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Chart 1

Nominal Currency Exchange Values

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

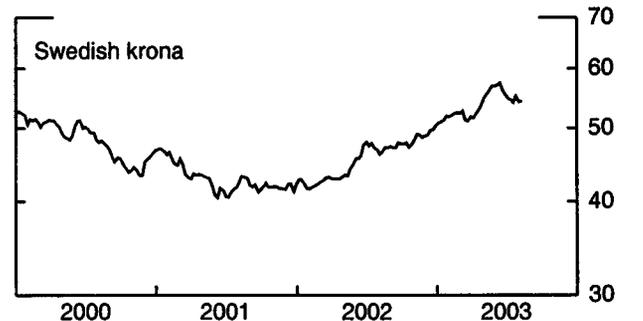
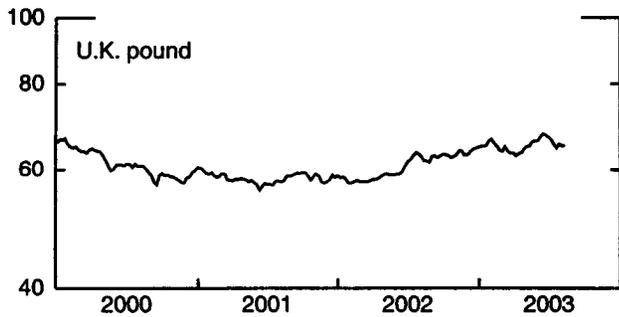
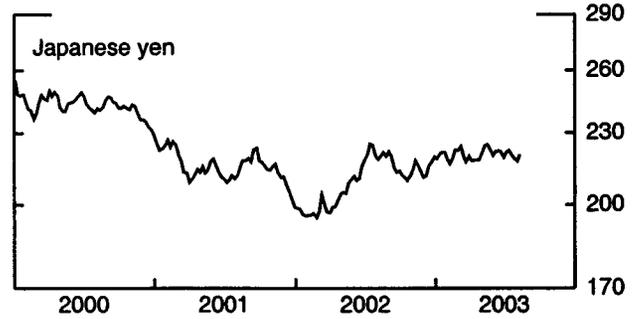


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3-Month Forward Exchange Rates

Premium (+) or (-)

Averages for week ending Wednesday, percent per annum

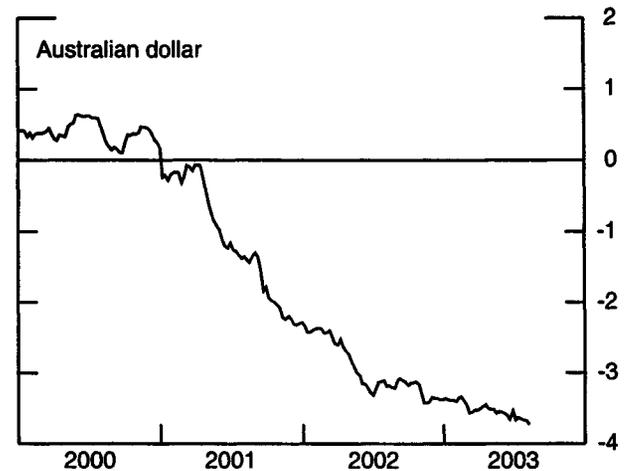
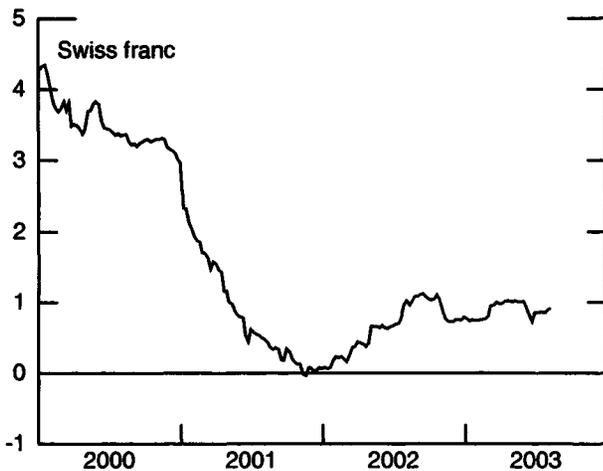
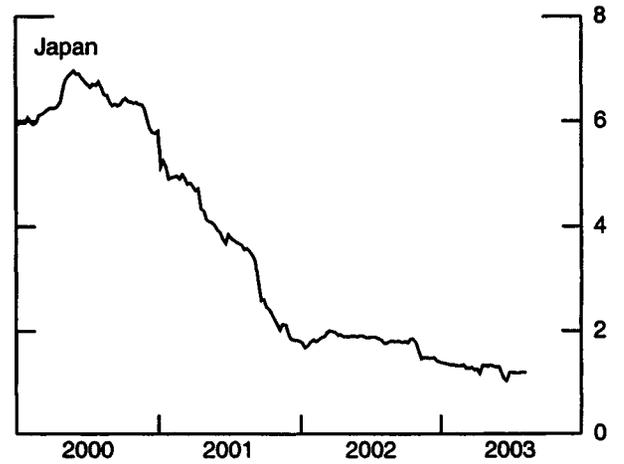
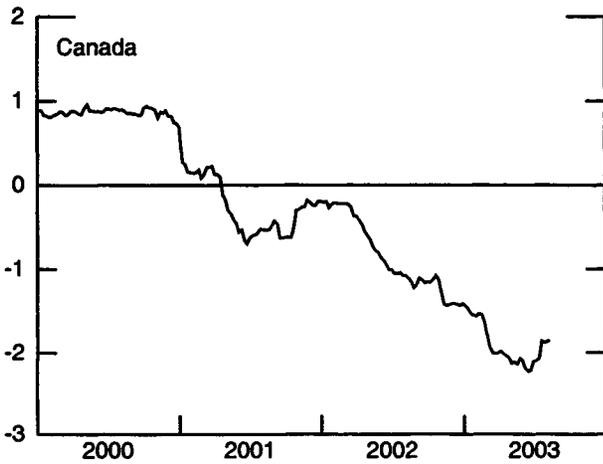
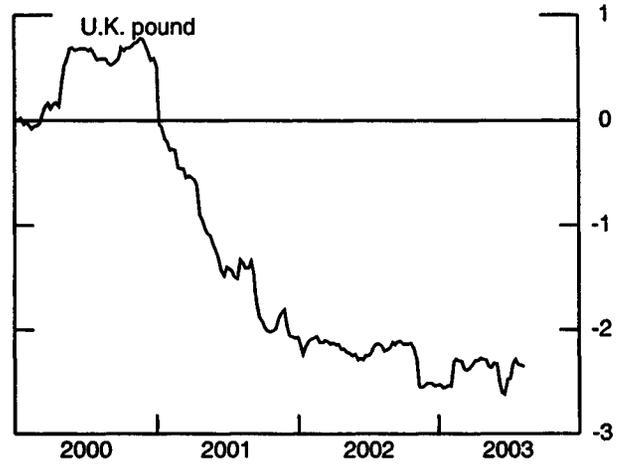


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Price of Gold in London (Averages for week ending Wednesday)

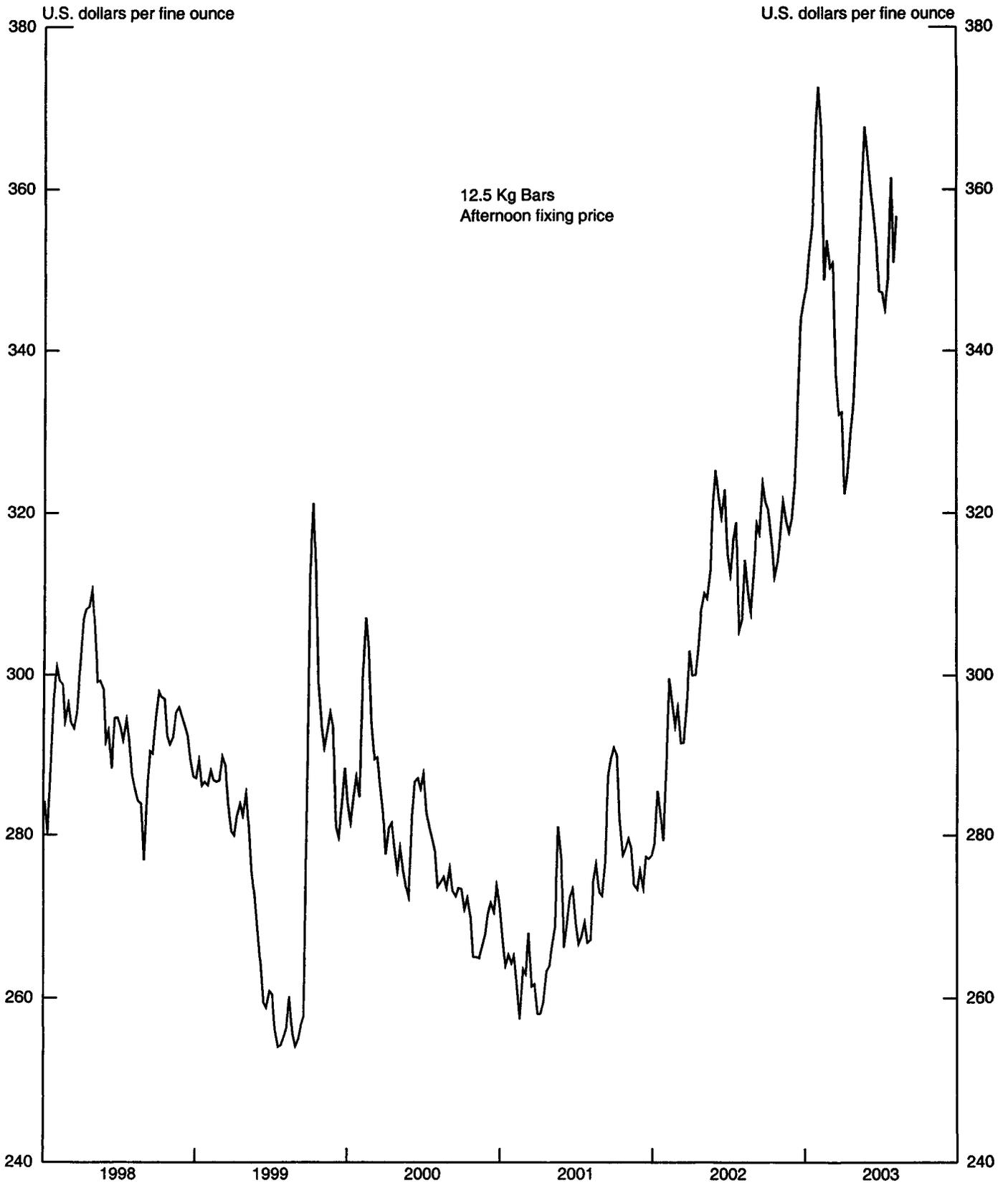
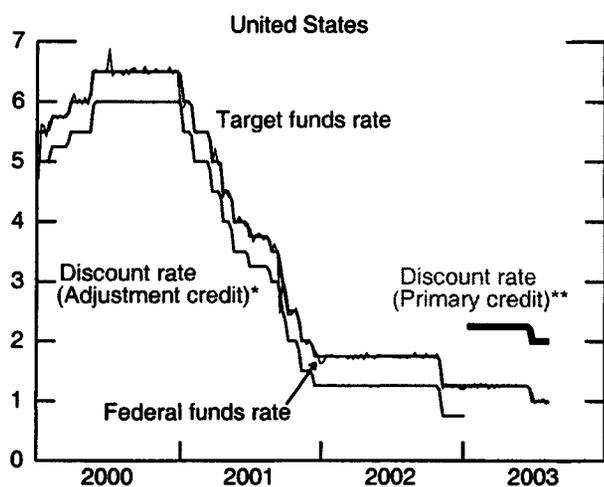


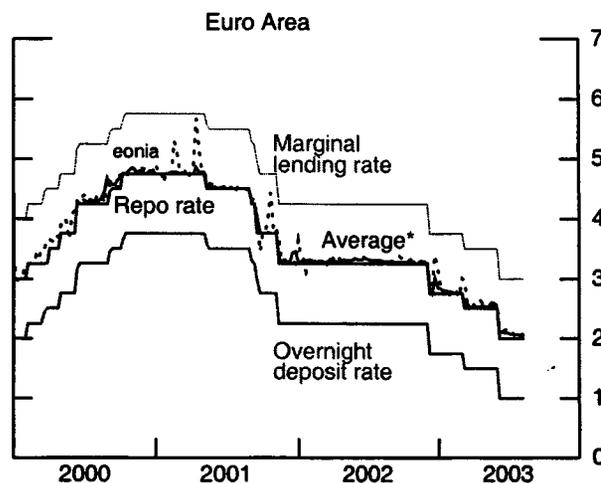
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Interbank Funding Rates and Official Interest Rates

(Averages for week ending Wednesday, percent per annum)



*Last observation: 1/8/2003
**First observation: 1/9/2003



*In June 2000, the ECB switched from fixed to variable rate tenders; the minimum bid rate and weighted average rate are shown.

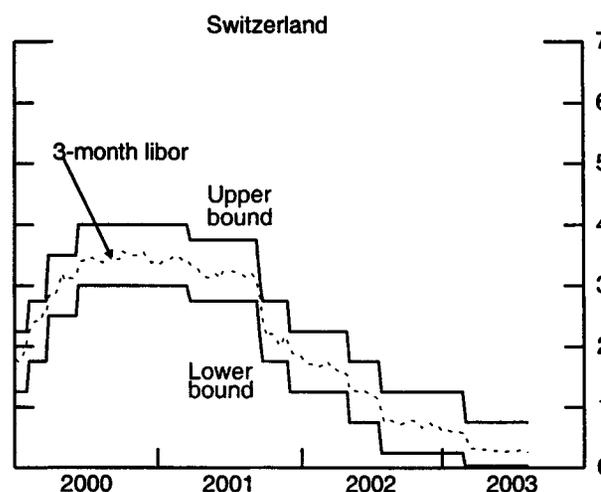
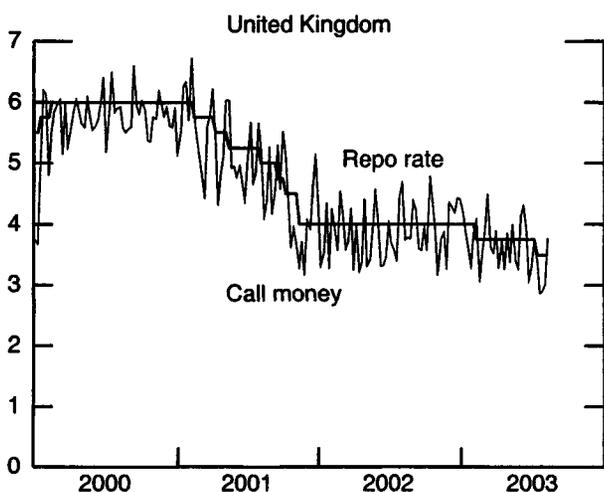
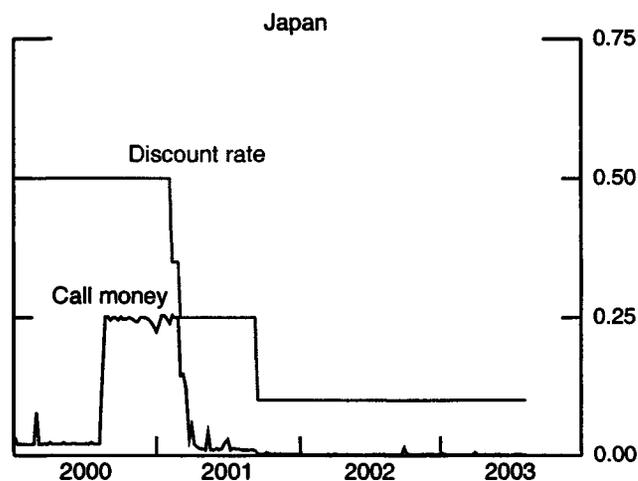
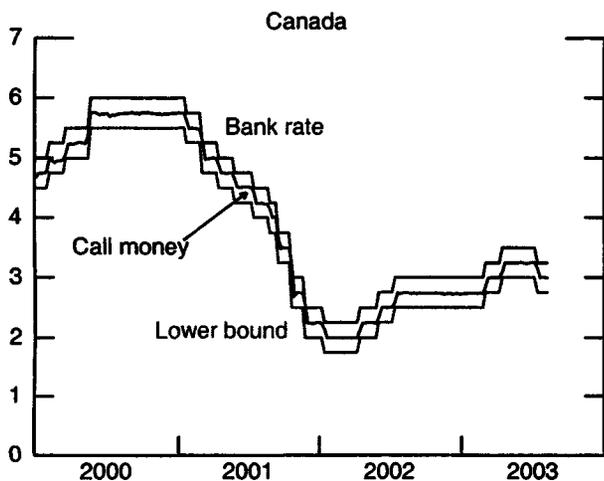


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3-Month Interest Rates

(Averages for week ending Wednesday, percent per annum)

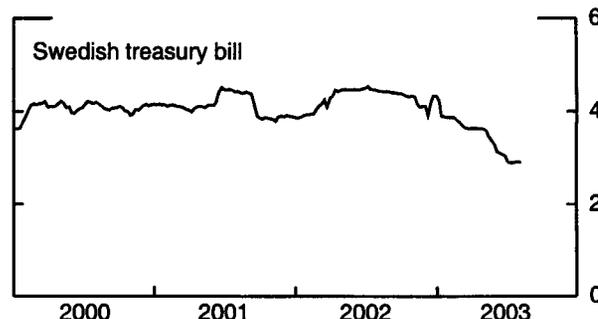
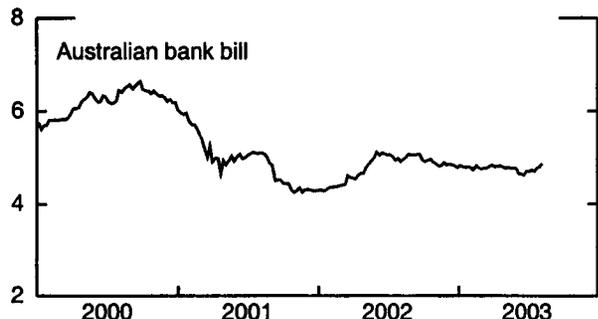
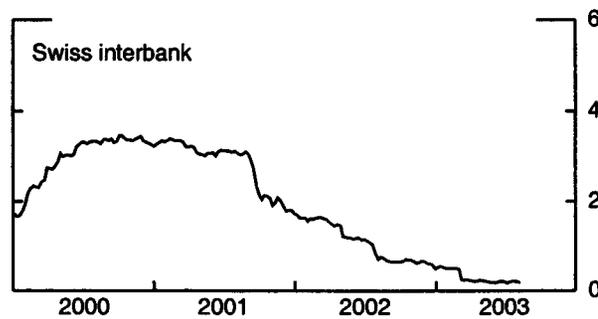
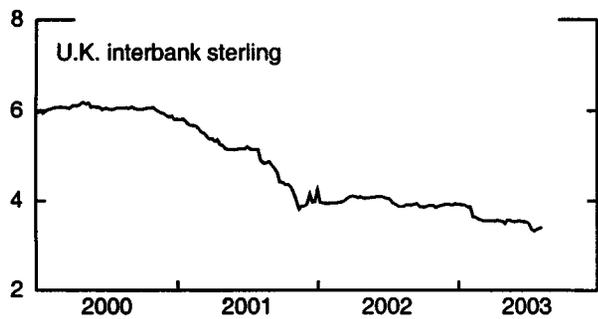
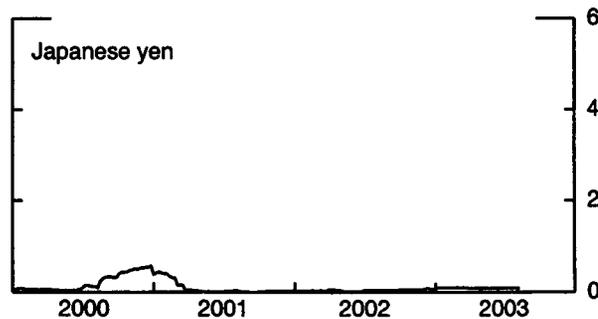
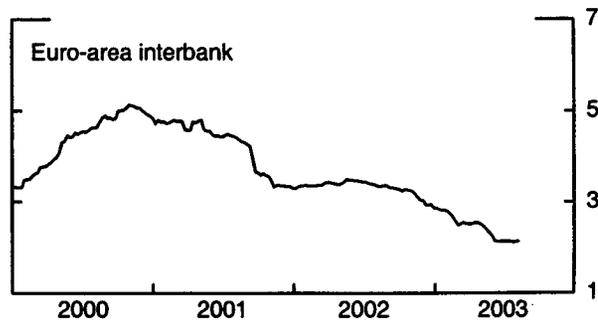
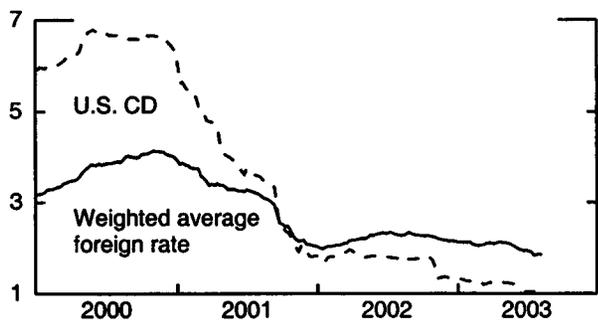


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Long-Term Government Bond Yields (Averages for week ending Wednesday, percent per annum)

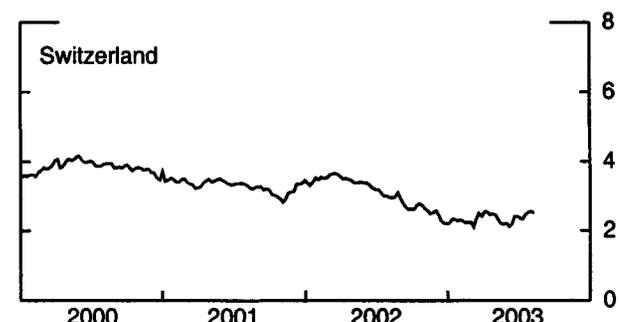
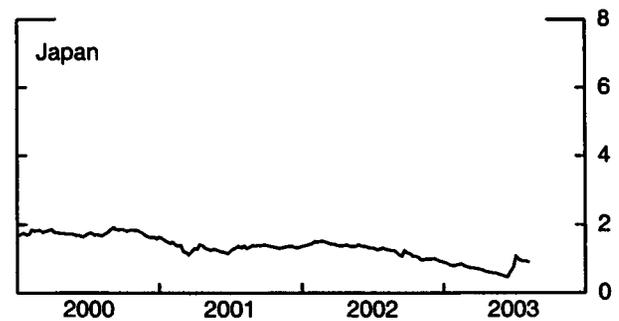
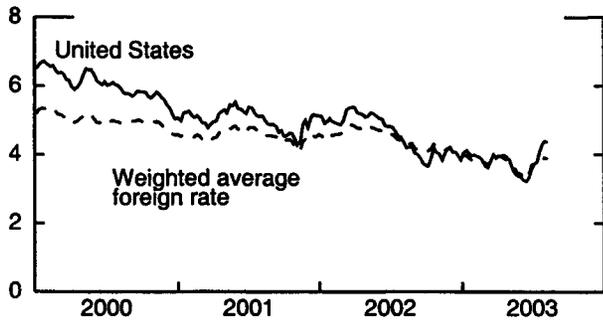
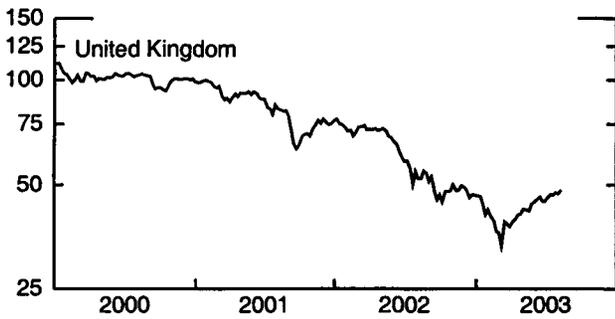
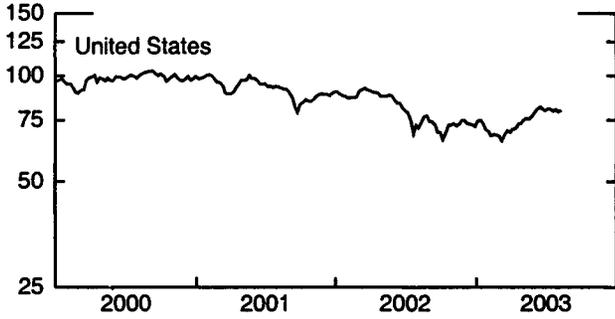


Chart 7

Stock Indexes

(Averages for week ending Wednesday, ratio scale, December 29, 2000 = 100)



16-Jul-03 23-Jul-03 30-Jul-03 6-Aug-03 13-Aug-03

Chart 1. Nominal Currency Exchange Values

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

	16-Jul-03	23-Jul-03	30-Jul-03	6-Aug-03	13-Aug-03
Australian dollar	65.7540	65.1820	66.2140	64.8300	65.5420
Canadian dollar	72.336	71.191	71.983	71.222	72.051
Japanese yen	0.84961	0.84214	0.83639	0.83171	0.84191
Restated German mark and euro	112.87	113.12	114.57	113.05	113.36
Swedish krona	12.3335	12.2279	12.4632	12.2457	12.2850
Swiss franc	72.853	73.449	74.030	73.620	73.577
U.K. pound	161.65	159.68	161.94	160.76	160.86

Indexes, March 1973 base rates = 100

	16-Jul-03	23-Jul-03	30-Jul-03	6-Aug-03	13-Aug-03
Australian dollar	46.54	46.13	46.86	45.88	46.39
Canadian dollar	72.10	70.95	71.74	70.99	71.81
Japanese yen	222.46	220.50	218.99	217.77	220.44
Restated German mark and euro	162.34	162.70	164.78	162.60	163.05
Swedish krona	54.62	54.15	55.19	54.23	54.40
Swiss franc	234.38	236.29	238.16	236.84	236.71
U.K. pound	65.38	64.58	65.50	65.02	65.06

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

	16-Jul-03	23-Jul-03	30-Jul-03	6-Aug-03	13-Aug-03
Australian dollar	-3.63	-3.64	-3.66	-3.67	-3.72
Canadian dollar	-2.08	-1.85	-1.87	-1.86	-1.85
Euro	-1.08	-1.08	-1.06	-1.05	-1.05
Japanese yen	1.18	1.17	1.18	1.19	1.19
Swiss franc	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.89	0.91
U.K. pound	-2.32	-2.28	-2.33	-2.34	-2.35

Chart 3. Gold Price in London, Afternoon Fixing

	16-Jul-03	23-Jul-03	30-Jul-03	6-Aug-03	13-Aug-03
U.S. dollars per fine ounce	345.21	348.72	361.43	351.00	356.69

Chart 4. Interbank Funding Rates and Official Interest Rates

United States					
Target federal funds rate	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Effective federal funds	1.02	1.01	1.04	0.97	0.98
Adjustment credit rate (Discount rate)*	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Primary credit rate**	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Canada					
Bank rate	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25
Call money	3.15	3.00	3.01	3.00	2.98
Lower bound	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75
Euro area					
Marginal lending rate	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Eonia	2.09	2.03	2.05	2.08	2.06
Repo rate	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Overnight deposit rate	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Japan					
Call money	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Discount rate	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Switzerland*					
Upper bound	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
Libor rate	0.28	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.26
Lower bound	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
United Kingdom					
Call money	3.40	2.86	2.91	3.01	3.78
Repo rate	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50

*Last observation: 1/8/2003.

**First observation: 1/9/2003.

***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.

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Chart 5. 3-Month Interest Rates

U.S. 90-day CD's, secondary market	1.04	1.05	1.06	1.08	1.08
Australian bank bill	4.73	4.70	4.77	4.80	4.87
Canadian finance paper	3.10	2.91	2.93	2.97	2.92
Euro-area interbank	2.13	2.13	2.12	2.13	2.14
Japanese CD	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08
Swedish treasury bill	2.89	2.89	2.91	2.92	2.91
Swiss interbank	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.18
U.K. interbank sterling	3.37	3.32	3.36	3.39	3.41
Weighted average foreign interest rate (Canada, euro area, Japan, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Australia, and Sweden)	1.90	1.84	1.85	1.87	1.86

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

Canada	4.69	4.72	4.74	4.88	4.91
France	3.94	4.07	4.09	4.18	4.08
Germany	3.94	4.07	4.08	4.17	4.08
Italy	4.08	4.21	4.22	4.33	4.21
Japan	1.01	0.95	0.94	0.94	0.90
Switzerland	2.34	2.47	2.52	2.57	2.51
United Kingdom	4.25	4.38	4.43	4.52	4.43
United States	3.80	4.09	4.30	4.41	4.38
Weighted average foreign interest rate (Canada, euro area, Japan, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Australia, and Sweden)	3.77	3.83	3.85	3.93	3.89

Chart 7. Stock Indexes (Wednesday figures)

Canada	79.27	80.94	80.65	79.91	82.52
France	56.55	55.63	56.97	56.35	57.58
Germany	53.55	52.14	53.88	52.88	53.82
Euro area	55.65	54.89	55.53	55.70	55.60
Italy	61.10	60.67	60.62	59.99	61.34
Japan	73.95	73.33	73.56	71.87	74.14
Switzerland	62.72	62.26	63.98	63.48	63.98
United Kingdom	46.83	46.69	47.51	47.09	48.21
United States	80.33	79.44	80.27	79.17	79.89

Indices (in order, rebased to December 29, 2000) are Toronto Composite, SBF250, FAZ Aktien, DJ Euro Stoxx Index, Banca Italiana General, Tokyo SE (Topix), Swiss Performance Index, Financial Times Ordinary, NYSE Composite