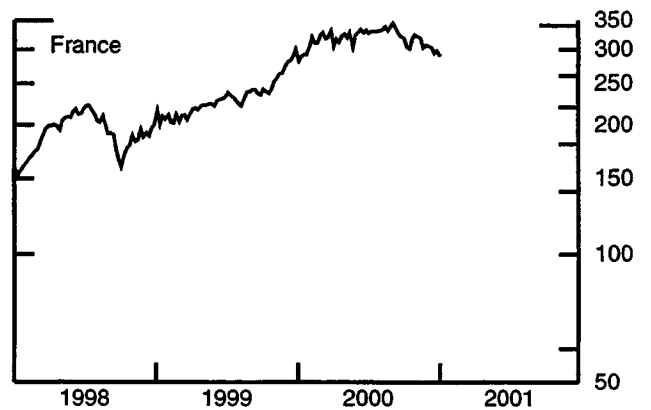
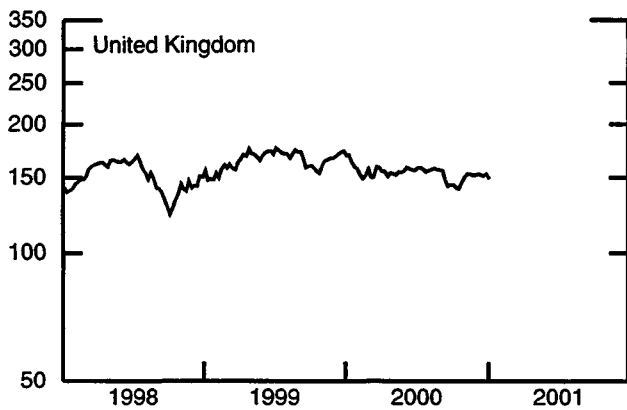
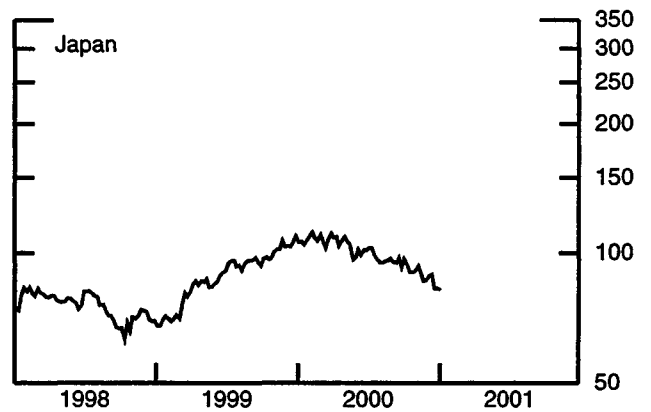
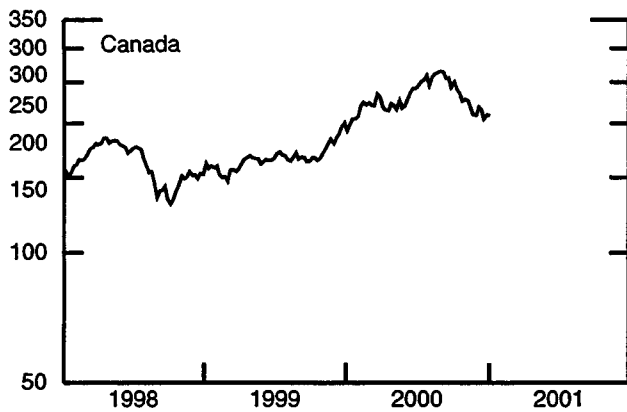
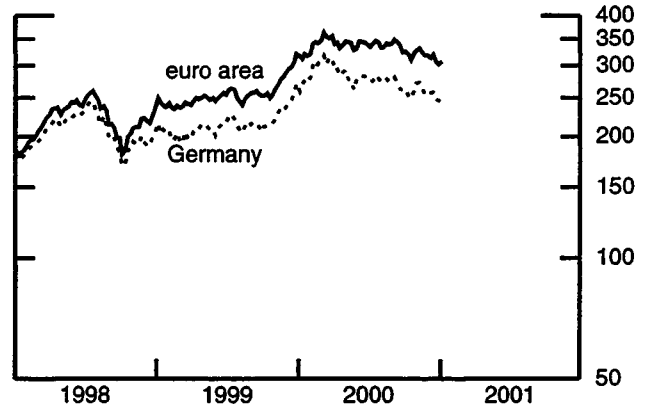
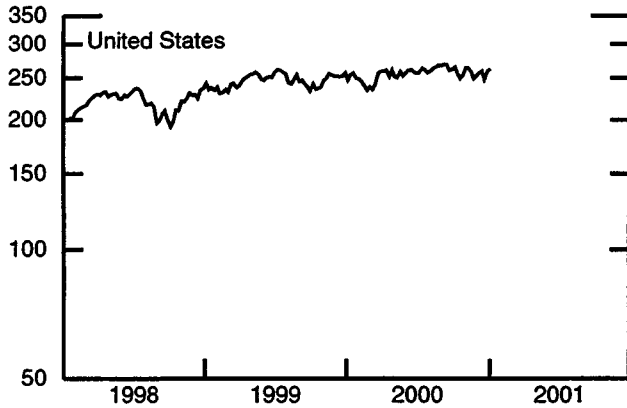


Chart 7

Stock Indexes

(Averages for week ending Wednesday, ratio scale, December 30, 1994 = 100)



*December 29, 1994 = 100

6-Dec-00 13-Dec-00 20-Dec-00 27-Dec-00 3-Jan-01

Chart 1. Nominal Currency Exchange Values

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

	6-Dec-00	13-Dec-00	20-Dec-00	27-Dec-00	3-Jan-01
Australian dollar	53.8360	54.2300	54.3940	55.6525	55.7725
Canadian dollar	64.967	65.695	65.766	66.048	66.653
Japanese yen	0.90160	0.89824	0.88943	0.88353	0.87344
Restated German mark and euro	88.03	88.06	89.46	92.35	93.96
Swedish krona	10.1986	10.2712	10.3459	10.4712	10.5659
Swiss franc	58.182	58.448	59.289	60.625	61.780
U.K. pound	143.76	144.77	146.92	148.01	149.71

Indexes, March 1973 base rates = 100

	6-Dec-00	13-Dec-00	20-Dec-00	27-Dec-00	3-Jan-01
Australian dollar	38.10	38.38	38.50	39.39	39.47
Canadian dollar	64.75	65.48	65.55	65.83	66.43
Japanese yen	236.07	235.19	232.88	231.34	228.70
Restated German mark and euro	126.61	126.66	128.67	132.82	135.14
Swedish krona	45.16	45.49	45.82	46.37	46.79
Swiss franc	187.18	188.04	190.74	195.04	198.76
U.K. pound	58.15	58.56	59.43	59.86	60.55

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

	6-Dec-00	13-Dec-00	20-Dec-00	27-Dec-00	3-Jan-01
Australian dollar	0.44	0.38	0.30	0.24	0.17
Canadian dollar	0.82	0.82	0.74	0.73	0.69
Euro	1.60	1.54	1.56	1.49	1.43
Japanese yen	6.03	5.87	5.80	5.78	5.82
Swiss franc	3.17	3.14	3.12	3.02	2.98
U.K. pound	0.72	0.66	0.58	0.59	0.51

Chart 3. Gold Price in London, Afternoon Fixing

	6-Dec-00	13-Dec-00	20-Dec-00	27-Dec-00	3-Jan-01
U.S. dollars per fine ounce	270.28	271.58	270.37	273.75	270.90

Chart 4. Interbank Funding Rates and Official Interest Rates

United States					
Target federal funds rate	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	5.96
Effective federal funds	6.57	6.47	6.53	6.48	5.88
Discount rate	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.75
Canada					
Bank rate	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Call money	5.74	5.74	5.75	5.74	5.75
Lower bound	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50
Euro area					
Marginal lending rate	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75
Eonia	4.84	4.82	4.78	4.79	4.92
Repo rate	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75
Overnight deposit rate	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
Japan					
Call money	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.23	0.23
Discount rate	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Switzerland*					
Upper bound	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Libor rate	3.47	3.43	3.38	3.41	3.36
Lower bound	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
United Kingdom					
Call money	5.93	5.61	5.59	5.88	5.17
Repo rate	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00

*In January 2000, the Swiss National Bank began to target the Swiss Franc 3-month LIBOR interest rate, with the aim of keeping this rate inside a range given by an upper and a lower bound.

6-Dec-00 13-Dec-00 20-Dec-00 27-Dec-00 3-Jan-01

Chart 5. 3-Month Interest Rates

U.S. 90-day CD's, secondary market	6.58	6.50	6.44	6.35	6.27
Australian bank bill	6.21	6.25	6.18	6.18	6.03
Canadian finance paper	5.84	5.81	5.79	5.74	5.73
Euro-area interbank	5.01	4.96	4.93	4.88	4.84
Japanese CD	0.54	0.54	0.55	0.58	0.40
Swedish treasury bill	4.13	4.15	4.12	4.13	4.16
Swiss interbank	3.35	3.33	3.29	3.28	3.23
U.K. interbank sterling	5.90	5.86	5.89	5.81	5.82
Weighted average foreign interest rate (Canada, euro area, Japan, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Australia, and Sweden)	4.09	4.06	4.05	4.02	3.97

Chart 6. Long Term Government Bellwether Bond Yields
10-year maturity, where available

Canada	5.50	5.44	5.39	5.33	5.34
France	5.10	5.09	5.00	5.01	4.98
Germany	4.97	4.96	4.87	4.86	4.81
Italy	5.36	5.33	5.26	5.27	5.23
Japan	1.64	1.63	1.65	1.59	1.65
Switzerland	3.83	3.81	3.68	3.61	3.60
United Kingdom	4.87	4.91	4.92	4.93	4.86
United States	5.46	5.34	5.17	5.05	5.06
Weighted average foreign interest rate (Canada, euro area, Japan, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Australia, and Sweden)	4.70	4.68	4.63	4.59	4.63

Chart 7. Stock Indexes (Wednesday figures)

Canada	219.07	215.92	205.11	210.20	209.18
France	304.60	303.17	293.53	297.89	289.45
Germany	257.29	258.45	247.99	246.15	244.10
Euro area*	398.31	405.78	391.11	384.08	389.82
Italy	315.21	311.13	297.35	300.64	291.59
Japan	88.58	89.34	82.70	82.99	82.33
Switzerland**	324.78	322.44	319.25	323.01	324.64
United Kingdom	152.69	152.47	151.56	152.80	149.27
United States	257.32	260.34	249.05	260.48	262.62

Indices (in order, rebased to December 30, 1994, **December 29, 1994) are Toronto Composite, SBF250, FAZ Aktien, *Dow Jones EURO stock index, Banca Italiana General, Tokyo SE (Topix), Swiss Performance Index, Financial Times Ordinary, NYSE Composite