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## SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

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## STAFF GNP PROJECTIONS

Percent changes, annual rate

|                    | ·           |            |             | Š           |                | Gross don<br>business<br>fixed-wei<br>price in | Unemployment |         |           |         |  |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|--|--------------|---------|-----------|---------|--|
|                    | _           |            |             |             | Excluding food |  |              |         | rate      |         |  |
|                    | Nominal GNP |            | Real GNP    |             | Total          |  | and energy   |         | (percent) |         |  |
|                    | 8/12/81     | 9/30/81    | 8/12/81     | 9/30/81     | 8/12/81        | 9/30/81  | 8/12/81      | 9/30/81 | 8/12/81   | 9/30/81 |  |
| Annual ch          | anges:      |            |             |             |                |  |              |         |           |         |  |
| 1979 1/            | 12.0        | 12.0       | 3.2         | 3.2         | 9.7            | 9.7  | 8.4          | 8.4     | 5.8       | 5.8     |  |
| 1980 1/            | 8.8         | 8.8        | 2           | 2           | 9.8            | 9.8  | 8.7          | 8.2     | 7.1       | 7.1     |  |
| 1981               | 11.1        | 11.1       | 2.1         | 1.9         | 9.1            | 9.2  | 8.8          | 9.0     | 7.3       | 7.4     |  |
| 1982               | 7.9         | 7.5        | .6          | .1          | 7.6            | 7.6  | 7.4          | 7.6     | 8.0       | 8.1     |  |
| Quarterly          | chances.    |            |             |             |                |  |              |         |           |         |  |
| 1980-Q1 1          |             | 12.6       | 3.1         | 3.1         | 10.1           | 10.1   | 7.4          | 7.4     | 6.2       | 6.2     |  |
| 1980-Q2 T          |             | -1.1       | -9.9        | -9.9        | 9.8            | 9.8  | 9.5          | 9.5     | 7.3       | 7.3     |  |
| 1980-Q3 T          |             | 11.8       | 2.4         | 2.4         | 9.6            | 9.6  | 9.3          | 9.3     | 7.5       | 7.5     |  |
| 1980-44 1          |             | 14.9       | 3.8         | 3.8         | 9.3            | 9.3  | 8.2          | 8.2     | 7.5       | 7.5     |  |
| 1981-Q1 1          | / 19.2      | 19.2       | <b>ა.</b> 6 | 8.6         | 10.5           | 10.5   | 8.1          | 8.1     | 7.4       | 7.4     |  |
| 1981-Q2 1          |             | 4.7        | -1.9        | -1.6        | 7.8            | 8.2  | 9.8          | 9.7     | 7.4       | 7.4     |  |
| 1981-Q3            | 7.1         | 7.7        | 2           | <b>-</b> .6 | 8.0            | 8.5  | 9.0          | 10.0    | 7.1       | 7.2     |  |
| 1981-Q4            | 10.3        | 6.9        | 1.0         | -1.8        | 8.2            | 8.1  | 7.5          | 8.2     | 7.5       | 7.7     |  |
| 1982-Q1            | 6.9         | 6.9        | .3          | .2          | 7.5            | 7.4  | 6.8          | 6.8     | 7.7       | 7.9     |  |
| 1982-Q1<br>1982-Q2 | 7.1         | 7.2        | .3          | .3          | 7.4            | 7.2  | 6.8          | 6.7     | 7.9       | 8.1     |  |
| 1982-Q2<br>1982-Q3 | 8.8         | 9.5        | 2.2         | 2.9         | 7.4            | 7.2  | 6.8          | 6.7     | 8.1       | 8,2     |  |
| 1982-Q3<br>1982-Q4 | 10.2        | 10.4       | 2.8         | 3.2         | 7.0            | 6.8  | 6.6          | 6.5     | 8.2       | 8,2     |  |
| 1902-44            | 10.2        | 2/         | 2.0         | 7.2         | 7.0            | 0.0  | 0.0          | 0.5     | 0.2       | 0,2     |  |
| Two-quart          | er change   | s:         |             |             |                |  |              |         |           |         |  |
| 1980-Q2 1          |             | 5.6        | -3.6        | -3.6        | 9.9            | 9.9  | 8.4          | 8.4     | 1.4       | 1.4     |  |
| 1980-Q4 T          | / 13.3      | 13.3       | 3.1         | 3.1         | 9.5            | 9.5  | 8.8          | 8.8     | .2        | . 2     |  |
| 1981-Q2 I          |             | 11.7       | 3.2         | 3.4         | 9.1            | 9.2  | 9.0          | 9.0     | 1         | 1       |  |
| 1981-Q4            | 8.7         | 7.3        | .4          | -1.2        | 8.1            | 8.3  | 8.2          | 9.2     | .1        | .3      |  |
| 1982-Q2            | 7.0         | 7.1        | .3          | .2          | 7.4            | 7.3  | 6.9          | 6.7     | .4        | .4      |  |
| 1982 <b>−</b> Ų4   | 9.5         | 10.0       | 2.5         | 3.0         | 7.2            | 7.0  | 6.6          | 6.6     | .3        | .1      |  |
| Four-quar          | ter chang   | <u>3</u> / |             |             |                |  |              |         |           |         |  |
| 1979-Q4 1          |             | 9.9        | 1.7         | 1.7         | 9.7            | 9.7  | 8.2          | 8.2     | .1        | .1      |  |
| 1980-04 1          |             | 9.4        | 3           | 3           | 9.7            | 9.7  | 8.6          | 8.6     | 1.6       | 1.6     |  |
| 1981-04            | 10.0        | 9.5        | -1.8        | 1.1         | 8.6            | 8.8  | 8.6          | 9.1     | .0        | .2      |  |
| 1982-Q4            | ŝ.2         | 8.5        | 1.4         | 1.6         | 7.3            | 7.1  | 6.7          | 6.7     | .7        | .5      |  |
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 <sup>1/</sup> Actual.
 2/ Percent change from two quarters earlier.
 3/ Percent change from four quarters earlier.

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## GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT AND RELATED ITEMS (Quarterly figures are seasonally adjusted. Expenditures and income figures are billions of current dollars at annual rates.)

|   | 1979         |              |              |              | 1980         |              |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | Q1           | Q2           | Q3           | Q4           | Q1           | Q2           | Q3           | Q4           |
| Gross national product                      | 2340.6       | 2374.6       | 2444.1       | 2496.3       | 2571.7       | 2564.8       | 2637.3       | 2730.6       |
| Final purchases                             | 2316.2       | 2341.5       | 2430.8       | 2497.1       | 2569.1       | 2557.4       | 2653.4       | 2748.0       |
| Private                                     | 1858.0       | 1876.4       | 1955.4       | 2000.7       | 2052.3       | 2027.4       | 2119.9       | 2189.4       |
| Excluding net exports                       | 1838.1       | 1868.2       | 1937.5       | 1993.1       | 2044.1       | 2010.3       | 2075.4       | 2166.1       |
|   | 1454 1       | 1/70 0       | 1500 1       | 1500 3       | 1621 0       | 1606 0       | 1600 0       | 1751 0       |
| Personal consumption expenditures           | 1454.1       | 1478.0       | 1529.1       | 1582.3       | 1631.0       | 1626.8       | 1682.2       | 1751.0       |
| Goods                                       | 784.3        | 793.8        | 824.8        | 855.3        | 882.0        | 858.4        | 883.0        | 926.8        |
| Services                                    | 669.9        | 684.2        | 704.3        | 727,.0       | 749.0        | 768.4        | 799.2        | 824.2        |
| Gross private domestic investment           | 408.3        | 423.2        | 421.7        | 410.0        | 415.6        | 390.9        | 377.1        | 397.7        |
| Residential construction                    | 116.7        | 117.2        | 119.8        | 120.6        | 115.2        | 93.6         | 99.2         | 113.0        |
| Business fixed investment                   | 267.3        | 272.9        | 288.5        | 290.2        | 297.8        | 289.8        | 294.0        | 302.1        |
| Change in business inventories              | 24.3         | 33.1         | 13.3         | 8            | 2.5          | 7.4          | -16.0        | -17.4        |
| Nonfarm                                     | 20.8         | 29.2         | 7.8          | -4.4         | 1.5          | 6.1          | -12.3        | -14.0        |
| Net exports of goods and services 1/        | 19.9         | 8.2          | 17.9         | 7.6          | 8.2          | 17.1         | 44.5         | 23.3         |
| Exports                                     | 259.1        | 266.8        | 293.1        | 306.3        | 337.3        | 333.3        | 342.4        | 346.1        |
| Imports                                     | 239.2        | 258.6        | 275.2        | 298.7        | 329.1        | 316.2        | 297.9        | 322.7        |
| Impores                                     | 237.2        | 250.0        | 2,7,2        | 2,0.,        | 327.1        | 314.2        | 437.13       | 322.7        |
| Gov't. purchases of goods and services      | 458.2        | 465.1        | 475.4        | 496.4        | 516.8        | 530.0        | 533.5        | 558.6        |
| Federal 2/                                  | 164.8        | 163.6        | 165.1        | 178.1        | 190.0        | 198.7        | 194.9        | 212.0        |
| State and local                             | 293.4        | 301.6        | 310.4        | 318.3        | 326.8        | 331.3        | 338.6        | 346.6        |
| Gross national product in                   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| constant (1972) dollar                      | 1479.9       | 1473.4       | 1488.2       | 1490.6       | 1501.9       | 1463.3       | 1471.9       | 1485.6       |
| 1   | 1066 6       | 1006 3       | 1070 2       | 2020 0       | 2022 2       | 0114 5       | 2182.1       | 2056         |
| Personal income                             | 1864.6       | 1906.3       | 1972.3       | 2032.0       | 2088.2       | 2114.5       |              | 2256.2       |
| Wage and salary disbursements               | 1194.8       | 1218.6       | 1248.6       | 1282.2       | 1314.7       | 1320.4       | 1341.8       | 1397.8       |
| Disposable personal income                  | 1580.2       | 1612.8       | 1663.8       | 1710.1       | 1765.1       | 1784.1       | 1840.6       | 1897.0       |
| Saving rate (percent)                       | 5.3          | 5.6          | 5.4          | 4.7          | 4.9          | 6.2          | 6.1          | 5.1          |
| Corporate profits with I.V.A. and C.C. Adj  | 201.9        | 196.6        | 199.5        | 189.4        | 200.2        | 169.3        | 177.9        | 183.3        |
| Corporate profits before tax                | 253.1        | 250.9        | 262.0        | 255.4        | 277.1        | 217.9        | 237.6        | 249.5        |
| ederal government surplus or deficit (-)    |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| (N.I.A. basis)                              | -11.5        | -8.1         | -15.2        | -24.5        | -36.3        | -66.5        | -74.2        | -67.9        |
| High employment surplus or deficit (-)      | -4.7         | 5.1          | -2.3         | -7.1         | -17.1        | -21.5        | -21.1        | -13.3        |
| State and local government surplus or       |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| deficit (-) (N.I.A. basís)                  | 29,5         | 21.9         | 26,5         | 28.9         | 26.6         | 23.9         | 28.6         | 37.1         |
| Excluding social insurance funds            | 7.1          | -1.7         | 2.1          | 4.0          | 1.3          | -1.7         | .9           | 8.1          |
| Civilian labor force (millions)             | 102.3        | 102.4        | 103.2        | 103.7        | 104.2        | 104.7        | 105.0        | 105.2        |
| Unemployment rate (percent)                 | 5,8          | 5.7          | 5.8          | 5.9          | 6.2.         | 7.3          | 7.5          | 7.5          |
|   | 90.0         | 00.7         | 00.0         | 00 5         | 00.0         | 00.5         | 00.0         | 00.9         |
| Nonfarm payroll employment (millions)       | 89.0<br>21.0 | 89.7<br>21.1 | 90.2<br>21.1 | 90.5<br>20.9 | 90.8<br>20.8 | 90.5<br>20.3 | 90.2<br>20.0 | 90.8<br>20.2 |
| Manufacturing                               | 21.0         | 21.1         | 21.1         | 20.9         | 20.0         | 20.3         | 20.0         | 20.2         |
| Industrial production (1967=100)            | 152.7        | 152.3        | 152.6        | 152.5        | 152.6        | 144.5        | 142.3        | 148.7        |
| Capacity utilization: all mfg. (percent)    | 86.9         | 85.9         | 85.3         | 84.4         | 83.4         | 77.9         | 75.9         | 79.1         |
| Materials (percent)                         | 88.4         | 87.5         | 87.2         | 86.3         | 85.8         | 78.8         | 75.2         | 80.1         |
| Housing starts, private (million units, A.R | .) 1.64      | 1.84         | 1.79         | 1.59         | 1.23         | 1.06         | 1.39         | 1.54         |
| New autos sales, (millions, A.R.)           | 11.56        | 10.65        | 10.79        | 9.80         | 10.65        | 7.68         | 8.80         | 9.04         |
|   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Domestic models                             | 9.30         | 8.16         | 8.63         | 7,43         | 7.87         | 5.53         | 6.51         | 6.57         |

<sup>1/</sup> Balance of payments data and details underlying these estimates are shown in the International Developments section of this part of the Greenbook.

<sup>2/</sup> Components of purchases and total receipts and total expenditures are shown in the Federal Sector Accounts table which follows.